

THE GATE

Oshawa's Outreach Centre

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From the President's Desk

Hello Friends of the Gate:

I am struggling in writing this note, as I was hoping to hear good news about our move since God has been amazing in helping us cross some bridges in the process. We started out with the concern of price and we were told that the landlord of the building we are hoping for, would work with us with our offer of \$6500 even though they were asking \$8000 a month. Immediately I thought this was an answer to prayer as I had prayed about this. We then had concerns regarding the zoning bylaws but again that seemed to work out, as the zoning was suddenly changed for no apparent reason. I believe God's hand was in it. Unfortunately, as of yesterday, we got a lease offer back expecting the original cost and some. My heart

was in my stomach as I approached God this morning, not really knowing what to say. I asked God - what now? And Help! The response I got in my readings were "and I didn't go looking for these verses - they were just in my devotional I was reading" Psalms 27:14 - Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord! The other verse that stood out to me was Psalms 40:16 "The Lord be Magnified", so I'm waiting for something big to happen and for the Lord to deliver us in our time of trouble. Psalms 41:1 "Blessed is he who considers the poor; The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. I don't know what will happen between now and when you receive this

newsletter, but I can only trust that God has a plan and it will all work out.

The Gate is a work for the Lord in caring for the poor so I look forward to seeing him open the red sea, so we can cross over as we have to move by Oct. 31.

To God be the glory and may you all be blessed in seeing him anew!

I am just adding this in before we send out the newsletter. We have been turned down for the building that I mentioned above. This is really disappointing but God knows what we need and I guess this isn't it. We are back to square one in looking for a new place, so let's all pray for God's will to be done.

In His Service,

*Betty Mann
President of the Board*



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.

Ride for the Gate

(Please note: we are not doing the Ride for Refuge this year)

We are riding for the Gate and hope you will join us as we break away on our own ride. Our ride is earlier and hopefully warmer. It is on **Saturday September 16**. Registration starts at 8:00am and the ride begins at 9:00am. The ride will start at Storey Park Community Centre. You can do 10km or 30km. All the information and forms are on the Gate website at gate316.org. [continued on page 2]

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

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Annual General Business Meeting

It will soon be time for our AGBM meeting as well. This is for all our member churches to be a part of. If you have given more than \$100 donations within the year, you qualify to be a member church. We need you to be a part of the voting process so you can have a say in what changes happen at the Gate. So please come to represent your church on Monday Oct. 2 at 7:30. If you come at 7:00 you will have a chance to read over the agenda and enjoy some refreshments and snacks ahead of time. We appreciate your support in this.

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.

Food Fancy

It is that time of year again where we start to think of the gifts we will give at Christmas. If you want to help someone in need and want to give a \$25 gift card, please sign up for our Food Fancy program. When you send in a \$100 donation, you will receive a \$25 gift card of your choice and will get a tax receipt at the end of the year for \$75. The more you give, the more you receive holds true at tax time as well. Please indicate that your donation is for the Food Fancy Program in order to receive your gift card. You can print off the Food Fancy Form from our web site and send it in with your cheque, or come by the Gate and drop it off.

Please note the Gate hours on the newsletter for donations.

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Please bring your registration, pledge forms and money with you. T-shirts, drinks and a delicious lunch will be provided. Families, and bicyclists at all levels are welcome. The registration fee is \$10 for individuals and \$20 for families. A gift certificate will be given to whoever raises the most money. The challenge is on - let's make a difference for our community.

Christmas Cantata

For your Christmas entertainment, we will be hosting a Christmas Cantata by the Bel Canto Singers on Nov. 25 at the King St. Community Church in Oshawa. It will start at 7:00 and will be \$20 a ticket which can be purchased at the door or ahead of time at the Gate or by phone. This will be an inspiring evening for all.

Fundraising Dinner

On Nov. 11, we will be having our annual Fundraising Dinner at the Durham Christian Homes at 200 Glen Hill Dr. S. Whitby. We will have a Sit down meal, some good music, a silent auction and door prizes. If you want to plan a night out with your friends in a Christian environment, please mark this on your calendar. The cost will be \$55 per person. You will receive a \$25 tax receipt for this in the new year. It is a way to support your local mission and have fun while you are doing it. We hope you will join the fun and bring your friends. If you can get 8 people together, we will reserve a table for your group.

"Forgiveness is God's command."
Martin Luther



VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Janice McCabe has been a volunteer with the Gate since February this year. She was an employment counselor and wanted to give back to the community. She said she was looking to volunteer at a "grass roots" level with an agency where she could work directly with the people. She has helped with food preparation, some minor cooking, serving, cleaning and also doing a creative activity once a month with the people. Janice said she has always had a heart for vulnerable people but states that volunteering at the Gate opens your heart up even more, seeing the needs of the people. She said she has seen the love of God displayed at the Gate and the hands of Christ in action. Janice said it is great getting to know the people and their faces. The reward comes in knowing that our community is receiving help.

