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The Gate

OSHAWA'S OUTREACH CENTRE



A SEASONAL UPDATE

From Betty Mann, Board President

Hello Friends of the Gate:



Once again, God has heard our prayers and provided us with a Counselor whom we really need right now as many people are in need of so much support. Diane Westerman has been a volunteer at the kitchen and worked at John Howard Society as a Counselor. She has felt a tug at her heart to work with us. So, thank you Diane for joining us.

Also, there have been changes in our volunteers' lives and we will be short help in the kitchen. Please check our website for details. We are hoping and praying for this void to be filled quickly (the work involves kitchen help, cleaning and food pick-ups).

We do have to move next year as our lease will be up October 2023. Please pray that God will provide the right building for us to buy so we can settle down permanently. In saying that; we don't provide overnight shelter as we were not able to get insurance for this. We do continue to open our doors throughout the day for our patrons to get warm and to enjoy hot food, showers, laundry, medical and loving support. They become a part of the Gate family and become supportive to each other as well.

We do have a fun event coming in January called "Skate for the Gate". If you like to skate, it would be a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon with your family. The proceeds from the tickets will go to the Gate to continue our ministry in reaching out to the homeless as Jesus would. There are more details further in this newsletter and on our website (www.gate316.org) Many thanks to those who are giving towards our Christmas gift card program to cheer up our people during this Christmas season.

God bless your Christmas and may you all have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Betty Mann

SKATE FOR THE GATE

On January 21st, we will be hosting **Skate for the Gate** at the Canlan Sports Center in Oshawa. Tickets are \$20 each, \$50 for families. Please book in advance by going to our website at gate316.org/skate. This will help us have an accurate idea of how many friends to expect that day! Then, join us between 1:30-2:30 pm for some skating fun; all for a good cause!

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A PRAYER OF PEACE DURING ADVENT

*by Alicia Michelle
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Heavenly Father,
You were born into a sinful, restless world looking for answers and desperate for peace. Our world today may not look like that of ancient Bethlehem, but it is an equally broken place filled with anxious hearts eager to discover purpose and lasting hope. We are so thankful that you demonstrate over and over that your heart's desire is to connect with your creation, offering authentic joy, peace and love to all that call on your great name. This Advent season, may our world see your Son's birth as an olive branch of peace. No matter what their circumstances, may their minds be opened to the fact that you give us an incredible peace that cannot be shaken or taken away. Thank you for being the path to peace. We rejoice in your amazing peace today as we celebrate your Son's birth!



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If you have certain prayer requests, please let them be 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.

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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.

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*

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

*Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 2:00pm
Friday 8:30am to 1:00pm*

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