

Trillium Ford to hold free Christmas dinner with Food For You

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The Trillium Ford Shelburne dealership is holding a Christmas dinner at the Trinity Primrose United Church on Wednesday, Dec. 10, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Held in partnership with Food For You, a volunteer-run weekly hot meal initiative, the Christmas dinner is the dealership's way of giving back to the community, said Trillium Ford Marketing Manager Wendy Gabrek.

'The idea to partner with Food For You came from our managing partner, Len Rice, who suggested we [as managers] should take on a community project this festive season, to give back to local residents,' Gabrek said. 'One of our staff members suggested the kitchen program, Food For You, at Trinity Primrose, and we reached out for more information.'

Food For You was started in March of 2025 by Shelley Doney, Sabine Rohner-Tensu, Ann McAlpine, Sandra Gallagher, Marci Lipman, and Betty Harmony. The program runs each Wednesday from 4 to 6:30 p.m. They offer free, home-cooked meals for those in need, with a sit-in option for anyone who wants some company and takeout for those on the go.

Originally starting small with simple soup dinners, Food For You has expanded thanks to generous community support and partnerships with local businesses. One of those partnerships is this dinner.

Trillium Ford will pay for, prepare, and serve the food for the Christmas dinner on Dec. 10 in what they are calling a 'kitchen takeover.'

Gabrek said that Trillium Ford is challenging other businesses to make similar collaborative efforts in town to support charitable initiatives.

'We challenge other local companies and organizations to get involved and reach out to Shelley,' Gabrek said. 'Whether you want to cook like we are, donate, or even come for supper, this worthwhile initiative should be on your radar.'

On tap for the dinner is homemade macaroni and cheese, sausages, buns, butter, and, of course, dessert.

The event is completely free to all in attendance.

For more information about the Food For You Program, to volunteer, donate, or collaborate, call Shelley at 519-938-0828.

Trinity Primrose United Church, where the Christmas Dinner will take place, is located at 200 Owen Sound Street, Shelburne.