

THE GATE

Oshawa's Outreach Centre

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From the President's Desk

Happy New Year to our friends of the Gate.

God is good! He has helped us open before the cold set in and now we are part of a program called "Out of the Cold". A few organizations have come together offering one night a week to open our doors to the homeless, from 7-10 PM so they can be out of the cold. At 10:15PM the doors open at Cornerstone Shelter to give a bed to anyone who would normally have to face those frigid temperatures.

God is good! He has also provided us with the workers to do the

plumbing, electrical and building so we are able to offer all the services we had before, such as showers, laundry and counselling.

God is good! We were able to get our new phone system and security cameras up and running and we were able to get back our old phone # that we originally had. It is 905-432-5316.

God is good! Our cupboards are full and we have plenty of donated clothes to offer the people in need.

God is good! He has helped us to go above

and beyond our budget last year, due to your generosity. This will help us towards our goal of getting our own building and possibly reaching out to others in need in our city.

God is good! He is leading people to us that need to experience God's loving grace. (Please read our client story).

Let's all start the New Year with hearts of gladness and praise as we enjoy the blessings that come from knowing a Great God who loves everyone and has open arms to those who come to Him.

To God be the glory. Amen.

Betty Mann

Sponsors Breakfast

For all our Business Sponsors and Representatives of our Member Churches that have continued to graciously support us, we invite you to come and enjoy a free breakfast as our

way of saying Thanks. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 5 to come for a full hot breakfast from 8:00am-9:00am. If you would like a quick tour of the building, please

come by 7:40. Two people from each business or church are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by calling our office at 905-432-5316 Ext. 104 in order to reserve a seat.



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.

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

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Electronic Newsletter

If you would prefer to receive this newsletter by email instead of by regular mail, please email office@gate316.org.

Tax Receipt for 2018

If you received this newsletter by mail, it is accompanied by your tax receipt for 2018.

Donations received in our office after Dec. 31, 2018 will be sent out in Feb. 2020. 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.

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.

Client Story

She had more opportunity and privileges than most but the divorce of her parents and the seduction of some men ultimately drove her to completely check out of society. In the beginning of her crack addiction she always swore to herself and to anyone who brought up the subject that she would never sell sex for money. But she was naive and uninformed at her young age about the progression of addiction and did not know YET what desperation felt like. She doesn't remember her first trick but does remember many. Some days she would have sex with as many as 12 men. Men in business suits on their way to work or during lunch time. Not the depiction of late nights standing on a corner. But there were those too. The variety was endless. It was always about money and she was always in a hurry to get it over with. She spent no time talking or pretending to be interested. Her only interest was her drugs. Today she continues to spend night after night in different hotel rooms or cars with different men. She feels ashamed and talking about it publicly causes her much deep emotional toil and a great sense of worthlessness. It was supposed to be something to make money but it quickly turned into much more than she ever imagined.

In the word of God, Jesus never condemned the sinful woman or approved of her self destructive lifestyle. He forgave her sin removed its penalty and gently told her to turn back from her former way of life. Jesus presented a call for change to both the accusers and the woman, without a hint of public humiliation.

As the girls come in throughout the day, we at the Gate will continue to provide them with a safe haven and an environment where they will experience the purity of God's love which can reach into the depths of any heart no matter where it's journeyed.

Please pray for this woman and all our clients. Please pray that they will lay all their hurts and burdens down at Jesus feet and to trust Him and to allow Him to make them new.

"Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty."

2 Mother Teresa



Donations

Please only donate clothes that are in good condition. Thank you!

Ride for the Gate

Ride for the Gate will be held on Sept. 21 this year. Please mark your calendars and tune your bikes, for a fun day coming up this fall. Keep an eye on our website and newsletters for more details.

Volunteer Appreciation Night

We will be holding our Volunteer Appreciation Night on Fri. April 26. If you have been a volunteer with us in the last year, please call Rita (905-432-5316 Ext. 191 or 102) for more details and to let her know you are coming.



This is our new building we will have for two years. We are blessed as there is plenty of space both inside and out, even for parking. We will need to hire someone for snow removal in the winter, so if anyone knows who can help us at a reasonable price, please call our administrator Alan at 905-432-5316.

