

THE GATE

Oshawa's Outreach Centre

2021 Spring Newsletter

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From the President's Desk

BETTY MANN, Board President

Hello Friends of The Gate.

The winter has slipped by and we are already into Spring. We are seeing more and more people come through our doors in need. Thanks to our staff and volunteers, we are meeting those needs and making a difference, sometimes one life at a time.

Since I wrote in January, one of our patrons delivered a baby boy and was able to get set up in a rehab center where she could take the baby with her. Please pray for her.

Also, I was told that we have two people who have turned their life over to Jesus and three have rededicated their lives. All of these people are planning on getting baptized hopefully in the near future. Praise God for the lives He is changing and blessing..

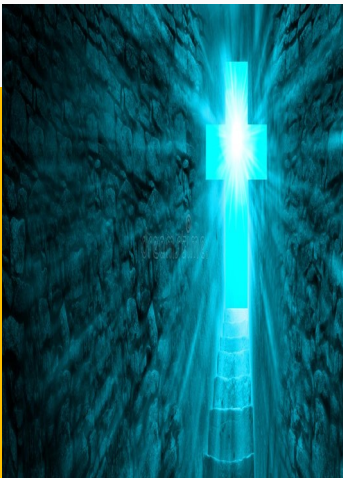
Please also pray for our patrons as they mourn the loss of one of their friends who passed away in the recent fire on Olive St. In Oshawa. As we are family, we have all felt the effects of this tragedy..

We have been blessed with many working volunteers. We will have a volunteer appreciation event once the COVID restrictions have been totally lifted. Our past has shown that we truly value each and every one of them. We are so thankful for their presence and love for those we cherish as brothers and sisters in Christ.

We wish each and every one of you a happy summer. May God's light and love shine upon all of you.

FOOD FANCY PROGRAM

Thank you to all those who join us in our Food Fancy program to be honoured all year round. For those unknown to this program, you receive for \$100.00 donation; an income tax receipt for \$75.00 and a gift card of \$25.00.



FUNDRAISING DRAW

For all donations received between May 1 and August 31 2021, you have a chance to win one random draw of \$500.00 (five hundred dollars). Thank you for all that you do.

We also wish to thank our secret donor for making this draw



OUR CUPBOARDS

Thank you for your ongoing support of food gift cards and donations.. They certainly are a blessing for our suffering and poor in the community .

Donations

As our Centre needs fluctuate throughout the year, we request that you call our centre at 905-432-5316

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.

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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One cold winter night in London, a young couple named Charlotte and Taylor missed their train. They had to stand on the platform waiting for the next one to arrive. A homeless man in his twenties spotted the couple and offered them a warm spot underneath his blanket.

The three began talking, and they learned that Joey had lost his job. He also went through a breakup, so he was kicked out of his girlfriend's apartment. He was far from home, so without any money or a place to go, he had to resort to sleeping in the train station. After hearing his story, Charlotte noticed how her body couldn't help but trembling from the cold, even with a blanket. She couldn't imagine living there for one night, let alone several months, like Joey had. She asked him to come home with them, because her parents had a guest apartment. After a while, Joey met the rest of Charlotte and Taylor's family and friends. He was able to meet someone who hooked him up with a job, so he could get back on his feet. Friendship and support from one's family to help them when times get tough is something that most people take for granted. For Joey, that act of kindness was all he needed to escape rock bottom.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS !

We cherish each and every one of them and are a blessing to our work and service to our community folks.

Terri, Lee, Diane,
Chris, Vera, Eva,
Colleen. Pastor Steve,
Bob, Mary Anne.

Electronic Newsletter

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



We are not only one but many facing the many struggles of home, hunger, abandonment, loss, depression, warmth and lack of tenderness.



**THE GATE IS OPEN.
TAKE OUT ONLY.
DROP OFF DONATIONS CAN BE DONE
DURING OUR
OPEN HOURS.**



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.

Have you ever had to ask this question below? Our brothers and sisters living in poverty often face this question and cry tears of desperation. Their faces quite often peer out of the flaps of tents because this is their only home. Others go hungry so their children go to school with food in their stomachs. A book by Mel Hurtig.

