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## **COVID can't keep a good thing down – CycloneAid has gone virtual!**

The Inn is excited to be partnering with St. Pat's High School to launch a virtual CycloneAid! While the start of COVID a year ago led to the cancelation of CycloneAid – the staff and students at St. Patrick's Catholic High School are determined to carry on with CycloneAid this year. CycloneAid will help The Inn help those families in need and who struggle due to the ongoing pandemic and job interruptions.

St. Pat's Chaplaincy Leader, Ann Clarke shares - *"For 19 years Cyclone Aid led by St. Pat's school has worked together with the Sarnia community to support the essential services provided by The Inn of the Good Shepherd. We are asking that the caring Sarnia community continue to support Cyclone Aid this year through financial donations since we are not able to collect items door to door. We look forward to working together to make a positive difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters."*

As going door to door to collect food just isn't feasible this year, the St. Pat's team is seeking financial donations from within the Catholic School community and the community at large to help raise funds to enable The Inn to purchase much needed food.

The average CycloneAid food drive could collect 28,000 lbs of food. To help the food bank, CycloneAid has set a goal of raising \$28,000 – to raise the weight in dollars!

Myles Vanni, Executive Director for The Inn says, *"It's tremendous that the students and staff of St. Pat's are keen to carry on the tradition of CycloneAid which is really more than just raising food – it's about learning to care for others"*.

There has been an increased need due to COVID – last April to September, The Inn distributed over 6000 emergency food boxes and while pre-COVID, The Inn had 35 people in shelter, they are currently sheltering and feeding over 220 people who are homeless and in shelter.

Supporting CycloneAid is easy! In addition to support within the St. Pat's community, financial donations can be mailed in or dropped off at The Inn at 115 John St. (please be sure to mark the donation for CycloneAid or go on-line at [www.theinnsarnia.ca/donate](http://www.theinnsarnia.ca/donate) (select the drop down fund option #2 - CycloneAid)

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