



OUR GROCERY GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER



Our "Grocery Card/Gift Card" fundraiser at Huron Shores United Church continues to be a painless way to donate to our church. Just buy your groceries with a gift card. It's also the easiest and quickest way to pay at the checkout. The card orders are placed on the last Sunday of each month. To date, over \$73,000 has been raised by members of our congregation choosing to use gift cards bought through our church to pay for their groceries.

How does the program work? By buying these cards in bulk, the stores allow us a discount which varies between 2% and 5%, depending on the store and the size of the order. You pay the face value of the cards, and the discount goes to the church.

Discounts

Sobeys gives a 2% discount for orders of \$2000 - \$5000

Sobeys gives a 5% discount for orders over \$5000

NoFrills (PC) gives a discount of 2% for orders of \$2000 - \$5000

NoFrills (PC) gives a discount of 3% for orders over \$5000

Currently, we are consistently exceeding the \$5000 threshold for NoFrills and less consistently for Sobeys. It is clear that with a few more participants buying Sobeys cards, our profits for the church would increase dramatically.

We are not limited to buying groceries in the Grand Bend stores. These gift cards may be used at most Foodland, IGA, Loblaws, Zehrs, and Independent stores as well.

Orders are taken monthly. On the last Sunday of the month, the orders are submitted electronically to the appropriate card distribution sites by early afternoon. They arrive in Grand Bend by courier a few days later. You will receive an email notice as soon as they have been activated and sorted. They may be picked up at our house at 14 Brooklawn Drive, Grand Bend, any time after that or at church on Sundays.

Two kinds of order forms are available on the church website or by contacting me by email at dlprocter@hotmail.com. One form is suitable for those who would find it convenient to place a repeating order at the beginning of the year and write monthly post-dated cheques to cover it. The other is a regular order form. Please don't hesitate to call me at 519 238-2973 if you have any questions.

Please consider joining the 40 or so families in our community currently purchasing most of their groceries with these cards.

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