



Winter Newsletter 2024

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A Message of Gratitude and Hope

Dear Volunteers, Supporters and Friends:

During this Sacred Season we are reminded that it is because of the One who came to life in the form of a baby and gives us life, that we invest in the lives of others. Jesus, who was there at the beginning of time in creation, stamped His image on each one of us. His image is always visible, always clear and our responsibility is to discover and affirm that image in the ones we encounter. We at the Freedom Centre, believe serving is our calling. It has been an honour to serve Ward 3 of Cambridge and our Veterans in 2024. We trust we will be able to be the hands of feet of our Saviour in our support of all. From the Freedom Centre to you, we pray you have a Blessed Holy Season.



Honouring Our Volunteers

The Freedom Centre is reliant on the dozens of volunteers who come to help us from peeling potatoes, to making sandwiches to sorting clothes. Our tasks seem menial, but our volunteers are the power that drives the ministry. They have allowed us to feed hundreds over the last year and their relationship building has impacted so many lives in our multicultural community. The Freedom Centre is proud of those who stand beside us in giving of their precious time and talents. We extend our Warmest



Wishes during this Christmas Season to you and those you love. If you would like to volunteer with the Freedom Centre and learn about the opportunities available please contact julia@freedomcentre.ca.

Christmas Hampers

The Freedom Centre was supported this season by new partners. We are pleased to have stand beside us, **North Wall Riders Association of Windsor** who supplied us with a \$500.00 gift towards Christmas Hampers for our Veterans! Thankyou for your support and for allowing us to gift veterans in the Waterloo Region.



Christmas Stockings

We asked for help and our community responded! Thankyou to all who provided us with items for our Christmas stockings for Veterans. We not only met our quota, we were able to put additional supplies away for future needs. We are working with the region to support all veterans, and this is a very practical way to be involved. The men and women we supported this Season express their thanks for your kindness and concern and for their gifts. We know many of you provided these stockings in memory of loved ones who are serving or who have served and for that we meet you heart to heart on this expression of remembrance.



Winter Coats

We were surprised to receive a call from



Windsor offering us winter coats for veterans from the Windsor Veterans Memorial Services Committee. We were able to distribute coats to housed, sheltered and unsheltered veterans. In addition, we were able to give to children of veterans in need as well. Their arms reached across the province and we stand beside you in giving to those who have given so much to us.



Cambridge Neighbourhood Table

It has been a privilege to work beside Kinbridge Community Centre in providing meals to our community twice a month from the Freedom Centre. We walk along side Generations Cambridge(formerly Preston-Cambridge Church in providing this ministry. This last year we served 992 meals. There were 112 Children served, and 247 seniors. We started with 9 in attendance at our first meal with over 100 at our largest meal. This practical service allows us not only to feed those with food insecurity, but to also offer a place for relationship building.





Sandwich in the Park

Sandwich in the park continues to serve our community of Ward 3 each Monday night (except holidays) at the Cenotaph Park in Cambridge. Our volunteers brave heat, rain, sleet and snow and without exception, serve sandwiches, coffee, fruit, desserts and frozen meals to our guests. As we continue this ministry it has become an opportunity to serve friends who we know by name and enter into their stories, struggles and grief. We have people dependent on this event in order to eat during the month.



If you would like to serve in this capacity, the commitment is 3 hours a week from sandwich prep to one hour serving at the park. Please contact julia@freedomcentre.ca if you are interested.

In Stitches

IN STITCHES is a program where people gather to crochet a blanket for veterans who are newly housed, learn the skill or work on your own project. It is also a time of sharing and encouragement. If this Friday program interests you, please contact



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Quilting Together

We have completed our first Quilt of Valour and are looking for people to continue onto our next quilt. Come to quilt or bring your own project or just learn to sew Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Please contact info@freedomcentre.ca for more information

Supporting the Freedom Centre

If you would like to support this volunteer driven ministry, please contact info@freedomcentre.ca



We covet your prayers in all the ministries

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