

THE GATE

Oshawa's Outreach Centre

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From the President's Desk

Hello Friends of the Gate. Many thanks to all who participated in the Ride for the Gate in September. We raised over \$5000. Also, Impala Bicycles donated a gift voucher for a free bike tune up which was given to the rider who raised the most funds. So, thank you Impala Bicycles. We would like to give thanks to everyone who donated to the Gate throughout The Thanks giving week as well.

Also, we were blessed recently, with a \$500 Grant from IBM. Thank you, IBM! Just to update you on our move. We were blessed in receiving an extension on our lease, so we don't have to move until March 31, 2018 - God is good! We are presently looking at a possible building, so please keep us in your prayers that we will make the right decisions. Please check out all the information on our

upcoming events and programs such as our Food Fancy Program (forms are available on our web site now), our Angel Tree Program, and our Fundraising Dinner (please reserve soon as tickets are limited). On behalf of our board, staff, volunteers and most of all our clients, we wish you a very blessed Christmas. We pray that the Lord will bless you and your loved ones as you enter the year 2018. Blessings to all!

*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.



At the start of the 2017 Ride For the Gate, with MPP Jennifer French and Mayor John Henry

Christmas at Gate 3:16

Every year we celebrate Christmas at the Gate. This year's party will be on Fri. Dec. 15. We will be doing Christmas a little different this year, by having a sit down hot Christmas meal for the people in the evening. So instead of the usual sandwiches, we would like to request donations of Turkeys and Deserts and any other special dishes that make Christmas special. If you would like to donate anything towards this, please give our manager, Rita a call at 905-432-5316 ext. 21. She will give instructions about drop off times. Thank you in advance for your contributions towards this.

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

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Angel Tree Program

Our Angel Tree Program is a sure way to help someone in need. Every year the Gate has a Christmas celebration and the clients are given the Christmas gifts that you provide through our Angel Tree Program. A list of things needed come with the Angels. To receive Angels for your church or business Tree, please call the gate office and Alan will arrange a pick up time with you. We would appreciate your gifts back by Dec. 8. Thanks.

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.

Client Story

As I spoke to this young man he believed that addiction many times stem from rough childhoods. In his case though he enjoyed an ideal childhood. Both parents worked and had good jobs. He lived in a nice neighbourhood and attended church occasionally.

When he was beginning high school, he started smoking marijuana to fit in with some friends. Over a period of time his world became rougher and tougher and the lure of making real money became a great attraction to him. At the age of 15 he was approached by an elderly man, that would make his dream come true. He began selling heroin and crack-cocaine for the next 10 years of his life. But in those 10 years he found himself to be a dealer, user and homeless. Due to the extensive use of drugs, he developed an infection in his heart and almost died recently.

He found out about the gate and has been coming quite often and using our services. The shower and the meals have brought some warmth to his spirit. Also, he has been considering God lately and listening to the word as its presented. God is moving in this young man's life. He has finally decided that this addiction as well as himself need someone greater and stronger than anyone and anything he knows. A couple of days ago I was given the privilege of sharing Jesus with him and he told me that he has been accepted to go to Teen Challenge in London Ontario shortly. He realized that he is just a cracked pot but that God still can and wants to use all of him. Today he has hope, hope for a future Jeremiah 29:11 hope for freedom and hope to continue trusting and hope to be able to share with others what God will do Galatians 5:13 You my brothers were called to be free, but do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature rather serve one another in love. The Lord has used the gate as a stepping stone in this young man's journey.

**"When schools flourish, all flourishes."
Martin Luther**



VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Alan Perron

Alan has joined us as our new administrator since July of this year. Alan came to the Gate as a volunteer with his church, Holy Family Parish, who have brought and served meals many Saturdays at the Gate. Alan has served on many boards over the years, one of them being the Homeless Mission project. He worked for IBM Canada for 32 years. He is married to Carmelle and has two children and one granddaughter.

