

THE GATE

Oshawa's Outreach Centre

2021 Newsletter

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From the President's Desk

BETTY MANN, Board President
Happy New Year to our friends of The Gate. 2020 was a very unusual year, and it continues, as we don our masks, serving and giving out meals in takeout containers. With the cold weather setting in, most people are happy to come in, sit, and get warm. Public Health rules and guidelines allow us to take in approximately 30 people at any one time/sitting. We practice social distancing, limiting the number of people that we previously had. Our services continue to embrace those in need. We were able to have a Christmas dinner on a rather small scale this year. Those who came were blessed with a nice roast beef dinner and the gospel message from Pastor Steve. The gift bags were received with warm gratitude. Some of the

comments we received from our less fortunate brothers and sisters were "Amazing", "I am blessed". We extend a big thank you to all who donated Walmart cards, Presto cards and other items for the gift bags. This is something the people always look forward to; as most are on their own without families to celebrate Christmas. It brightens their day and reminds them that they are loved.

Dr. Ho continues to come and support the people with their medical needs and they are very appreciative of his compassionate help. Our foot care nurse, Alison Mastert and our dentist Dr. Miller also continue to support us with their services. So, thank you to all who give of their time to help make life better for those in our community that need a little tender loving care.

Also, a big thank you to those who participated in our Food Fancy program this year. It was very successful as always and we were very blessed with everyone's support this year. Our plans this year are to continue being the light in our community for those who have lost hope and need to find a reason to carry on with life. We start with their basic needs and get to know them, and share with them about Jesus who can truly give them renewal. We go to our Lord Jesus to guide us each day in prayer for the decisions we need to make, and for the guidance on how to best reach out to them. We value your ongoing prayers and support and wish you all a safe and bless New Year.



OUR CUPBOARDS

Thank you for your Ongoing support. Your gift cards and donations.. They certainly help us to provide for meals and necessities.

Donations

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

OUR PROGRAMS

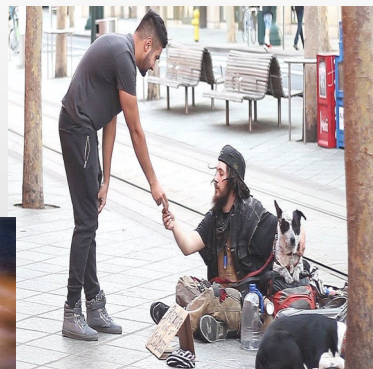
Food Fancy is now including MacDonald's Gift Cards. Please indicate on your form if you wish one..

MEAL TICKET PROGRAM

This program is currently on hold due to St Vincent's Kitchen temporary closure 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)

FOOD FANCY PROGRAM
Thank you to all those who join us in our Food Fancy program. 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.



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

From the Editor's desk—let us meet Alan Perron our Gate Administrator and creator of the Newsletter.

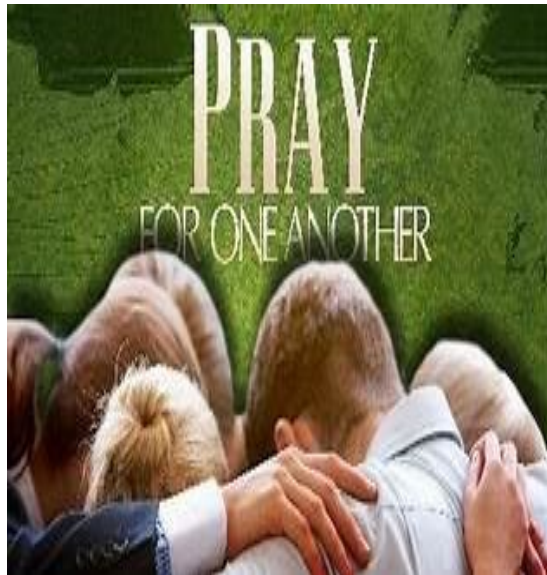
“ If you would like to see further items or information in the newsletter ongoing, please feel free to call or email me.”



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

Our Dutch Corner

Dit jaar 2020 is voor velen een belangrijke uitdaging geweest. Ik ben er zeker van dat de problemen om gezinsleden, kinderen en kleinkinderen niet te zien, teleurstellend waren en een beetje in het hart waren. Maar wij, bij The Gate, bidden voor jullie allemaal om jullie hoop en vrede te geven. Wij wensen u allen een jaar van praiberische vrede, hoop en een richtinggevend licht toe, in 2021, om terug te keren naar ons normale leven. God zegene jullie allemaal!



Cornelia Arnolda Johanna "Corrie" ten Boom (15 April 1892^[1] - 15 April 1983) was a Dutch Christian watchmaker and later a writer who worked with her father, Casper ten Boom, her sister Betsie ten Boom and other family members to help many Jews escape from the Nazis during the Holocaust in World War II by hiding them in her home. She believed her actions were following the will of God. They were caught, and she was arrested and sent to the Ravensbrück concentration camp. Her most famous book, *The Hiding Place*, is a biography that recounts the story of her family's efforts and how she found and shared hope in God while she was imprisoned at the concentration camp.



"We must mirror God's love in the midst of a world full of hatred. We are the mirrors of God's love, so we may show Jesus by our lives" - Corrie Ten Boom "