

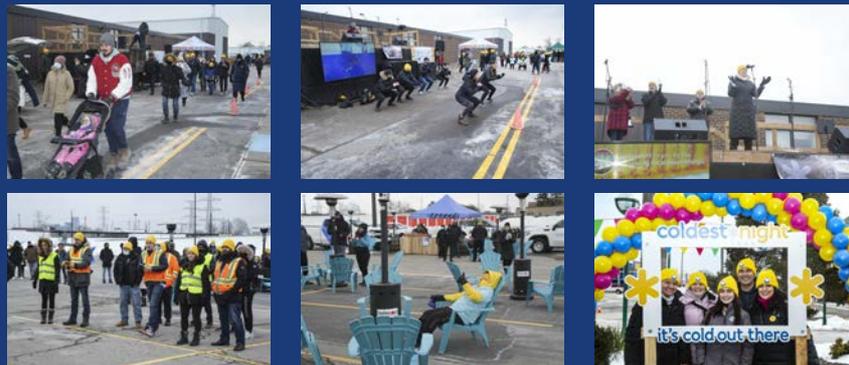
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# Haven

ON THE QUEENSWAY  
HOPE STARTS HERE . . .

## SPRING NEWSLETTER

### COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR 2022 WAS A HUGE SUCCESS



Words can hardly describe how grateful we are for your active participation in the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser for the Haven on the Queensway. With your significant support, we went over and beyond our expectations. The numbers speak for themselves:

- \$97,023, 129% of our original goal, has been raised so far. **The fundraiser platform stays open until March 31st - we strongly encourage everyone to reach their personal fundraising goals till the end of the month.** We humbly hope to hit the \$100,000 mark by then.
- We had 248 walkers and 41 teams.
- Out of the 167 locations across Canada, Etobicoke-Lakeshore placed 40th.
- Our top 3 Teams are the following:
- Team Nusens - has raised \$12,530. They placed 67th out of the 5400 teams across Canada.
- Team Humans of Haven - has raised \$9,478, which takes them to 129th place.

- Team Metalogics - has raised \$8,550 to earn the 151st position out of all Canadian teams.

We thank Mantella Corporation for their Major Sponsorship since 2015. A HUGE shout out to Pomerleau for the Sugar Shack by serving Maple Syrup on Ice. We had an experience of the Winter Wonderland because of you. Give it up to Nusens for their sponsorship and their participation. Team Metalogic does it again! The list goes on how thankful we are, and none of it was possible without your support.

Since the Covid-19 crisis began, the Haven has kept its doors open to those in need. We do not need to mention that the pandemic brought us a substantial rise in demand, and we would not have been able to address those needs without donations. As we adapt to these unprecedented circumstances, we will continue to serve our communities as best as we can, knowing that businesses like the ones mentioned above support us in our work. We are delighted by the news that our country is opening, and slowly but steadily, our hope has been renewing.

We hope you find the results and the expectancy for a brighter tomorrow promising. For next year, we want to make this event bigger and better, and we have full confidence that it is more than doable with your commitment! Go ahead and mark your calendar for next year's walk on February 25th, 2023.

We truly appreciate all that you do for the community of Etobicoke-Lakeshore.

Thank you for remembering how cold it is out there...

Susan Carbone  
Event Director



## CELEBRATING THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



### **Marta Pineda**

Marta and her son moved from Colombia to Canada in 2010. Before transitioning to the nonprofit sector, she worked in the education sector for twelve years. She holds a Diploma in Management and is currently taking a Nonprofit Management Certificate at Ryerson University. Her passion for serving the community led her to join Haven on the Queensway ten years ago, where she has held several positions. As Strategy and Projects Coordinator, she, alongside the management team, strives to deliver pertinent and effective programs while always highlighting the values of the organization: Compassion, respect, dignity, and security. In her spare time, you can find Marta enjoying a Zumba class or hiking.



### **Della Court**

Meet Della Court. She is the coordinator for Haven's Closet, a free clothing program at Haven on the Queensway. Della has been on staff for the past two years and a volunteer for several years before that. She has created a well-organized clothing closet full of new and gently used clothing for all ages, as well as kitchenware and linens. Della is not only a valuable staff member, but she is an active member of our south Etobicoke community.

## **HAVEN'S CLOSET**



Haven's Closet not only provides clothing and houseware items but also offers books for children. We have a wide selection of books, from baby board books to Young Adult fiction. While these books keep our young readers entertained and learning, their parents also appreciate them. One mom loved how our books kept her kids busy and engaged during the lockdowns. A boy who didn't like reading became excited to be absorbed in books after discovering the Dogman series. While learning English, another client found children's books helpful in building his language skills. Recently we reached out to our community for book donations and were absolutely overwhelmed by the response. Donors brought in many of their children's outgrown favourite books, and they shared stories of why they were so special. We were also excited to receive a hugely generous donation from the Children's Book Bank! Haven's Closet is delighted to be able to share and encourage a love of reading.

Haven's Closet is currently accepting spring clothing and is in need of new children's underwear and sock for all ages.

Thank you for your support!

