

Stories from the Street

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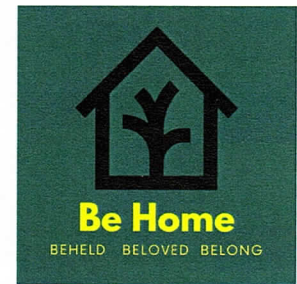
Dear Ark Community Supporter,

THANK YOU! We are so GRATEFUL for your continued support, donations, prayer, encouragement, kindness and care for our community!

It is because of you, and with you that we have been able to stay focused on our vision to create and pursue a community where in God's Great Love, all people are Beheld, Beloved, and Belong!

2022, has by all accounts been a tough year for many, including our organization. The ripple impacts of COVID 19 related service challenges has meant that for most of this year, Ark Aid has been functioning without any government funding, after receiving over \$2M in government dollars to expand and respond to the deep need in our community.

Up until now, we have had the ability to sustain our daytime drop in, meal programs and housing and homelessness initiatives with donations and good financial stewardship during the time of funding, however with several new programs, and a 400% growth in meal programs demand, we are quickly depleting those resources! This has resulted in adjusting program models, and focusing our efforts, clarifying what we at Ark Aid Mission do best and ensuring our commitment to those initiatives. Our team has defined our work in the following ways:



It is a great and challenging calling to serve London's most marginalized populations through these services, especially when resources are scarce. However, we believe that God loves our community more than we do, and through you, our supporters and friends we can stay the course and ensure these services are available to our community. We have been so focused on stewarding and navigating the ever increasing demands of our community, that we have been slow to keep you informed of all the wonderful ways your support is making a difference! I trust this newsletter will provide you with statistics, stories and a reminder of how much we need your support right now in order to keep going! This is our first newsletter this year, and as such we ask that you consider helping us end this year in a strong financial position!

In Love and Gratitude,

Sarah Campbell, Executive Director

BEHELD ♡ **BELOVED** ♡ **BELONG**

Outside In Dinner Experience & 1st Annual Hope Awards

SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 22, 2022

We are seeking nominations of Churches, Community Members and Partners (businesses or community organization partners) who share Hope as they live out our shared vision of a community in which all people are BEHELD, BELOVED and BELONG.

See the Nomination form URL forms.gle/vNsDLG8YxpCzftnp6 and nominate up to one person/org/church for each category, awards to be given on November 22~

Early Bird tickets for this event can be purchased on-line [HERE](#) or call Kristian @ 519-667-0322 Early Bird price \$40/pp or \$400 for a group of 10. *

If you are interested in sponsoring this event please contact sarah@arkaidmission.com *\$50/\$500 after October 31.

Community Programs Impact!



When I think about the support we strive to provide ourselves and our community, I need only look over my shoulder to see our program team. At our core, we strive to provide for our community despite our hurdles each day. Our numbers have increased exponentially? We still provide meals. Our heat makes it dangerous to work indoors? We still provide meals. Our plumbing forces us to shut down the building? We still provide meals.

We do not ask for it, but the 'thank you' we receive from our community recharge to step into the next challenge. Recently, a community member, Gloria, came in to use our showers as well as get some clothing from our Arkware program. When she was done she came to our staff member, Sheri, and told her she felt "beautiful". Gloria asked Sheri to take a photo of her because she was feeling so good. She had been filled with life.

Thank you for supporting our ability to break bread with our community and giving our people life. ~ Kye Fox

Our Motivation is Love , Our Approach is Relationship

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Meal, shower, indoor access, bathrooms, clothing, groups, programing, activities, 1:1 care & Community

London's "By Name" homeless list is topping 2000. More than a number at Ark Aid, we know the people, the stories and the needs because of the community's trust and participation in shaping our services!

Every day people come to visit us at our temporary location at First Baptist Church. We call it the Refuge sometimes, as it was a refuge for our services when we began renovations at our 696 Dundas location to expand indoor space for services, improve the kitchen and put in 12 Purpose Built Transitional Housing rooms! (please consider making a donation to this important capital project) At this location we provide over 2900 service interactions weekly ranging from showers, clothing provision, chaplaincy, programing, lunch, dinner and snacks. Every service is accompanied with a smile, a knowing hello and the person's name most of the time, and in that relationship we share God's great love as we demonstrate dignity, friendship, invitation into relationship so that all who visit the Ark, can belong! You can expand our reach, every \$6.26 donation sponsors not only the service provided, but the location, staff, and volunteers that deliver that service in our community program space... Please give generously so we can grow in service and relationship with our community!



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