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| **HARVEST/CHRISTMAS 2023 – THANK YOU FOR HELPING** | **Silklife Foodbank**  **C/O Dan Blackman**  **Silklife Church**  The Silklife Centre  George Street  Macclesfield  Cheshire  SK11 6HS  Email: foodbank@silklife.co.uk |
| **FAO: All who contributed to Harvest & Christmas Collections 2023** |
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# Silklife Foodbank, would like to say “A BIG THANK YOU” for your help.

It was my delight to personally witness the increased level of generous giving made by the schools and churches of Macclesfield and Bollington and surrounding areas during the season of Harvest and Christmas 2023. Please accept our sincere appreciation and thanks for your kindness and generosity in giving. Thank you also to those who have provided non-food donations for our nappy bank.

This year has been challenging for many. Whilst we saw a significant rise in single people needing foodbank support during the Covid Pandemic, we have seen this year a 29% rise in families needing support. This statistic is very telling about the financial challenges everyday families are now experiencing as a result of the ‘Cost of Living’ crisis. Hunger crisis can fall on almost anyone and often unexpectedly, our team at the Silklife Foodbank, Macclesfield act as a First Responder service to those referred by professional services in the health and social care fields to provide temporary emergency food support. You can find out more by booking an appointment to see the foodbank for yourself or by following our charity on Facebook.

Over the last 12 months our team of 60+ volunteers have collected and distributed an amazing 39 tonnes of food, nappies, toiletries and sanitary products and have responded to more than 2,000 referrals in Macclesfield and Bollington.

Thank you also for those of you who have contributed to the Reverse Advent Calendar Christmas collection. We saw 175 cars delivering food on the main drive-thru collection and we are still booking collections from schools, churches and businesses. We aim to complete 300 hampers and we are confident with your support that we will achieve this.

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Many thanks for supporting our charity and being fantastic people to work with.

**Dan Blackman**

**Team Lead Coordinator, Silklife Foodbank, Macclesfield**