Della, Haven's Closet Coordinator

## FOOD BANK



A guest of ours with a large family had been coming to the Haven for food for some time. He had been struggling to find work after losing his job during COVID and had been applying for positions non-stop for months with no luck. I got the chance to sit down with him one afternoon while he was at a very low point. We talked for about twenty minutes while he explained his situation to me. Fortunately, I was able to connect him with a contact at the Haven that worked in recruitment. The next week he came to the Food Bank early in the afternoon to collect his groceries, and the reason he was early

was because he had his first job interview in months later that day!

Josh, Food Bank Coordinator

## A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!

At the Haven, we are always looking for volunteers to support our programs. With the government restrictions easing, we are excited to welcome more volunteers to join our team! We are so thankful to have such a vibrant and energetic team of committed individuals that are making a positive impact in the community.



Suzanne, Tammy, and Tony celebrate their first anniversary of volunteering at the Haven.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering at the Haven, please fill out our volunteer application form below.

[VOLUNTEER APPLICATION](#)

## HAVEN HELPING SENIORS



FEB. 16TH, 2022

HAVEN ON THE QUEENSWAY  
E90BICOKE, ONTARIO

THIS IS A THANK-YOU NOTE TO THE  
KIND PEOPLE AT HAVEN ON THE QUEEN  
TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR THEM  
MAKING AVAILABLE TO ME MY FIRST  
TABLET.

THIS DEVICE WILL HELP ME IN MY D  
TO DAY LIFE AS I WILL BE ABLE TO B  
THE INTERNET, ACCESS EMAILS, PLI  
VIDEOS AND MUSIC AND LIVE CHATS WIT  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

I AM IN THE LEARNING PHASE BUT  
HAVE HELP AND I'M MAKING PROGRES  
ALREADY. I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL.

THANK YOU,



Thank you so much to Thom Burger and Bruce Buchanan from Storefront Humber Inc. for the 20 tablets they donated for our seniors program.



17 de Febrero de 2022

Haven on Queens,

Mi nombre es \_\_\_\_\_ y por  
medio de estas líneas quiero agradecer la  
generosa ayuda que recibo todas las semanas  
a partir de la triste pérdida el año pasado  
de mi esposo y sin ella no podría sobrevivir  
y sobre todo por la bella tableta que me  
obsequiaron la semana pasada y la cual ho  
más llevaderas mis horas y me puedo  
comunicar con mis nietos y hijos que viven  
lejos de mí, y también con mis familiares y  
amigos en mi país de origen y YouTube se  
entretiene muchísimo ya que vivo sola, y  
gracias y que dios los bendiga hoy y siem

*[Handwritten signature]*

*Dear Haven on the Queensway,*

*My name is Blanca and I want to thank you for the generous help I receive every week since my husband's sad departure last year. Without this help, I couldn't survive. Thank you for the beautiful tablet you gave me last week, which makes my life easier; now I can communicate with my children, grandchildren, relatives, and friends in my country of origin. Also, YouTube entertains me a lot since I live by myself.*

*Thank you so much and God bless you!*

*Blanca*

## WE HAD THE MOST AMAZING SURPRISE



### **Lowe's Heroes Project**

Huge shoutout to Lowe's Queensway for their incredible donation to the Haven with the Heroes Project. Together with the local community, Lowe's Queensway staff raised an amount close to \$13,000. Thank you for helping to build stronger communities!

Just amazing!

## ALLGOOD MARKET PROJECT LAUNCH

# Allgood.market

Be part of the Good.



Turn your stuff into cash donations for the organization or cause you support. When you sell on Allgood.market - all of the proceeds are sent to the charity or cause you selected. Here's how it works:



## We are excited to make this announcement!

It's a new way for you to support the Haven on the Queensway. We've teamed up with Allgood.market - an online marketplace for new or second-hand items, where the proceeds of the sale are donated back to a charity or organization like the Haven.

How you can help the Haven on the Queensway:

1. Consider posting items for sale on Allgood.market. Be sure to select the Haven on the Queensway as your charity of choice.
2. Shop on Allgood.market. Search by charity to see all of the items posted for sale in support of the Haven on the Queensway.

To learn more about how Allgood.market works, [check out this quick video!](#)

Be sure to visit their [website](#) to sell or buy items in support of the Haven.

## NON-PROFIT SECTOR APPRECIATION WEEK

What an honour to receive non-profit certificates from our Etobicoke Lakeshore MPP, Christine Hogarth. This celebration recognizes a wide array of work that transforms the lives of individuals, families, and communities across Ontario. The ongoing pandemic highlights the essential role that nonprofit staff and volunteers play in supporting our province's most vulnerable and marginalized residents. Their collective contribution makes our communities vibrant and connected places to live. We love working with you, Christine. Thank you so much for all that you do for our community.



**EGG CARTONS NEEDED**

Drop off your clean  
egg cartons to  
the Haven  
we would really  
appreciate it!



## UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENT

CELEBRATING THE HAVEN'S  
10TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT  
MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022  
AT THE LAMBTON GOLF AND COUNTRY  
CLUB

# GOLF TOURNAMENT



*Celebration*

SPONSORSHIPS & REGISTRATIONS OPEN  
SOON

## Haven Services

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

## 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:

Haven on the Queensway  
1533 The Queensway  
Toronto, ON M8Z 1T8

### Please make cheques payable to:

Haven on the Queensway

For more information about donations, please contact  
[events@havenontheq.com](mailto:events@havenontheq.com)

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