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FALL NEWSLETTER



COVID-19

With Ontario beginning to open and safety restrictions loosening, Haven is taking the necessary measures to respond to this complex situation. While we cannot say when we will be able to open our doors fully, we will be slowing adjusting our programs, ensuring the safety of staff and community. Thank you for your continued encouragement.



HAVEN'S CLOSET

The last few months have been busy and exciting for Haven's Closet! We have opened to clients once again and appointments are always fully booked. Right now on average 940 items of clothing are handed out every week! Our clients are enjoying their shopping experience in our newly reorganized space

and are happy to be able to outfit their families for the coming winter season. Sometimes it is the little moments that make working at the Haven an absolute pleasure.

A woman was transitioning from the shelter system to her own apartment after years

of not having a secure place to live. We were able to supply her with new clean bedding generously donated by Ikea.

She hugged the duvet tightly and exclaimed "This is so soft! Tonight will be the most peaceful sleep that I have had in years." Yes, I did tear up a bit!

Haven's Closet is currently in need of the following items:

- clean, gently used winter jackets for all ages
- sheet sets for queen-sized beds (clean and unstained please)
- thermal underwear for all ages.



FIRST CARE

Our First Care program is designed to meet the material and nutritional needs of pregnant women and parents of newborns up to 36 months, by providing food, clothing, diapers, formula as well as moral support. Since the beginning of summer to date, we have provided baby bags and baby essentials to 5 new moms and it's all been happy and grateful moments.



WE LOVE AND CARE FOR OUR CLIENTS

The Haven Food Bank has been working hard since March to keep our clients safe and fed. We are serving more clients than ever, and are working our hardest to make sure we treat everyone with compassion, dignity, and respect. This would not be possible without the staff and volunteers who have worked diligently to feed over 120 families every single week. We have new Food Bank hours to better serve our community.

Our new hours are Wednesday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Thursdays from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. To book an appointment please call 416.640.2005.



GOT YOUR BACK

Got Your Back was a huge success, we distributed over 150 backpacks to children filled with school supplies outfitted for their school age, including brand new books and masks. Thank you to everyone who made a difference in the lives of children

in need.



HAVEN IS OPENING OUR DOORS

Haven Food Bank has opened our doors, just in time for the cold fall/winter season. We are taking every precaution to keep the Haven staff, volunteers and clients safe. With months of planning and countless sterilization precautions, we are making the Haven a safe space for everyone.



SENIORS HELPING SENIORS

In March of this year, due to the spread of COVID, most of the seniors were not able to leave their homes to shop for their basic needs. We quickly organized a delivery service that brings food and other staples weekly to over 60 less fortunate and isolated seniors in our community.

With the help of our little army of volunteers, we have been able to support these seniors so they can have a warm dinner without the hazards of shopping in stores.

We have received beautiful thank you cards and numerous phone calls from our seniors telling us how the delivery service has given them peace of mind during these difficult times.

We want to thank our delivery volunteers for their commitment.

Haven on the Queensway

Raised \$10,630
106%
Goal \$10,000

20 participants 9 teams 2 locations

With Teams In RIDE Anywhere, Toronto Downtown

The RIDE will happen as scheduled on **Saturday, October 3, 2020!** However, Covid-related health risks and operational challenges won't permit us to assemble in large groups. So instead, we'll gather virtually, self-organizing in smaller, covid-friendly teams or groups as permitted.

Let's keep our RIDE location communities going! Register for the same RIDE location as last year - or, if you are new, register in a location you're within an hour of.

RIDE FOR REFUGEE WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Ride4Refugee fundraiser! We exceeded our goal!! Every dollar donated will be spent to serve our neighbours who are in need. Thank you again!! :D





**SAVE THE DATE!
COVID CAN'T STOP US.**

Coldest Night of The Year is coming this February. Next year will be all new, with COVID safety precautions and a complete new layout. We can't wait to see you at the bigger, better, CNOY 2021!

Haven Services

Food Bank ● Haven's Closet ● First Care ● Lakeside Dinner
Hope With Wheels ● Stepping Out ● Alcoholics Anonymous ● Parents Hope
Children's Book Center ● Seniors Helping Seniors ● Inmate Rehabilitation

How You Can Help

Food Bank

Toilet paper, canned fish, canned fruit, juice boxes, coffee, tea, cooking oils, dish soap, laundry detergent, empty plastic juice drink or water bottles

Haven's Closet

New, clean, or gently used clothing, children's books

First Care

New infant items, diapers, formula for baby care bags, small baby equipment items

Hope With Wheels

New socks, new underwear, new sleeping bags, men's and women's hygiene products

For a complete list of donation items accepted, [click here](#)
Clothing or Financial Donations can be dropped off at the Haven
Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm

Please note that we do not accept furniture or adult books

If you prefer to mail your donation:

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