

Neighbour to Neighbour

A newsletter of the New Life
Neighbourhood Centre

March 2015



"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

— John Bunyan

HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED

Because of the generosity of our volunteers and donors the Neighbourhood Centre was able to help 526 of our neighbours receive much needed assistance.



Meal boxes ... 206 individuals benefitted from a meal box. They included 154 adults and 52 children. Each meal box includes fresh fruits and vegetables, canned meat, frozen dinners, canned vegetable, rice, flour, cereal, milk, eggs, bread and other items.

Continental breakfast ... was canceled due to Easter. Continental breakfast includes muffins, bagels, juice, coffee, tea, and fresh fruit.



Pancake breakfast ... provided a pancake breakfast to 160 individuals. Besides pancakes the breakfast may also include, French toasts, hash browns, boiled eggs, milk, cereal, coffee, tea, juice, and fruit salad.

Snacks for schools ... provided snacks to 160 school children.

EVENTS

The following events took place throughout the month of March.

Volunteer appreciation day



A special service was held to appreciate the work of our volunteers and the contribution and support of our donors. Special guest Daniel Cullen spoke about his journey from homelessness to Christian advocate for the homeless.

Both volunteers and donors received certificates of appreciation. Oshawa MPP Jennifer French was on hand to celebrate with us and present the certificates to the volunteers during a luncheon that followed the service.

Movie night

The Centre sponsored a showing of the movie *Courageous* at the New Life Church. Attendees received snacks and two lucky people won their own copy of the movie.

Charity Auction



Buffalo Wild Wings hosted a charity auction raising over \$1,500 for the food bank. Thanks to all the sponsors, participants, and the tireless fundraising team.

COMING IN APRIL

- **Sobey's Food Drive – April 1-4**
 - **Earth Day Food Drive – April 26**
 - **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – April 26**
- See the flyer.** Contact Ann 905-922-6633, Beverly 416-917-4572, or Melissa 905-924-1974 for tickets and help a good cause.