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Kaotic Angels, Food Angels - Baldock New Community Food Station coming to Baldock in February

We are very excited to be bringing a new food redistribution service to Baldock and the surrounding area in February, which will provide free food to people in these very tough economic times.

Nicki McGrinder, Family Support Worker for Baldock Partnership has been looking for a way to provide local people with access to free, nutritious food for a while now. A few months ago, she came across Kaotic Angels Food Angels based in Stevenage; Kaotic Angels are a motorcycle group dedicated to helping out in the local community, their Food Angel project opened in Stevenage just over a year ago. Volunteers collect unwanted food from local supermarkets and redistribute it at their Saturday morning food station in Longmeadow Evangelical Church in Oaks Cross. The **food is free to all, there is no means testing, no judgement.**

Nicki made contact with Kaotic Angels and they were delighted with the idea of supporting the opening of a community food station in Baldock. Baldock's community food station will be open from 10.30-11.30am every Thursday morning from February at St Marys Church Hall. As with Food Angels in Stevenage the food will be free to all.

This new venture will be reliant on volunteers to collect food from local supermarkets on Wednesday evenings. The food is all in good condition but would otherwise be thrown away as it can no longer be kept on supermarket shelves. Volunteers are needed to help set up and run the Thursday morning food station; Nicki very much hopes that it will be a positive experience for all of the community and volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact nmcgrinder@KTS.school

Please keep a look out on Kaotic Angels Food Angels Facebook page for any further news and for confirmation of our start date

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we look forward to welcoming you very soon.