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Big Brothers Big Sisters partners with the Town of Smiths Falls and Carebridge to offer grocery delivery to those impacted by COVID-19

Smiths Falls – Big Brothers Big Sisters is partnering with the Town of Smiths Falls and Carebridge Community Support to launch a pilot program designed to provide grocery delivery to seniors, individuals with compromised immunity or health conditions, and those exhibiting symptoms or who are in close contact with someone with COVID-19.

“We are proud to be able to join forces with community partners to support people in need during this unprecedented time,” said Sandra Burelli, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters Lanark County. “I want to thank everyone who helped get this pilot project off the ground so quickly. A grocery delivery service will help support people in our community when they need it most.”

The pilot program, which is being led by Big Brothers Big Sisters with support from the Town of Smiths Falls and Carebridge, is available to seniors, individuals with compromised immunity or health conditions that elevate their risk, or individuals exhibiting symptoms or who are in close contact with someone with COVID-19. Those who are eligible can call 613-706-5500 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays to place their orders. Payment for groceries can be made via credit card over the phone, and shopping and deliveries will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays.

“We know that the elderly, and those with underlying health conditions or weakened immune systems are particularly at-risk if they contract COVID-19,” said Shawn Pankow, Mayor of Smiths Falls. “While there are a number of businesses who are going above and beyond to offer delivery and curbside food options, there are still some people in our community who are having trouble accessing food and groceries. We are piloting this grocery delivery program in an effort to keep those who are most at risk as safe as possible during this difficult time.”

The partnership continues to consider ways and means of ensuring all of our citizens will have access to nutritious food.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters is continuing to seek additional volunteers who are able to help with grocery shopping and delivery. Interested volunteers can contact Emily Gray for information: Emily.gray@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

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