

A timely drive for food

LET'S HOPE there is a positive response to the second annual summer food drive planned for this Saturday by the Orangeville Food Bank.

The drive will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., when volunteers will be accepting donations of both food and money at Walmart, Zehrs, FreshCo, No Frills and Sobeys, along with Harmony Whole Foods Market and Shoppers Drug Mart. Members of Orangeville Police Service and the Rotary Club of Orangeville will also be volunteering for donations, along with student volunteers, all of whom will be wearing red shirts.

As explained by Heather Hayes, the food bank's executive director, the drive is timed to build up reserves that drop each summer, so that the food bank will have enough on hand until late September when donations usually increase in advance of Thanksgiving.

The sad reality is that the need for food banks has continued and even grown in an era of relatively high corporate profits and low unemployment.