

BE THE HAND THAT HELPS THE HUNGRY & HOMELESS

## OUR MISSION...for over 40 years

To provide service with dignity to those in need of food, shelter and other essentials.

## Impossible Choices ...

#### Imagine ...

- Getting less hours at work next week what don't you pay rent, utilities or buy less groceries?
- Having to choose between buying milk for your children's cereal or shampoo...
- What is more important getting that dental work done or paying the rent?
- Laundry soap is so expensive do you wash your clothes less often or jam the washer full and only put a 1/4 cup in?
- Your car has broken down and you need to get it fixed but you don't have the money do you call in sick (but you really need the money to pay bills) or do you use the money you've been saving for Christmas gifts for your kids?
- Your child's birthday is just around the corner, but higher food costs have eaten away your pay how do you explain there will be no birthday gifts?
- A child is sick but your part-time jobs have no benefits do you go without buying the medicine (staying sicker for longer) or do you use your hydro money?

Poverty has so many impacts on people's lives ... every day ...every month ... people have to make these impossible, gut-wrenching decisions! Folks, many of whom are working several part-time jobs or are on a pension, are struggling financially. Many manage to make ends meet – pay cheque to pay cheque, but when an everyday life crisis hits, they just don't have enough to go around!



This is why The Inn has a range of programs to assist people. From food programs (food bank, a daily meal, mobile market and kids snack packs) to providing shelter (Adult & Family shelter, Youth Shelter, Rent/Utility Bank, Rent Supplements) to assisting people with life essentials (such as Back to School kits, Winter Coats, birthday kits, Christmas wishes) to working to help people get ahead (Red Path and Income Tax Clinics).

The Inn ... a Food Bank and so much more!

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# A Message From Our Executive Director

We were pleased to see 2022-23 roll around and begin the recovery from COVID. The WHO finally declared an end to COVID but we are still very much challenged by its' effects. Our staff and volunteers continue to work tirelessly in the recovery supporting folks, many of which have never been in such dire circumstances – particularly related to housing.

- Folks are now contending with COVID debt. Many, faced with layoff and job loss during COVID, went
  into debt trying to keep up on their bills. Once they were back to work, they had their regular bills to
  manage plus trying to reduce their debt
- Inflation has reached highs we haven't seen for years pushing food, fuel and other costs much higher. This has squeezed food budgets making it harder for families to survive. It has also made it harder for people to donate food, squeezing our food stocks
- Schools and churches just started being able to return to regular food raising activities this fall
- Our food donations have been greatly reduced and we have had to purchase significant amounts of food
   – pre-COVID, we would average \$5,000 a month in food purchases and this year, we reached as high as
   \$25,000 a month to ensure we had the food stocks needed to support the higher numbers of people we
   were seeing
- While we were able to get through COVID with little in the way of tent encampments for the homeless (unlike most communities) we are now seeing small encampments popping up as the shelter is full and housing rental rates have almost doubled leading to a complete lack of affordable housing
- We operated a temporary overflow shelter this winter to help get people out of the worst of the cold and averaged 20 people a night
- Our team has been creative in finding housing a rent supplement program and motel/apartment rental program has seen us be able to house over 80 people
- We are excited to be working in the community to create some new housing opportunities including a couple of builds in the works!

Despite all these challenges, we were able to run all our regular programs – hot meals, food packages, snack packs, mobile market, income taxes, rent-utility assistance, school kits, birthday kits, Red Path, Christmas supports, winter coats and so much more!

These programs provide a measure of relief, lifting the burden of poverty & removing the need to make some impossible choices.

The Inn continues to be blessed to be working in a community that truly cares and shares a vision that everyone deserves the chance to live and thrive with dignity and respect. Thank you for allowing us to be your caring hands in the community!

Myles Vanni - Executive Director

Imagine ... your child is sick but your part-time jobs have no benefits ... do you go without medicine or use your hydro money?

## A Message From Our Board Chair

While COVID is now officially behind us, we have had a year of coming out of it and working on the path of recovery.

