

THE GATE

Oshawa's Outreach Centre

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From Betty Mann Board President

God is good.. He continues to provide through you all in feeding the poor. He loves everyone and I believe has a special spot in His heart for those who are suffering. It is a privilege to work with the people we serve and help them to a better place in their lives. I just spoke with one of our people whom I counselled a good number of years ago and she expressed how much she was helped and she gives back to the Gate every day as she serves alongside with us. This really warmed my heart as I know that most of our people have been down roads, they never would have chosen but life happens! Thanks to God for giving us a place where they can rest and know they are safe and loved. Please continue to pray for our people as there is still a major housing crisis in the area. As you know, the rent has skyrocketed, making it next to impossible to find housing for those who are on disability or whatever kind of fixed income. So please pray that the government will provide more affordable housing for everyone.

One bit of good news that we are thrilled with, is that Alan has chosen to stay on a few more years with us as he has decided he isn't ready to retire yet. He has been a valuable asset to The Gate in so many ways, with his hard work, dedication and love for the people. So thank you Alan for not jumping ship yet.

We are also seeking out a part time Social Services Worker for a few days per week at The Gate. Please join us in our prayers to God to provide for our ongoing needs.



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

MEAL TICKET PROGRAM

We have resumed our meal ticket program with St. Vincent's Kitchen. We are so happy to help others in this way.

\$1.50 per ticket

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 issued.

Programs

Food Fancy
Food Pantry
Recovery Program
ongoing.

IN ORDER TO RESPECT OUR CLOSE NEIGHBOURS, PROTECT OUR PATRONS AND FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR BUILDING AND STAFF, WE RELY ON THE POLICE SECURITY SERVICES 24/7 AND GOD'S PROTECTION. NO DRUG USAGE, VERBAL OR PHYSICAL ABUSES PERMITTED. .

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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.

PRAYER FOR THE HOMELESS

Merciful Heavenly Father,

Make your compassion known to those who are suffering from lack. Remember especially the young, aged, and otherwise vulnerable among them. We pray most of all that they would experience your love toward them and secondly that you be their protection and provision in time of need. Fill their hearts with the warmth of your hope and the light of your love.

Move on us, Lord, to be agents of your provision. Stir the hearts of the more fortunate among us with the knowledge that when we feed and clothe those in need, we are clothing and feeding Jesus (Mt 25:34-46).

Amen.

A PERSONAL STORY OF A LIFE

AN UNSTOPPABLE LOVE

(GOD KNITS US WITH LOVE)

Homeless young women are nearly 5 x more likely to become pregnant and are more likely to experience repeated pregnancies than those housed. These girls also have hopes and dreams like anyone of us.

This is Her Story—a Gate Patron

Clearly she had made bad decisions throughout her life. She had begun running away at the age of 12, traumatized by years of abuse, in and out of Foster homes most of her young life and also diagnosed with anxiety and obsessive compulsive disorder. As an adult she continued to use heroin and fentanyl. She racked up numerous charges for trafficking, drugs and stolen property charges.

She had used for 8 years before stopping several months before she became pregnant, knowing now that she was carrying a little life inside of her.. The situation, hardness and the reality of the addiction cycle brought again the feeling of hopelessness and despair. However, inside of her was now a life—a growing God's image of hope, life and grace. God never stops withholding his hope for someone.

We all long for love, for connection, for someone. God already had a plan woven into time (Jeremiah 29:11) for this little one nestled in the womb.

He had a particular couple in mind for this little one to have a home, to be nurtured with love and in the ways of the Lord.

Where we sometimes find pain and a despairing life, He transforms the situation into the power of His love . By Rita T.



Overnight Sleep Program

We are hoping to start our overnight sleep program at The Gate but are meeting with a certain insurance challenge. Pray for and with us that this recent challenge shall be overcome so as we can support our homeless in the cold months.

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

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