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“ Then they will ask, Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we see you a stranger, and invite you in, or naked and clothed you? And when did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to you? Jesus will answer, “truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of these brothers and sisters of mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.”

Matthew 25: 37-40

Friends, we write to you to bring greetings and to share news of our work and ministry at Ark Aid Mission. As a Christian faith based organization, we view our work as an extension and expression of the church at large in our city, providing believers a place to express their love of God and Neighbour in an ecumenical and collaborative way.

As we approach the Advent season we believe there may be ways to engage your congregation with the work of the Ark, by offering a few ways for your church to join with us in meeting the significant needs of our most marginalized community members. During the Christmas Season, we are hoping your congregation might be interested in partnering in any of the following ways:

- ★ Run a drive for highly needed items ie. Undie Sundie (collecting personal needs items such as underwear, socks, razors, combs/brushes and deodorant. -for our shower and laundry program
- ★ Collect food, winter gear (coats, boots, men’s and women’s used clothes, gloves, mittens etc.)
- ★ Host an information table/ give a short talk to the congregation about the work of Ark Aid Street Mission and ways congregants can personally be involved. Book our Executive Director or Director of Community Engagement to do a talk about our work.
- ★ As a church, raise funds to sponsor an out of the Cold bed for \$20 per night to help us bring people in out of the cold on the coldest nights of the year. (this can be done by a sponsor tree also)
- ★ Print the insert included with this letter for the bulletin or post on your virtual communication tools (social media/ Website)
- ★ Have one of our Pastors come and speak to your congregation- we have three Ministers- who would be pleased to come and speak to a bible study, group or full congregation- this is available year round.
- ★ Other ideas we can brainstorm together to share the ministry and care between church and organization.

Please contact Susan Cameron, our Programs and Outreach Coordinator to arrange for print/ electronic materials, support in planning or coordinating any of these efforts or scheduling some of our staff/ volunteers to share about our work. She can be reached at susan@arkaidmission.com



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Next year Ark Aid Street Mission will have been serving marginalized and homeless populations in London Ontario 35 years. Please see our latest newsletter [here](#) and our vision Mission and details about our core programs and services below.

Our Vision: In God's great Love, All people are welcomed in community where they are Beheld, Beloved, and Belong.

Our Mission: From the streets of London, in God's love, Ark Aid Street Mission will facilitate opportunities for people to experience, love, healing and liberation.

Our Core Activities: Meal Programs (drop in, and dinner 7 days a week) Basic needs provision; (clothing, shower, laundry, grocery and hygiene items), Dignity building (hair cuts, vet clinics, tax clinics, educational classes, opportunities to volunteer, enterprise activities such as art, recreation and skill development) Individual Support (advocacy, outreach, system navigation, referrals, support attending and receiving community services, counselling, group work, addictions harm reduction and links to services)

We hope that this letter is the beginning of a conversation! We welcome an opportunity to speak to your congregation during Sunday worship or at a committee or Board level, and pray that we can be an extension of your faith community as you live out the great commission and the great commandment! Please let us know who in your church we should connect with either before or after Christmas as we want to grow in relationship with you in the year ahead! Thank you for including us in your ministry, in Christ's name.

Sincerely,

Sarah Campbell

Sarah Campbell
Executive Director
Ark Aid Street Mission