Having been designated an 'essential service' our staff and volunteers carried out an amazing job, with heart and dedication, to continue to provide services and supports to those who continue to struggle with the aftereffects of COVID. With other services closed or reduced, our doors remained open and our team focused on supporting those in our community most in need. Add to that the challenges faced with such high inflation rates; we have seen the need in our community rise.

It's painfully clear that a most significant challenge in our community is that of affordable housing and particularly the desperate need for housing units. With rental rates drastically higher, folks struggle to maintain their housing and can't find new housing. Our shelters are full and folks can't find affordable housing to move into.

As a result, The Board is focusing on the need for housing and undertaking a build project to help bring some affordable housing into the community. We are excited to partner with Habitat for Humanity on a project of tiny town houses and looking at another location for an apartment build. A generous bequest and other funds have been set aside as a start to help fund these projects.

Having a place to call home is the start to helping someone stabilize so that they can then focus on improving their situation – education and employment!

As a Board we are incredibly blessed to be able to lead this organization and have the support of a community – volunteers and donors – to help make sure all members of the community are valued and cared for!

Sherri Crowley, Board Chair

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Imagine ... having to choose what's more important ... getting dental work done or paying the rent?

Food In: Drives, Donations

& Purchases



#### **Sources**

Food coming in to support the food bank and other food programs such as soup kitchen, snack packs and mobile market come from several sources:



- Food Drives
- Drop off donations
- Grocery store donation barrels
- Retail Pick up food recovery
- Mobile Market donors
- Purchases
- Food Bank network donations



Each source vitally contributes to the **847,691 pounds** of food collected and distributed throughout Sarnia-Lambton in the fight against hunger!

2022 saw our first Cereal Box Dom-INN-o's Challenge with 6 schools participating & raising **1,800** boxes of cereal!

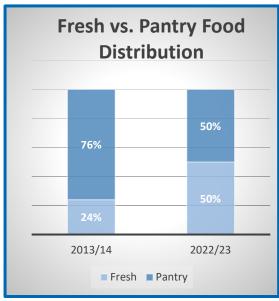


The Inn distributed 847,691 pounds of food from April 2022 to March 2023 - a \$2.1M value in food!

Food In: Drives, Donations

& Purchases







#### Fresh vs. Pantry Food Continued Strong

Our focus on providing fresh, healthy food has continued to be strong with **50%** of food now distributed being fresh foods rather than pantry items. This is up from 24% just 9 years ago! Much of this effort is due to the support of local grocery stores and restaurants where our food recovery program collects fresh items on a daily basis - feeding people rather than the landfill!

#### **Value of Purchased Food Increased 600%**

As COVID restrictions reduced, we started to see food drives & collections return in the late fall. While the amount of food purchases declined, the value has increased – the impact of inflation!

Pre-COVID we would purchase around \$5.000 in food each month. Over the last year, we averaged over \$25,000 a month!



Food In: Drives, Donations

& Purchases



## THANKS TO OUR FOOD RAISING EVENTS

- CANstruction
- CycloneAid
- Scouts "Hike For Hunger"
- Cops For Cans
- Exit Realty Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Tepperman's Family to Family
- Albert's Food Drive
- Sarnia Sting Christmas Game
- K106/Home Depot
- Santa Claus Parade
- Canada Day Food Drive
- Anthony's Hope
- Great Lakes Secondary School Hands of Caring
- New Horizons Church

#### **PARTNERSHIPS IN CARING**

- Metro Grocery Stores
- Real Canadian
   Superstore
- No Frills
- Walmart
- Foodland
- Unifor 848
- Cestar Group
- Home DepotSarnia Police Services
- Sarnia Construction Association
- Gordon Family Foundation

- Pembina Pipelines
- Windsor Food Bank
- Berryhill Farms
- Twin Creeks Greenhouses
- Zekveld's Garden Market
- Korny Korners
- Noelle's Gift
- Food Banks Canada
- Tepperman's Furniture
- Ontario Student Nutrition Program

We welcomed back CANstruction with 15 teams raising over 50,000 pounds of food - a record!







65,000+ pounds of food per month distributed through the food bank, soup kitchen, mobile market, snack packs & food sharing with other agencies!

