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INTRODUCING THE FREEDOM CENTRE



On this Soil We Will, With God's Help, Build the Freedom Centre!

Freedom Centre History Pastor Jenn Turner

It was over 20 years ago that the current Pastor of the Cambridge Preston Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Jennifer Turner, as a young mother of 4, living near the church, was looking for help for her children. She discovered that because she did not live in the catchment area of the local community centre, she would be put on a waiting list.

With this experience in mind, Pastor Jenn began to dream about a community centre in Preston. Although the dream wasn't grasped by the pastor decades ago, Pastor Jenn, now serving as the associate pastor of the church, shared with Pastor Mark Kitzman, the same dream. In the fall of 2017, Pastor Mark literally saw the building before his eyes and walked the hallways. This vision took on the name Freedom Centre as Jennifer was impressed with the thought from Galatians 5:1 "*It was for freedom that Christ has set us free.*" cont'd page 2

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MISSION

exists to come along side people who are broken and hurting, to offer healing and hope in their journey towards **Freedom**.

VISION

a **Centre** where people can find acceptance, healing and freedom in every area of their lives.

CORE VALUES

in all actions the Freedom Centre will be guided by faith in Jesus Christ, and His example, to help others by honouring them, to extend love, respect, dignity, compassion and kindness to all.

Mandate 1 - To provide integrated transitional initiatives for our community.*

Mandate 2 - To provide a wide range of comprehensive programming to meet the needs of individuals in our community.

Mandate 3 - To provide a safe and supportive environment for all participants.

Mandate 4 - To provide wheel-chair accessible transitional housing to veterans in need

***Community**= Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Neighbouring Communities.

Freedom Centre History cont'd.

The vision was shared with Rev. Rosemary Redshaw, who in spring of 2018 was driving by the church when God asked her to stop, return to the church and begin to pray. She pulled in the parking lot and saw the Freedom Centre before her eyes. She immediately called Pastor Mark and shared that she saw a three story building to which Mark said, "No the vision is for two stories." Rosemary reiterated that it was three stories, with the third story for veterans.

With these three visions, the birth of the Freedom Centre began.

Our Partners

Citizens for Cambridge is a volunteer based organization dedicated to harnessing the passion, ingenuity and commitment of Cambridge citizens to support the development of a better community for all.



Board Members



Jim Tolmie: As our representative for the veterans, we have Jim, who spent 37 years as a medic and physician's assistant in the Canadian Forces. Jim is also the South Western Ontario Field Operations Manager for VETS Canada and brings with him first hand working experience with struggling veterans. Jim also has experience in family medicine and recently completed his Behavioural Addiction and Addiction Counselling Skills.



Ron Budhu: Ron Budhu is enjoying his retirement life from accounting following the last 17 years of his career as a Senior Financial Analyst with the City of Toronto. Prior to the political environment, Ron spent 25 years of an illustrious financial career with Volvo in Canada, USA, Sweden and England. He is motivated daily in his walk with Christ by his beautiful wife, Dolly, with whom they have two children and two grandchildren. Ron continues to use his talent in his church, currently serving as Treasurer in the Cambridge-Preston Church of the Nazarene.



Jennifer O'Connor has 15 years of experience in Recreation Therapy facilitating cognitive, social and physical programs for the assessed needs of individuals with illnesses and/or disabling conditions. She is also a Registered Massage Therapist. Jennifer is our community representative.

Reverend Jennifer Turner is the pastor of Cambridge Preston Church of the Nazarene, the site of the Freedom Centre and our board Chair. She is a recovering addict, with a wealth of life experience. She is experienced with conflict management and working with people in crisis and conflict with the law.



John Leistra sits on the meetings as an 'interested participant'. A member of Cedar Creek Community Church, he has worked for almost 30 years as a Biomedical Electronic Technologist. He has joined the committee because of his interest in helping create housing for struggling and homeless Canadian Military Veterans.



Ken Turner is a Mechanical Engineer and brings a wealth of expertise with IT. Ken also brings a life of experience being married to a recovered addict. He brings creativity and passion to the table. (Non-voting community member)



Reverend Rosemary Redshaw is an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene and the Co-ordinator for the Freedom Centre. Rosemary, who is a strong advocate for the marginalized, spent 27 years working as a Chaplain in Provincial and Federal corrections. Her experience has given her exposure to the needs of people in crisis from young offenders, to adult men and women; and shaped her advocacy for the marginalized.



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Introduction of our Logo

The logo of The Freedom Centre was designed to reflect the various colours of the servicemen and women in the Canadian Armed Forces. Green for Army, grey for the Navy and blue for the Air Force. We put the cross in the centre as it is the foundation of what we do and hope. The open door of the Freedom Centre will be an invitation for all those within the community and our current community of veterans to find Freedom within its walls. We want to build a welcoming community through relationship building and service based on our faith in Christ.



The verse came from Pastor Turner's vision for the community centre.

"It was for Freedom that we have been set Free. This line jumped out to me as I was reading one day. The simple profoundness of the comment made so much sense. I had one of those "AHA" moments. I have been set free to experience and live in freedom in every area of my life. When I began to experience this kind of freedom that Paul speaks of, was when I was on the other side of something that was transformational. The Lord brought to mind that so many people experience salvation, but live in bondage to something in their old life, whether it be addiction, abuse or negative self-image. Whatever it is that we are in bondage to, this is not the Father's plan for us. The Father's plan is Freedom, Liberation, Victory and we get to be part of that one relationship at a time." Pastor Jenn

Prayer Needs

- the Preston Church of the Nazarene Board
- board of Freedom Centre
- zoning needs
- favour with City of Cambridge, Neighbourhood and officials
- working relationship with other Churches
- provision of funding for the vision
- united minds of both boards, the church's and Freedom Centre
- additional board members
- clear Vision of ministries needed by the communities
- marketing and branding support

Contact Us

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