

THE GATE

Oshawa's Outreach Centre

2021 Winter Newsletter

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From Our Board President

Hello Friends of The Gate:

It is hard to believe we are almost in November. Where has the year 2021 gone? As always, we continue to be busy at The Gate, serving meals, sanitizing, comforting and encouraging our patrons as they confide in us about their struggles and look for hope and direction. We hear about losses, relationship problems, housing issues, addictions and so on and on. There are so many people who come to us frustrated, tired, lonely, angry or with any number of other feelings that are ready to boil over as they experience crisis in their lives. Thanks be to God that we are able to be there to remind them that there is an amazing loving God who cares and wants to help. It may take months or even years as people keep coming back to The Gate to talk and listen to us and learn about this God whom we speak of. With prayer and Bible studies, some begin to understand and put their trust in Jesus our Savior.

Recently two of our patrons were

baptized in the portable pool that Pastor Steve brought to The Gate. I was so thrilled as I have personally seen the amazing change in the one person whom we have known for years and overcame his addiction and grew to love the Lord. The relationships that are being built at The Gate are so precious. God has continued to show His love in so many ways. We see His love everywhere. God is good. Betty Mann.



OUR CUPBOARDS and Your Donations

Thank you for your ongoing gift cards and donations. Please call us before bringing clothing and items as our needs do vary over time.

Our phone # is 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.. St Vincent's Kitchen is tentatively to open in January 2022.

TRANSPORTATION FUND Your donations can help our clients attend job interviews, medical appointments and other obligations. We have been encouraged by DRT to use Presto passes. For each patron requiring a ride, we provide a return ride on each Presto card

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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Keep your heart free from hate. Your mind from worry.

Live simply. Expect little. Give much.

Fill your life with love. Scatter sunshine.

Forget self-think of others. Do as you would be done by.

Trust God. Thank God for all your blessings.

Do all you can for people without thought of personal gain.

Spread happiness.

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.

NEW PROGRAM

Our prayers have led us to implement a new program which involves providing Rehabilitation programs through a spiritual founded organization called "Teen Challenge" With a portion of our donations we can support a willing patron to change their life from addictions and wayward lives. We will help them fill out the application forms and provide financial support to maintain them in the program for a year.



Food Pantry Program

We have extended our food distribution to provide patrons with food items above and beyond our regular meals . We freely support our patrons with food that will balance their nutrition and allow certain treats to enjoy.

"I came to heal the broken-hearted and set the captives free (Isaiah 61:1, Luke 4:17-21).



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.

DROP OFF DONATIONS CAN BE DONE DURING OUR OPEN HOURS.

It is appreciated if we are provided with clean, laundered, modern date clothing Suitable for age range 26 to 55 years old

Our Open Hours

**Mon. to Thurs.
8:30am to 2:00pm**

**Friday
8:30am to 1:00pm**

Electronic Newsletter

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

**For those who wish to know more about Teen Challenge and their program:
<https://www.teenchallenge.ca/>**