## Food Out: Soup Kitchen, Food Bank, Mobile Market, Snack Packs & Food Sharing



#### **Distribution**

In our role as the area food hub, we help share and distribute food through partnerships throughout Lambton County. We are proud to be able to assist by providing emergency food support, dry goods and fresh products to:

- other food banks in Sarnia, Forest, Petrolia, Watford, Alvinston, Oil Springs, Corunna, Port Lambton, Walpole Island, & Lambton College
- > agencies such as Huron House Boys Home, Women's Interval Home and The Hub
- client food boxes for Children's Aid, Canadian Mental Health, West Lambton Community Health Centre and Ontario Works case workers
- food hampers for shut in's delivered by The Red Cross



OVER 100,000 POUNDS OF FRESH PRODUCE SHARED THROUGH MOBILE MARKET!



47,290 MEALS SERVED IN 2022/23 - A \$567,576.00 VALUE!

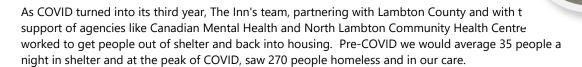


With the support of *Cestar Group*, we made the holidays a bit brighter providing families with a Christmas breakfast bag with all the fixings for a traditional Christmas breakfast & at Easter, an Easter egg hunt kit so the kids could have a fun egg hunt!



## **HOMELESSNESS**

## **Year In Summary**

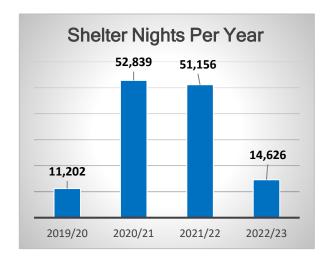


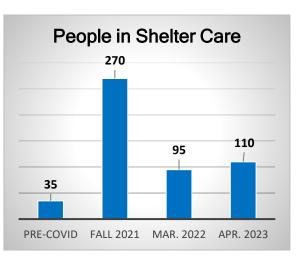
The teams worked to help return people into the housing arrangements they had pre-COVID or find new housing. We were able to close out our winter overflow shelter at the former Central United Church and the use of motels in the spring and finally the Sunbridge overflow in June.

While most communities, in COVID, experienced significant tent encampments, we were able to avoid this in Sarnia Lambton. Since the closure of the overflow shelters, we have seen a scattering of small encampments or folks living unsheltered. We also utilised the former Laurel Lea - St Matthews Presbyterian Church this past winter as a temporary winter overflow housing an average 18 people a night which was lower than last year's winter overflow.

Through a homelessness census and work done by their outreach team, the county identifies there remains over 200 folks homeless in our community. Most are precariously housed - couch surfing, staying temporarily with family or friends, with about 70 living on the street.

Critical to our ability to respond to this homelessness crisis was the absolute support from Lambton County and the Social Services and Homelessness Prevention Teams. Their financial support and the talent and dedication of their team have helped us to ensure our most vulnerable were looked after – housed and fed and will continue to do so as we work together on the challenges to house folks.

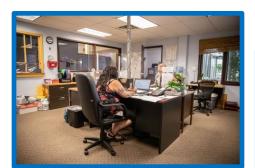




With the leadership and support of Lambton County staff, The Inn's shelter teams have implemented a system of diversion to help clients identify possible alternative housing solutions in place of shelter stays and implementing a national homelessness software to better identify homelessness cases and coordinate community agency responses for more effective wrap-around housing solutions.

## **HOMELESSNESS**

## **Year In Summary**







Libro has made a 2-year commitment to fund a housing worker.

We would be remiss if we did not recognize the herculean effort of our shelter staff - flexibility, energy, constant pivoting and absolute compassion - in dealing with an over 600% increase in the number of clients to care for.

#### **Creative Housing Solutions**

As rents increase, inflation impacts the cost of living and jobs and hours are unstable, we see more families in housing crisis. The Inn implemented a rent supplement program to help provide short-term assistance to folks to move them into housing by bridging the gap between their income and the drastically increased cost of rent. We have also partnered with several motels to turn units into leased rental units giving folks stability in bachelor-style units.

