

# THE GATE

Oshawa's Outreach Centre Winter Newsletter

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## From the President's Desk

President Betty Mann

Hello Friends of the Gate!

I would like to start by saying a big Thank You for your amazing support through these uncertain times. Thanks also to all those who supported us in "The Ride" where we were able to raise over \$6000.00. We are so grateful and can see God's hand in all this.

We have been able to continue providing our takeout meals and have a designated number of people inside the centre as well.. We are also blessed to have Dr. Ho back to care for the medical needs of our patrons. We are also blessed to have Marie back on board as our counselor. We are so thankful that her husband's health has returned and she can be with us again. God has been so good in keeping

us and our patrons free from COVID. We continue to be diligent in practising good health precautions..

With regard to our building, I am pleased to say that we have an amazing landlord who will be allowing us another extension on our lease so we are happy to stay until October 2022. Unfortunately, the property taxes have increased in the area, so we will have an increase in our rent. We are still paying less than what we used to pay at our prior building.

In regard to our 30th Anniversary Celebration of being in operation, we have decided not to enact it due to the COVID implications. We are very thankful for the 30 years that God has kept our doors open so His love could be shown and shared with those in need.

We need to continue to pray for

all those who come through our doors, that their hearts will be fulfilled with our mission and ministry of love and compassion. Our prayers are always lifted up to our Lord and Saviour so that they can always feel true joy, hope and peace in Him.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, our staff and people we serve—Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year to all.



### OUR NEEDS FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST.

Winter clothing for men and women: men's pants (sizes 32-36), women's

pants (sizes S-M), boots and running shoes—clean and in good order (men sizes 9-11 / ladies sizes 5-7), large supplies of sanitizer and face masks .and clean, in

good order sleeping bags and knap sacks. Fresh produce—vegetables, and fruits. We always require fresh eggs and butter.



### OUR CUPBOARDS

Thank you for your support, your gift cards and donations. As they certainly help us to provide for meals and necessities.

#### WE ALWAYS APPRECIATE

Coffee, tea, sugar, whitener, powdered milk, fresh produce ketchup, mayo, soup, Paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, Kleenex, parchment paper tin foil, dish and laundry soap and XL heavy duty garbage bags! And lots of fresh veggies,!

### OUR PROGRAMS

**Food Fancy is now including** MacDonald's Gift Cards. Please indicate on your form if you wish one..

#### MEAL TICKET PROGRAM

This program is currently on hold due to St Vincent's Kitchen temporary closure due to the COVID pandemic.

**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 \$3.75. or you may provide preloaded DRT passes. (\$15.00)

IN ORDER TO RESPECT OUR CLOSE NEIGHBOURS, PROTECT OUR PATRONS AND FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR BUILDING AND STAFF, WE HAVE ENGAGED PROTECTION SECURITY SERVICES 24/7. WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE ALSO INCLUDED SNIFF DOG PATROL. NO DRUG USAGE, VERBAL OR PHYSICAL ABUSES PERMITTED.

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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](mailto:office@gate316.org).

If you have certain prayer requests, please let them known to us via letter, email or phone, and our team and Board of Directors would love to pray for you. Each person is a gift to us and we are His disciples here on earth.

## FOOD FANCY PROGRAM

You will be receiving shortly our Winter version of the Food Fancy Program and our Winter Gate 316 Newsletter. Stay tuned !



## Prayers we need to consider re COVID

We believe there is a God who bends his ear to listen, and so we pray:

1. For the sick and infected: God, heal and help. Sustain bodies and spirits. Contain the spread of infection.
2. For our vulnerable populations: God, protect our elderly and those suffering from chronic disease. Provide for the poor, especially the uninsured.
3. For the young and the strong: God, give them the necessary caution to keep them from unwittingly spreading this disease. Inspire them to help.
4. For our local, provincial, and federal governments: God, help our elected officials as they allocate the necessary resources for combatting this pandemic. Help them to provide more tests.
5. For our scientific community, leading the charge to understand the disease and communicate its gravity: God, give them knowledge, wisdom, and a persuasive voice.
6. For the media, committed to providing up-to-date information: God, help them to communicate with appropriate seriousness without causing panic.
7. For consumers of media, looking to be well-informed: God, help us find the most helpful local information to equip us to be good neighbors. Keep us from anxiety and panic, and enable us to implement the recommended strategies, even at a cost to ourselves.



**Donations**—please ensure that items are clean and in good condition. Thank you.

## GIVING

A smile costs nothing, but gives much-  
It takes but a moment, but the memory of it usually lasts forever.

None are so rich that can get along without it-  
And none are so poor but that can be made rich by it

It enriches those who receive,  
without making poor those who give-  
It creates sunshine in the home,  
Fosters good will in business,  
And is the best antidote for trouble-  
And yet it cannot be begged, borrowed, or stolen,  
for it is of no value  
Unless it is given away.

Some people are too busy to give you a smile-  
Give them one of yours-  
For the good Lord knows that no one needs a smile so badly  
As he or she who has no more smiles left to give

