



Winter Newsletter 2025



Christmas Greetings from the Freedom Centre Family!

As we step into the beauty and meaning of December, our hearts are filled with gratitude. This season reminds us of the incredible gift of hope that was born into the world through our Saviour, Jesus Christ—light breaking into darkness, peace offered to every heart, and love poured out for all. It is that same love that continues to shape the mission of the Freedom Centre.

We want to extend our deepest and most heartfelt thanks to our volunteers. Your faithfulness, compassion, and willingness to serve week after week are the hands and feet of Christ in our community. Because of you, meals are served, clothing is offered, relationships are fostered, dignity is restored, and hope is shared with those who need it most.

December is also the season of giving. As the need continues to grow, we humbly invite you to partner with us through a year-end donation. Your generosity directly impacts individuals and families facing hardship, loneliness, and uncertainty. Every gift—large or small—helps us continue this vital work of restoring hope and changing lives.

From all of us at the Freedom Centre, thank you for standing with us, believing in this mission, and helping us carry the love of Christ into our community this Christmas season. May you have a Blessed Holy Season and a Meaningful New Year.

Christmas Stockings and Hampers for our Veterans

This Christmas season, Freedom Centre is inviting our community to come alongside us as we provide Christmas Hampers and Stockings to Veterans across the Kitchener-Waterloo area.



For many of our Veterans, the holidays can be a difficult and lonely time. A simple hamper or stocking filled with thoughtful items becomes a powerful reminder that they are seen, valued, and remembered.

**The full list of needed items is available on our website:
www.freedomcentre.ca**

Pick-up of donations can be arranged by contacting us at:

 **519-591-6518**

 **info@freedomcentre.ca**

Every single donation makes a difference. Whether you give one item or sponsor a full hamper, you are helping us share hope, dignity, and Christmas joy with those who have given so much for us.

Together, let's make sure no Veteran is forgotten this Christmas.



Remembrance Day

It was an honour for all of us at the Freedom Centre to lay a wreath at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day. We were humbled to stand in tribute to the brave individuals who served and sacrificed, and we are grateful for the opportunity to pay our respects.



Community Neighbourhood Table

Join the Team That Makes Our Community Table Possible

We are planning on increasing our meals to weekly from bi-weekly. At the heart of Freedom Centre is something very simple and very powerful—a table where everyone belongs. Our Community Neighbourhood Table (CNT) is more than a meal. It's connection, dignity, friendship, and hope shared week after week.



Now we're inviting YOU to be part of what makes it happen. We are looking for new volunteers to help in the following areas:

👤 Meal Prep 🪑 Set-Up 🍴 Serving 🧹 Clean-Up / Take-Down

Whether you can help once a month or every week, your time truly matters. No special skills required—just a willing heart and a desire to serve others with kindness.

Warming Centre

Each Monday, the Freedom Centre faithfully supports the Galt Warming Centre by providing fresh sandwiches for 60 individuals who are seeking warmth, safety, and nourishment during the coldest months of the year. This ongoing commitment reflects our deep belief that no one should face hunger or the elements alone. We will continue this vital outreach every week until

temperatures rise to a point where being outside is no longer life-threatening, standing in compassion with our most vulnerable neighbours when they need it most.



Our Community Neighbourhood Table guests state:

"The staff and volunteers are awesome and the meals are great."

A.

"The dinners are always good and nice and hot coffee and tea."

M.

"I appreciate the honest serving by these good folks, incredibly grateful I found them!" P.

"I live in Paris & up until I heard about your dinners, I didn't get to see my Cambridge friends that often! So now I have a double reason to come into Cambridge!!

The meals are especially welcomed as I am living on my pensions only. I find the meals are well made & organized & the workers are courteous & seem generally happy to help out. I am grateful that who ever worked so hard to get this program up & running...I know it's a lot of work! Thank you" L.

If you currently attend or benefit from our CNT program and would like to give back in a simple, meaningful way—we would love to welcome you onto the volunteer team too. This is your community, and your gifts matter here.

If you're interested in volunteering—or just want to learn more please reach out to us today. **(519-591-6518 or info@freedomcentre.ca)**

Together, we don't just serve meals... we build community.

Sandwich in the Park

It is truly a privilege to offer sandwiches and coffee each Monday evening in Preston. We have journeyed alongside our friends in grief, loss of living accommodations, loneliness and hunger.

We are looking for volunteers to help for only one hour on Mondays from 5 – 6 and meet first hand our neighbours as we care for them in a very practical way.



Please contact the Freedom Centre at info@freedomcentre.ca if you are interested.

A Special Thank You to the Vietnam Vet North Wall Riders Association

This Christmas season, we extend our deepest gratitude to the **Vietnam Vet North Wall Riders Association** for their incredible generosity and unwavering support of our Christmas Hampers for Veterans. Your compassion, respect, and commitment to fellow veterans reflects the very heart of what this season is about—honour, service, and love for one another.



Your support is more than a donation; it is a powerful act of brotherhood and remembrance.

From all of us at the Freedom Centre—and from the veterans whose lives you are touching—thank you for standing with us and for standing with them. We count it a privilege to walk with you.

*With sincere appreciation and blessings,
The Freedom Centre Team*

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Community Champions

The Freedom Centre would like to extend a very special thank-you to Javid and Salma at No Frills Preston, and to Encore

Threads and Treasures of Galt for their incredible generosity and ongoing support.

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Your kindness and community spirit make a real and lasting impact on the lives of the individuals and families we serve. Because of you, our programs continue to grow, our tables stay full, and hope is shared in practical and meaningful

ways.

We are deeply grateful for your partnership, your compassion, and your belief in what we do. Thank you for standing with Freedom Centre and helping us serve our community with dignity and care.

Volunteer Spotlight

"I help out at CNT because it helps others but also helps me to remain connected to Preston. I enjoy seeing some of these familiar faces in the grocery store, library or walking in my neighbourhood." John O.



A Season of Hope and Giving

This Christmas season, we invite you to make a year-end gift to help us continue serving those who are struggling in our community. The need is great—but so is the opportunity to be the light.

Your generosity helps us bring warmth to the cold, food to the hungry, dignity to the hurting, and the message of Christ to those who desperately need hope. Every gift truly makes a difference.

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