Our rent utility program continues to provide crisis supports for households to retain their housing and enrolling folks in energy savings programs to help reduce their monthly living costs. This year our programs have helped over 800 people achieve and maintain their housing.

Imagine ... not having enough money to afford a place to live.



## **HOMELESSNESS**

#### **Focused Care Housing Programs**

We were blessed to receive funding for 2 housing worker positions!



Libro Credit Union provided a 2-year grant to fund our Transitional Housing Worker to provide support to folks in our Transitional Housing program. These are residential units at The Lodge where clients have longer term stays in units that mirror independent living. Residents participate in life skills programs to help stabilize their housing situation so that they can then focus on employment opportunities.

#### THANKS TO OUR SHELTER PARTNERS!

Canadian Mental Health Association / Lambton County Social Services / Lambton Public Health & EMS / Laurel Lea-St. Matthews Presbyterian Church / Libro Credit Union / Ministry of Children, Youth and Social Services / North Lambton Comm. Health Services / Ontario Works / Reaching Home / Salvation Army / Sarnia Police Services / Sunbridge Hotel / Xoana Corporation





The Federal Reaching Home program, through Lambton County, provided funding for a 2-year housing worker to focus on resources and supports for those in our LGBTQ2S+ community who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Imagine ... getting less hours at work next week ... what don't you pay? Rent? Utilities? Or buy less food?

## OTHER ESSENTIALS

## **Year In Summary**



The Inn offers a wide range of other programs which we offer – some on a daily basis and some seasonal. Many of the challenges families face aren't always obvious – we think about hunger and shelter and paying rent and utilities but it is often other issues that cause stress, anxiety and disappointment for families.

When a family is struggling and managing to make ends meet a simple thing like a birthday or back to school time or needing a prescription filled or providing a winter coat can push that family beyond their limits. Living on a fixed income, working part-time, minimum wage jobs, *having no benefits* and working uncertain hours all add to a family's ability to cope with everyday needs. Imagine how a child feels if they don't get a birthday gift or have to be given school supplies by the teacher or only have a thin coat for the winter's cold.

#### **Back to school kits**

900 backpacks distributed with grade appropriate supplies.

#### **Income Taxes**

Returns completed – 3,300

\$9 million in income benefits received

For 50% of those that use the tax program, it is the only service of The Inn they use – the Tax Clinic program, sponsored by United Way, enables them to be self-reliant

#### **Red Path**

A 12 week – 24 session counselling program - support and counselling in Addictions and Living Life without Violence provided to 80 clients

# Thanks to the following for sponsoring a variety of our essential programs:

- Cestar Group
- CF Industries
- Suncor
- Staples
- Manley's Basics
- Golden "K" Kiwanis
- Catherine Wilson Foundation
- Temple Baptist Church
- United Way of Sarnia Lambton

Imagine... how a parent feels when they have to make that impossible choice between food or a birthday gift?

## OTHER ESSENTIALS

## **Year In Summary**



#### **Birthday Club**

Birthday Kits with a large toy, small toy, stuffed animal, book, toothbrush/toothpaste, cake mix and icing provided to families to help celebrate a child's birthday 164 birthday smiles

#### **Reduce Fare Transit**

Clients can purchase bus passes or tickets at a reduced cost, providing them with access to transportation, removing that barrier of isolation.

360 monthly passes

#### **Winter Coats**

Over 520 coats & winter wear distributed

#### **Christmas Events**

While Christmas should be a joyous time, many families find it extremely difficult with all the expectations the season brings. The Inn, through its Adopt-a-Family program, Anthony's Kids Christmas Party and special dinners helps bring joy back to the season! 541 families adopted 300 Turkeys & Hams shared Thousands of toys for over 1,200 kids

Thank you to the Imperial Theatre who donated \$2,853.00. The funds were raised through a combination of donations and a silent auction held during the 2022 Anthony's Hope Fundraiser in memory of beloved community member Anthony Fracalanza. The event also raised 1,748 pounds of food!



