

Neighbour to Neighbour

A newsletter of the New Life
Neighbourhood Centre

January – March 2016



*"It's not enough to have lived. We should be determined to live for something. May I suggest that it be creating joy for others, sharing what we have for the betterment of personkind, bringing hope to the lost and love to the lonely."
— Leo Buscaglia."*

EVENTS

The Centre is very grateful to the City of Oshawa for a 2016 Partnership Grant of \$5,000 in support of the New Life Neighbourhood Centre's Services. The funds will be used to purchase food and hygiene products for distribution to our neighbours that are in need.



Ann Thompson, Director of the Neighbourhood Centre; and Melissa Wendt, Public Relations and Fundraising Specialist proudly show off the award certificate.

HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED



Thanks to the generosity of our volunteers and donors the Neighbourhood Centre was able to help 2,254 of our neighbours receive much needed food during the months of January to March.

Meal boxes ... 677 individuals benefitted from a meal box.



Continental breakfast ... 85 meals were served at the continental breakfast.



Pancake breakfast ... 452 individuals enjoyed the monthly pancake breakfast.

In partnership with the **Optimist Club of Oshawa**, the Centre was able to provide 1,040 snacks for 40 students.

COMING SOON

- **Volunteer Appreciation** – On Saturday, April 23 a special service will be held to honour our supportive donors and volunteers at the New Life Church at 33 Olive Avenue. The service begins at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon and presentation of certificates at 1 p.m. Special guests include Oshawa Mayor John Henry and MPP Jennifer French.
- **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** – Our Annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser will be held at the LiveAct Theatre in Whitby on May 15. In addition to food there will be entertainment, auctions, and prizes. All funds raised will go towards the purchase of food items and various supplies that are distributed by the Centre. Come on out and support a great cause. Tickets are \$25 each, \$40 per couple, and \$10 for children under 12. For more details visit our [website](http://www.newlifeneighbourhoodcentre.org).