



THE GATE

Newsletter of Gate 3:16 Outreach Centre

SUMMER 2009

A NEW SEASON

When September appears on the calendar, we know it is the beginning of a new season with all kind of activities in church, school and societies. We trust you had time this summer to enjoy a well deserved vacation, a time to relax and rejuvenate, preparing for a new season.

The work among the homeless and street people does not take vacation. The clients of Gate 3:16 come in for their breakfast, coffee, tea and lunch. They need counselling, medicare, foot care and clothing. They come for a computer or chess game, to meet friends and to cool off in a airconditioned drop in centre. Our summer season has been busy. The number of people who use the Gate for their daily needs has increased, due to the stress of a declining economy. Higher numbers means an increase in food and supplies!

Your support to keep the doors of Gate 3:16 open continues to be very important to us. During the summer months financial support drops considerable and needless to say, our funds need to be replenished. As you prepare for the new season, would you prayerfully consider your support for the work of Gate 3:16 Outreach Centre? God bless you and thank you for your support!
Marten VanHarmelen

ANNUAL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

You are invited to our Annual General Business Meeting to be held on **Monday, October 5, 2009 at 7:30 PM** in the Kingsview United Church (corner of Adelaide E. And Wilson N.) - see flyer
We will give you an update of what has happened during the past year and our vision for the coming year.

There will be a Review Financial Statement from our accountant, Arden Vanderhorst, for 2008, a Financial Statement for 2009 to date and a presentation of the Budget for 2010. We will re-elect and elect board members for 2009-2010 and there will be an opportunity to share ideas and ask questions. Above all we will enjoy fellowship and friendship. Refreshments will be served at **7:00 PM**.

Come and join us that evening.
Board of Directors

YOU CAN SUPPORT THE GATE BY:

- >sending a cheque or cash
- >pre authorized deposit

>on line through CanadaHelps.org

WALK-A-THON, MAY 2009

This year we held our 9th Walk-a-Thon on May 9, 2009. It was a walk we will not easy forget. It RAINED, it POURED and it THUNDERED. Every participant was drenched. Because of the rain our number of participants was down and the total amount we raised was \$4,300.00, half the amount we raised last year.

We like to extend our gratitude to all those who came out for their perseverance and giving us their faithful support! We look forward to our 10th Walk-a-Thon in the year 2010. That will be the year of the 20th Anniversary of Gate 3:16 (1990 - 2010). Let us make this Walk-a-Thon a special one!

ROAST BEEF DINNER

Please mark Saturday, November 14, 2009 on your calendar. On that evening we will have our Annual Roast Beef Dinner at Evangel Pentecostal Church, 374 Farewell Ave. Refreshments at 5:30 PM with Dinner at 6:00 PM. Besides good food we will be entertained by Change of Scene Gaither Vocal Quartet.

Pastor Jim Bruce from the Harvest Outreach Centre in Belleville will speak to us about his ministry.

This promises to be a great evening. For more information contact the office at 905-432-5316 ext. 22
Tickets: \$35.00 each or \$60.00 a couple.

Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS

I would like to thank all of the clients, staff and volunteers for welcoming me into your family at Gate 3:16. When starting my placement as the student counsellor I felt excited and nervous, but you all helped to make me feel comfortable quickly.

I am so grateful to have had this opportunity, as I feel I have learned valuable lessons that cannot be taught in a classroom, such as the importance of kindness. It is the kindness of all the staff, volunteers and those who donate to the Gate who make it a real family, and we are all blessed to be part of it. Thank you for this experience. I will not forget the lessons learned, the caring people, or my time at Gate 3:16.

Katie Edwards

PRAYER REQUEST

Terry Dougherty, board member and vice president of Gate 3:16 is seriously ill and is in the hospital.

May the Lord give comfort to Terry and Brenda.

A THANK YOU FROM ONE OF OUR CLIENTS

As I was sitting thinking what to do for the long weekend, as everyone I know is either going away or fixing up their home, I began to wonder of how lucky I have become.

I have been a client of Gate 3:16 for two years now and doing volunteer work when needed. Being with Gate 3:16 I have counted myself very lucky in many ways. I have found that my spirituality has come back and I have met many people that have become my friends.

Gate 3:16 has rewarded me in many ways, they gave me a computer with monitor and keyboard. I decided to get it hooked up to the internet. And what a surprise I have received by doing so. With this computer I am able to email my son who lives in Cornwall, Ontario. And the computer lets me explore a whole open world of information. There are times that I am just not able to tear myself away from all the knowledge.

Just lately I received word from my doctor that I most likely will need knee replacements. So I am so thankful for Gate 3:16 and the gift of my computer, because it will make my recovery easier. Thank You God for steering me towards your special Gate!

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FOURTH ANNUAL FOOD FANCY

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a flyer explaining what **Food Fancy** is all about. For a \$100.00 donation you will receive a \$75.00 tax receipt and a \$25.00 grocery voucher for the store of your liking. Because it was such a success for the last three years we decided to make it an annual event. We know you will make it an success again this year.

Fill out the form and mail it with your cheque to our office and we will look after the rest.

Thank You!

NEW FRIENDS

Recently Gate 3:16 has been blessed with a new friend. Let me introduce him to you: Pastor Jim Bruce of the Harvest Outreach Centre in Belleville. Pastor Jim receives on a regular basis donations from large companies. He can only use part of the donations he receives and for the remainder he looks for organizations who are interested in taking the extra food.

Pastor Jim donated cooked turkey breasts, wieners, cold cuts, pasta sauce, cookies, ice cream etc.

Thank you Pastor Jim!

Pastor Jim will speak about his life and ministry at the Roast Beef Dinner on November 14, 2009.

Did you check our website: www.gate316.org

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OUR FOOD CUPBOARD

Thank you so much for helping keep our shelves filled!

Our daily needs are: **coffee** (no instant), **tea**, **sugar**, **coffee whitener**, pancake mix, syrup, jam, peanut butter, pasta, pasta sauce, ketchup, mayonnaise, canned soup, beans (no dried beans), tuna, **styrofoam plates, bowls, cups (7oz)**, plastic forks, knives, spoons, paper towels, napkins, kleenex, toilet paper, tin foil, laundry detergent and regular and XL heavy duty garbage bags.

Thank you for caring. Thank you for sharing.

THE TARNISH REMOVED

When the Gate moved to it's new location on Simcoe St., I went to set up the new nursing office. On one wall there was an old mantle, and on the mantle was a brass pedestal bowl, left behind and forgotten by some previous owner. I was going to throw it out with some of the other debris left behind. However, I decided to take it home to see if it could be polished.

One evening I was all alone at home, my family out involved in various activities. I got out the brass bowl to see what lay under all the tarnish. As I began to polish, I started to day-dream about all the people I had met at Gate 3:16, and the clients who had been coming to see me in the nursing office. God began to speak very clearly to me. He told me that all of us are like that brass bowl, covered at times with the "tarnish" of this world. He made it very clear to me that He wanted me to continue to volunteer at the Gate, reaching out to people, gently removing the "tarnish" by simply loving them as they are. As I have tried to obey Him, I find that some of my "tarnish" has been removed as well. The brass bowl has a special place in my office, and in my heart. I glance at it often, and it is a good reminder of why I am here at the Gate.

The next time you come to Gate 3:16, ask to see the nurse.
I will be glad to show you the special brass bowl!
Nurse Marie