Over 2,000 socks collected! Pictured is George O'Mahony from The Foot Care Centre and Helen who was the inspiration behind the Socktober Drive 5 years ago!

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- Imperial
- Dante Club
- Ontario Works
- Trinity Anglican Church
- Lambton College S.S.W. Class
- Cabot
- Sarnia Transit
- City of Sarnia
- George O'Mahony Orthotics The Foot Care Centre
- INEOS Styrolution
- RBC Dominion Securities
- Cestar Group
- Temple Baptist Church



Santa brings smiles at the Children's Christmas Party!

**Volunteers: Our Sincere Thanks** 



The Inn would not have been able to continue providing the level of compassion and care without the help of our volunteers.

#### **Years of Service Milestones**

#### 5 Years

Maureen Wilkins Sue Serratore

Barbara Laidler-Chilvers

Lynda Laidler Dave Goudreau **Doris Penner** Jessie Hillier Ron Hillier Anne Denman Carol Barnes **Christopher Sparkes** Dave Van Berkel **Jeff Baarschers** 

Rebecca Wilkinson

#### 10 Years

Cynthia Fraser John McPhedran

Bill Pask Dave Martin

Denise Atamanchuk

Marjory Gill Doug Beaver Ed Stanley Tony Muir Veronica Muir Jackie Moses Jean Hall **Judy Chivers** Anne Smith Brenda Spencer Margaret Hillman

Muriel Meloche Helen Koehler





Imagine ... all the people ... sharing all the world!

**Volunteers: Our Sincere Thanks** 



#### **Years of Service Milestones**

#### 15 Years

Judy Gould
Betty Carson
Pauline Henderson-Ferguson
Ken Ferguson
Sharon Davis
Sandra Vanos
David Nichols
Marianne Nichols
Corene Hayes
Sue Smith

#### 20 Years

Shirley Gauthier Sue Brouwer Judy Skam Magy Salmoni Mary Jane Foley Archie Kerr Glenda Kerr Glyn Hughes Nancy Leaver



#### 25 Years

30 Years

Nancy Peddigrew

40 Years

Joan Lake Jim Metcalfe Maxine McDonald Wally Henne Dorothy Barnes

Adrienne Baxter

Bonnie Arbour Elsie Corrigan





**Major Donors: Funding The Fight** 

Giving is not just about donating; it's about making a difference.

\$2,000 - \$4,999

#### **Businesses & Organizations**

717939 Ontario Limited

Abundance Canada

ActivEars Hearing Centre

ANJ Industrial Fabricating

Bluewater Hearing

Botma Homes Inc

Central Baptist Church

Decarolis Concrete Inc.

Enterprise Holdings ERAC Canada Foundation

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Grace United Church

**INEOS Styrolution** 

Interface Centre for Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Ironworker Local 700

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Kind Decor

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Lambton Christian Farmers Association

Lambton Dairy Producer Committee

Lambton Scientific Technical Chemical Services

Lambton Sportsman's Club

Living Hope Christian Reformed Church

Mainstreet Credit Union

Mazon Canada

Ontario Power Generation Inc.

Ontario Realtors Care Foundation

Plains Midstream Canada

**PROCOR** 

Rand Logistics Inc.

Redeemer Christian Reformed Church

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Royal Canadian Legion Br. 62

Sarnia Building Trades Council

Sarnia Concrete Products

Sarnia Lambton Golden K Kiwanis Club

Sarnia Lambton Real Estate Board

Sarnia Muslim Association

Sarnia Northern Collegiate

Sarnia Professional Fire Fighters Association

(SPFFA) Benefit Committee

St John-in-the-Wilderness Church

St. Giles Presbyterian Church

Vision '74 Inc.

