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Wagon Feeds Asylum Seekers This Winter

West Welcome Wagon, a volunteer-run, not-for-profit, registered charity supporting asylum seekers in Melbourne's west, in collaboration with Hobsons Bay Refugee Network, is once again holding its annual food drive to provide much-needed relief to families over the tough winter period.

The charity is collecting donations of pantry staples until Saturday 2nd July at Bendigo Bank Seddon Community Branch, as well as at many local schools and businesses.

"Winter is a particularly challenging time of year for asylum seekers. Their extremely limited income has to stretch even further to cover increased utility bills. In many cases they may not have heating, rugs, blankets or even warm clothes," said West Welcome Wagon President, Marnie Kelly.

"We hope to alleviate some of that pressure by providing a hamper of pantry staples to as many asylum seeker families as possible, in addition to other donated material goods. With the support of the local community, we can show asylum seekers in Melbourne's west that they can count on help from their neighbours this winter."

You can donate the following items at the Seddon Community Bendigo Bank Branch or look out for flyers or notices to see if your local school or business is taking part:

- UHT full cream milk
- Vegetable oil
- Rice: Long grain/Basmati
- Flour
- Black tea or coffee
- Passata or diced tomatoes
- Tinned kidney beans or 5 bean mix
- Salt and pepper
- Sugar
- Dishwashing liquid
- Dried chickpeas

To find out about other ways you can make a contribution visit www.westwelcomewagon.org.au or www.facebook.com/WestWelcomeWagon or email info@westwelcomewagon.org.au

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