

WELCOMING ARMS

FALL 2021 UPDATE

FROM THE CHAIR



I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families healthy and safe.

While we are still operating on a scaled-back level due to the Public Health restrictions, our volunteers are still reaching out to those in need to lend them the helping hand that they need.

Our Welcome Table Program will be continuing in its takeout format and is serving about 130 meals every Wednesday night at Trinity Anglican Church. Our visitors are missing the social engagement that our regular meal program provided when we were indoors, hopefully, we will be able

to get back to this soon. We are doing this with only 57 active volunteers, spread over four teams, when we were serving indoors we had over 110 active volunteers.

Martha's Table is also in "takeout mode" and is back from a well-deserved summer off, serving over 50 meals every Thursday morning at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. 30% of these meals are being delivered to our visitors by our volunteers! A big thank you to Anne Newman and her team of 9 for doing the work of 20 throughout the Pandemic!

Bridging the Gap has been operating on an appointment-only basis for over a year now, which has allowed us to provide a safe atmosphere for our visitors and our volunteers, and still be able to offer the supports that are needed to our community. We are currently helping about 70 families a month with grocery and essential supports. Thanks to our amazing volunteers for continuing to help those in need in our community!

Any inactive volunteers that are interested/comfortable with returning should contact Keri at our office, we would love to have you back!

Doug



THANK YOU!!!



Food in Motion: John and his team provided full turkey dinners (for 4) for 15 families

in need this Thanksgiving!
Thanks to Keri, Susan, and Mary for delivering them!
If you are in need of catering, Food in Motion will not disappoint!

York Region First Responders: have been collecting new books and comics for youth in need in our community. Welcoming Arms will be distributing these through our Bridging the Gap and Christmas Assistance programs. Thank you first responders!

All our active volunteers: The gift of your time and presence has been invaluable to us and those we support.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Empty Bowls: An annual fundraiser for Inn from the Cold and Welcoming Arms, organized by the Pine Tree Potters Guild.

Date: November 18-20, 2021

Venue: Old Town Hall. 460 Botsford St, Newmarket

Tickets are on sale at Meridian Credit Union on Wellington East, next to Home Hardware.



Christmas Assistance: We will once again be partnering with St. Vincent de Paul to offer our visitors extra support during the Christmas season.

Aurora Minor Hockey is once again stepping up to support our efforts to support our visitors, THANK YOU!

Christmas Dream Dinner...more information coming soon!

CAN YOU HELP?



CAP Financial Help: We are in need of someone with an accounting or finance background to assist our visitors with financial restructuring. Please call Keri at our office if you are able to help out: 905-726-1483.

For information about CAP, please visit capcanada.org

Watch for an appeal from Welcoming Arms to help us meet our goals to help our community in 2021, or you can support now:
CanadaHelps: Donate Now - Welcoming Arms (canadahelps.org)
eTransfer: Send to welcomingarms@live.ca