Watson Timber Mart

#### <u>Individuals</u>

William Angove

Cynthia Arnold

Alison Banks

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Donald Haagsma

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David Jackson

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William and Kelly Lange

Leona Lapointe

Nadine & Douglas Lasenby

George & Erika Lazarakos

Donald Lithgow

Glen Maddison, MPC

Steven Matthews

Larry and Linda Moraal

Malcolm and Nandini Newall

John Pilkey

Tony Rutten

Quinton Saarloos

Steve and Margaret Schwab

Murray Sinclair

Carolyn Sperling

Steve Randall & Herber Lopez

James Waque

Anthony and Stephanie Westelaken

Peter Westfall

Janet Whitehead

Ernest Wong and Catherine Creber

Douglas and Kathryn Woods



Thanks to Gateway Casinos - Starlight Point Edward and Unifor 444 for their donation in support of The Inn's programs!



Thanks to the Sarnia Lambton Association of Realtors for their annual donation in support of The Inn's programs!



Thanks to the Lambton Sportsman's Club for their donation in support of the food bank!

## **Major Donors: Funding The Fight**

## <u>\$5,000 - \$9,999</u>

#### **Businesses & Organizations**

ARLANXEO Canada Inc

Bayview Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ltd.

Mike & Cynthia Blanchard Foundation

Catherine Wilson Foundation

Curran Contractors Ltd.

Diocese Of London

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The Kinsmen Club of Sarnia

Kiwanis Club Of The Seaway Bingo Trust Account

North Lambton Community Health Centre

**OWS Rail** 

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Rotary Club Of Sarnia

Sarnia Community Foundation

Seaway Kiwanis Club

Shell Canada Inc.

St. Paul's Outreach Foundation Of Sarnia

TransAlta Generation Partnership

Trinity Anglican Church

**UNIFOR Local 848** 

WMA Promotions

#### Individuals

Greg & Betty Bond

Brian Day

Graham and Sarah Hill

Barry and Marcia Hogan

Robert Noble

Mark Rydzik

John Scott

Linda Siler Ruth Thorner

Steve & Jodi Vanderbeld

Myles Vanni

Heather and William Wray

Eileen Zinn



Thanks to the Kinsman Club for their donation for The Inn's programs. A number of agencies received a donation. Thanks Kinsman for all you do in our community!



Thanks so much to Colleen & Peter Buckley and the staff at McDonalds and all those that supported Loonies for Lunches -over \$8600 was raised in support of the food bank and snack and lunch items for kids!!



Thanks to Dowler Karn Fuels for their generous donation supporting The Inn

## \$10,000 - \$24,999

#### **Businesses & Organizations**

Blackburn Radio Inc.

Cestar Group

CF Terra International Canada Inc.

KIOV Incorporated

Metro Grocery Stores

Newall Family Foundation Trust

Noelle's Gift to Children

Sarnia Construction Association

St. Paul's United Church Sarnia

Suncor Energy Services Inc.

#### **Individuals**

Tom and Jo-Ann Core The Estate of Margaret Isobel Davies

Gerrit and Maureen Deuzeman Daye and Norma Hains

Michelle Holman

Claude Pelletier

Marilyn Toutant



Fox FM and Blackburn Radio for hosting a food drive last Friday. Donors got to spin a wheel for prizes and got a ballot to enter a draw for Ed Sheeran tickets. Over 1500 lbs of food was collected!

**Major Donors: Funding The Fight** 



## \$25,000 **+**

#### **Businesses & Organizations**

Bluewater Power Distribution Corp.
County of Lambton
The Gordon Foundation
Imperial Oil
Kel-Gor Limited
Libro Credit Union
Pembina Pipelines
Progressive Auto Sales
Sarnia Community Foundation
United Way Of Sarnia-Lambton

#### **Individuals**

Darcy & Janis Bell Dan Brousseau Neville Mackaness



The Inn was blessed to receive a generous donation from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church - Watford!



Thanks to the team at Progressive Auto for their very generous New Year's donation is support of The Inn's food bank and programs including lead sponsor of CANstruction 2023!



Thank you to Suncor for their generous donation to The Inn.



Thanks to The Latter Day Saints for their support - they provide a monthly soup kitchen meal and recently the National Church provided a generous donation in support of our food programs!

"Imagine yourself as a caring hand reaching out to help these folks, because in essence, that's what your donation is doing."

