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Tēnā koutou,

Octacan is our major winter food drive supporting many local people through the winter months. This year we are holding Octacan a couple of weeks before the Matariki public holiday.

Matariki - signified by the Matariki cluster of stars reappearing in our night sky, is a time to reflect on the past year, celebrate the present, and plan for the year ahead.

We invite you to help us plan for the year ahead and re-stock our Family Works Foodbank by donating cans to Dunedin's busiest food bank.

Reaching out to the foodbank is often just the start of the journey whānau and individuals take with us. Our Family Works team understand everyone has a unique story; we provide help that is tailored to each individual or family. Our social workers are seeing a growing number of working families seeking help. We help by providing food parcels, social work support, financial mentoring, support to find emergency housing, or by providing winter clothing.

### You can help by:

- **Start collecting cans:** encourage everyone to take part, make it fun with some learning activities about Matariki. Staff, family, or class discussions exploring topics related to helping others.
- **Get the word out:** mention OCTACAN in newsletters and encourage everyone to participate. For resources, posters, images, certificates, and more information visit [OCTACAN.ORG.NZ](http://OCTACAN.ORG.NZ).
- **Join the fun:** Arrange your cans in the shape of your logo or emblem, email a photo to us then bring your cans to the Lower Octagon to form the Matariki stars.

We really look forward to your involvement.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Ruth Harrison  
Events Coordinator, Presbyterian Support Otago

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KAI FOR OCTACAN  
ANNUAL FOODBANK APPEAL

THURSDAY  
JUNE 22  
2023

Lower Octagon  
7.30am - 2.00pm



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