



# The Small Voice

2017 – A year in review

January 2018

2017 was a very busy and productive year for Choices Youth Shelter. We were involved in many different activities to bring awareness to youth homelessness in Dufferin County.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### Home Depot



Home Depot once again, through their Orange Door Project, accepted and donated to Choices Youth Shelter. Thank you to them! Home Depot also had a few staff volunteer their time to redo the kitchen floor at the Shelter.

### 98 & 100 Mill Street



We were able to facilitate the opening of two semi-permanent residences for youth between the ages of 16-30 years old. Between these two residences, we have been able to house an additional 11 youth!

### Future Prospects/Rogers Channel 65



Nevada, Karina and Jessyca participated in filming with Joy Foster. They did a wonderful job spreading positive messages for at risk youth.

### Project Water



Shelley and Spencer, two of our College Placement students attended Project Water in Toronto. Project Water was conceived in response to the inexcusable fact that more homeless people die from dehydration in the summer than from exposure in the winter. Choices Youth Shelter was provided with 900 bottles of water.

### Feed the Streets



On Saturday March 18, several members of our Choices Youth Shelter family participated outside of the Lighthouse Soup Kitchen to serve soup and sandwiches that were donated by Barbara Mavromatis-Stratigos from Barb's Country Kitchen.

## **UP AND COMING**

### **New Van**

Choices Youth Shelter will be receiving a brand new van! This will allow us to further our outreach services to our at risk youth. We will now be able to transport them to appointments and to further access the Food Bank. This will be a wonderful new addition for us!

### **Drop-in**

Choices has been provided with the opportunity to extend our Drop-in hours, starting February 2018. We will now be able to service our youth and community members between the ages of 16-24 Monday to Friday from 1pm-5pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9am-5pm. *We would love to hear from anyone regarding quality ideas to add to our programming. All ideas are welcomed!*

## **DONATIONS**

*We also received numerous generous donations from caring community members who recognize the needs and challenges these youth face.*

### **Shelburne Family Clinic**

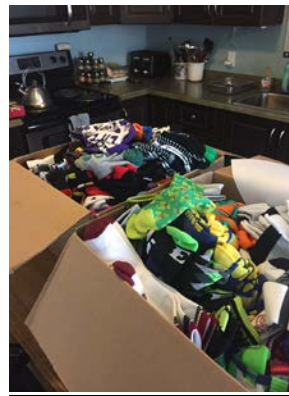
Shelburne Family Chiropractic teamed up with Choices Youth Shelter to collect shoes for those who are in need within our community and Dufferin County. We know how crucial it is to one's foot, spine, and overall health to have a good pair of shoes and every person deserves that! Thank you very much for your generosity.

### **Parson's Florist**



Parson's Florist initiated a coat drive through their business and donated a multitude of coats for our youth to utilize. What a thoughtful idea!

### **Sanderson Sports Socks**



Thank you to Sanderson Sports for ordering socks from Your City Sports, because everything they order – guess what?? Choices Youth Shelter receives the same amount!

### **Westminster United Church**



Through the kindness of many donors and volunteers, Westminster United Church collected women's purses and filled them with hygiene products and donated them to the Shelter. What a kind gesture!



Also, at Christmas time, the Church also donated \$400 in cash and gift cards to be used for resident gifts.

## UNIFOR 1285



We would like to extend a very big thank you to UNIFOR 1285 for your donation of turkeys and gift cards. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

## 100 Women Who Care



A very charitable gift of \$7425 was donated by 100 Woman Who Care, an organization of women who meet and learn about charities that are in need. We truly appreciate your gift!



*We would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to each and every one of our community members and organizations that take the time to facilitate fundraisers and provide donations (whether they are clothing, food or support) in an effort to assist us with our at risk youth. We couldn't do it without you!*

## THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Orangeville Food Bank
- Westminster United Church
- St. John's Church
- St. James Church
- Tweedsmuir Memorial Presbyterian Church
- Knights of Columbus
- ODSS
- Robert F. Hall
- Westside
- Lord Dufferin Centre
- Home Depot Orangeville
- Home Depot Foundation Canada
- SuperSaver.ca Video Surveillance Systems
- Toppers Pizza
- Boston Pizza
- Steve's Catering
- Bob Smithson (donation of wonderful dinners)
- Ontario Trillium Foundation
- Headwaters Hospital
- County of Dufferin
- Orangeville Police Services
- Broderick Grant
- Zuckerman Foundation

### Wish List ...

If you're ever out and want to pick something up we always appreciate the help....

#### Resident needs

- Running shoes- New or Gently used. Large sizes.
- Gift Cards for Tim Hortons, Pizza, Long distance Cards, Cineplex movie passes, or any other place that would interest the kids.\* These cards are used for rewards for outstanding behaviour. Any gift card for Wal-Mart, Zehrs, Sobeys or other store, to purchase food supplies.
- Boys boxers med, lrg, xl
- Boys pajama pants med, lrg, xl
- Boys shaving cream
- Girls' underwear m/lrg boy cut or bikini style
- Girls bra's size B/C 34 & 36
- Boys and girls socks

#### Shelter needs

- Bee mop, floor mop, and refills
- Paper Products- toilet paper, paper towels, and Kleenex
- Light bulbs
- Batteries: AA, AAA, 9Volt
- Black markers, black pencil crayons, chart paper, and art supplies- for Art Therapy.
- Coffee Filters
- Ziploc Bags/ Freezer bags / Sandwich bags
- Ink cartridges for printers, Cannon CLI-8, PGI- 5
- Laundry soap, dish soap, & Bleach
- Cleaning supplies, disinfectant wipes
- 2 Large Snow shovels
- Milk
- Frozen or fresh juice
- Butter
- Eggs
- Meat
- Yogurt
- A home cooked meal
- A homemade batch of cookies
- Any canned items or items to add to our food boxes
- Can openers to put in our food boxes

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