

# THE GATE

Oshawa's Outreach Centre

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1990 – 2017

## From the President's Desk

Happy New Year to everyone. We at the Gate, have been so blessed due to your generous giving. Those who walk through our doors enjoyed the turkeys and chickens that were donated, for the Christmas dinner, along with the baked goods and the many gift bags we had to hand out. We also enjoyed some great music by Andy Taylor and a message by Pastor Jared Huntley. Thank you both for that. Financially we were successful in reaching our budget with all our expenses, so we are very grateful for everyone's part in keeping this outreach ministry going. People's lives are being changed. As our manager, Rita told the people; a few years back, people would fight but never show any accountability, but now people are learning to say "I'm sorry". This is so important in relationships and yes, the Gate is like a big family. Everyone has their good and bad days and it isn't always easy to get along when stresses are high. The

people are learning to acknowledge their struggles and continue to work on forgiving and caring about each other. Life is a learning process, and for many who haven't had stable families to learn from, the Gate becomes their classroom. I pray that we all will remember to say "I'm sorry", when needed and show grace with forgiveness as our Lord Jesus did for us. May we all bring praise and honor to our Lord Jesus in this coming year of 2017. In His Service,  
*Betty Mann*  
*President of Gate 3:16*



### OUR CUPBOARDS

Thank you for your support and for helping to keep our shelves filled!

#### WE ALWAYS APPRECIATE

Coffee, tea, sugar, whitener, powdered milk, ketchup, mayo, soup, Styrofoam plates, bowls and 7 oz cups, plastic forks, spoons & knives, paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, Kleenex, tin foil, dish and laundry soap and XL heavy duty garbage bags!

### OUR PROGRAMS

Please consider supporting our programs.

#### MEAL TICKET PROGRAM

St. Vincent's Kitchen offers dinner daily for \$1.50. Thanks to your support, we are able to provide our clients with up to 25-30 tickets a day.

#### TRANSPORTATION FUND

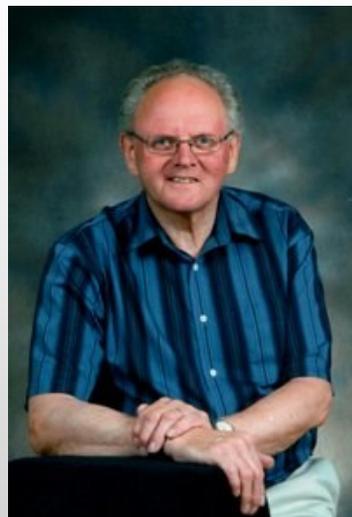
Your donations can help our clients attend job interviews, medical appointments and other obligations. A one way Durham Region bus fare is now \$3.50.

## Remembering Marten

We want to take a moment to remember our Past President of the Gate, Marten Van Harmelen. The people loved Marten, as he always had a smile and a hug. He was down to earth and everyone felt comfortable around him. Marten served at the Gate from 1995-2011, first as a Pastor and then as the President of the Board. Even after that he remained involved, into his last year.

A plaque now hangs at the Gate in his honor and our annual fundraising walk in May will now be named "Marten's Walk-a-thon".

Marten will always be remembered fondly by everyone who knew him at Gate 3:16 Outreach Centre.



## Ride for Refuge

Our Ride for Refuge fundraiser, last fall was a great success again. We made \$7257.81. Thanks to all who participated. It was a fun day and we hope you will all join us again this year on Sept. 30. Please mark it on your calendars and get your bikes and bodies ready.

**Gate 3:16 Outreach Centre, helping  
Oshawa and Durham Region's less  
fortunate since 1990**

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## Tax Receipt for 2016

If you have contributed to the Gate during the year 2016 your tax receipt will be included with this newsletter.

Donations received in our office after December 31, 2016 will appear on your 2017 tax receipt.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

Above all we thank the Lord, who has blessed us and will continue to bless us through you.

## Electronic Newsletter

To receive this newsletter by email, please email [office@gate316.org](mailto:office@gate316.org). Please include your full name and address.

### Get Involved!

At The Gate, we rely on our family of volunteers to prepare and serve meals, answer phones, and help with our fundraising ventures. Contact The Gate if you are interested.

### Information Sessions

We would be honoured to give your organization, church or school a better idea about Gate 3:16. Contact Betty about arranging an information session or a guided tour of our agency.

## Marten's Walk-a-thon

The Annual Walk-a-thon will be in honour of Marten Van Harmelen and will take place Saturday May 6, 2017. More information will be in the next newsletter.



## Client Story: Barbara and Ed

Barbara and Ed are a couple who have been homeless for 8 months. She is on Disability and he is on Ontario Works. Barbara said she used to come to the Gate with her father, when she was a little girl. She said she had a hard life growing up, being put in a foster home with her brother.

Ed doesn't have good credit, so they have constantly been turned down for a place to live. They have been living under bridges for shelter.

Their typical day starts at the Gate where they warm up, have some breakfast, lunch and a place to be. After this they go to St. Vincent's Kitchen to eat and keep warm. From here they hang out at Tim Horton's or McDonald's but have to eventually go out and face the cold for the night.

One night it was so cold that they wanted to go on a bus, just to keep warm. Barbara said her feet got so blistered up that she can't walk good anymore. Barbara said, in order to live on the street, you have to be in "survival mode". You carry

everything you own on your back. It's your home. People sometimes see them and offer them a Tim Horton's card and they recognize God's kindness through these people.

Barbara said they like going to the Gate because they know that it is a place where they can be safe and they know God is there. She said she loves it when we have our devotions and talk about God. She said she finds encouragement and hope at the Gate. They know they can always have some hot food, a hot shower and a fresh set of clothes. She said the Gate has helped them through their struggles.

Barbara said that a lady saw them recently, walking up and down the street and asked them about their situation. The lady showed compassion and offered them a room. They now have a place to move into Feb. 1. Barbara and Ed were so happy to know that they would have a roof over their heads soon and they give God the thanks.

## Winter Fundraising Dinner

On Sat. March 25, we are having a Winter Fundraising Dinner at the Gate. Please come and enjoy some good home cooking by our chef Rita Trolley. Dinner will be served at 6:00. Please call 905-432-5316 to reserve a seat. Cost is \$15 for singles and \$30 for a family with children under 12 years old. See you for a fun night of games, including balloon darts. There will be prizes given,

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At the Gate we rely on our family of volunteers to prepare and serve meals, to do bicycle repairs and for our fund-raisers. Talk to our Coordinator, or go to <http://gate316.com/volunteers> if you are interested.

## Pastor's Breakfast

There will be a Sponsor's/Pastors Breakfast, Tues. March 28 at 8am-9am. There will be an invitation sent out, so please RSVP so we can prepare the right amount of food.

"I know the Bible is inspired  
because it inspires me."

Dwight L. Moody