## Faith In Action: A Light In The Darkness

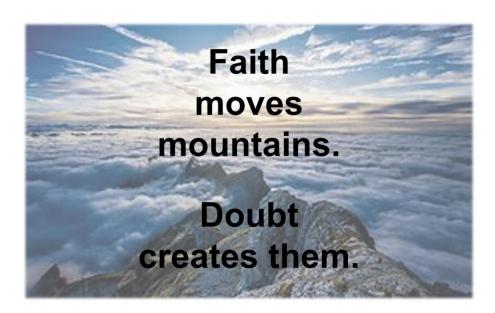
#### "Hope is faith.... holding out a hand in the dark"

# The Inn would like to thank the following religious institutions for their continued efforts.

- \* All Saints Anglican Sarnia
- \* All Saints Anglican Corunna
- \* Bluewater Baptist
- \* Brigden Community
- \* Camlachie United
- \* Central Baptist
- \* Christ Anglican Forest
- \* Christ Anglican Petrolia
- \* Church of Christ
- \* Dunlop United
- \* Emmanuel Presbyterian
- \* First Christian Reformed
- \* Grace United
- \* Hindu Faith Community
- \* High Park United Fund
- \* Huron Baptist
- \* Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

- \* Lakeshore Community Church
- \* Laurel-Lea St. Matthew's Presbyterian
- \* Lighthouse Church
- \* Living Hope Christian Reformed
- \* London Road West United
- \* New Horizons Community Church
- \* Paterson Memorial Presbyterian
- \* People's Church
- Point Edward Presbyterian
- \* Redeemer Christian Reformed
- \* Redeemer Lutheran
- \* Sacred Heart Parish
- \* Roman Catholic Diocese of London
- \* Sarnia Christian School
- \* Sarnia Evangelical Missionary
- \* Sarnia Muslim Association
- \* Sixth Line United

- St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sarnia
- \* St. Andrew's Presbyterian Corunna
- St. Andrew's Presbyterian Watford
- St. Bartholomew's Anglican
- St. Benedict's Catholic
- \* St. Giles Presbyterian
- \* St. John-in-the-Wilderness
- \* St. Luke's United
- \* St. Michael's Catholic
- \* St. Patrick's Catholic High School
- \* St. Paul's Anglican Point Edward
- \* St. Paul's United Petrolia
- \* Temple Baptist
- \* The Story
- \* Trinity Anglican Church
- \* Unitarian Fellowship of Sarnia & Port Huron
- \* Wyoming Christian Reformed Church



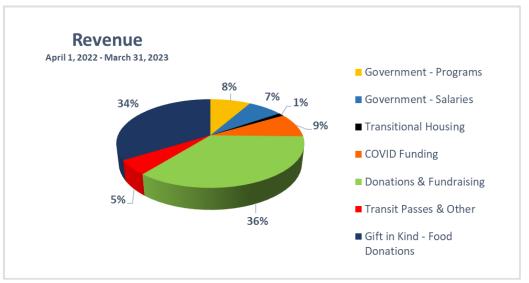
## Day In The Life Of Your Donation

8:30a.m.	870 children head to school with back packs, full of the right tools for learning, provided by The Inn's Back to School Program.					
9:00a.m.	A mother & her child are on their way to a drop-in centre. They were able to get bus passes through The Inn's reduced fare transit program – enabling 350 people to have access in the community each month.					
10:00a.m.	Food Bank is open - 1900 people (700 children), through the grocery store model, will choose, with dignity, the food package they will receive. The Food Bank will distribute 48,000 pounds of food each month					
11:00a.m.	A mother of three has picked up her income tax return. One of 3200 filed by The Inn last year. Receiving her Child Tax Benefit reduces her reliance on the Food Bank and community supports.					
11:30a.m.	The temperature drops but there's still warmth thanks to The Inn's Winter Coat Program. Some 500 people receive coats, boots, socks, hats & mitts					
12:00p.m.	Genesis opens – every Tuesday folks can select clothing and household items at no cost					
1:00p.m.	Lunch is served! 110 people receive a hot meal each day, prepared and served by one of 45 volunteer community teams. On weekends it's a supper served!					
2:00p.m.	The Mobile Market truck pulls up so residents can get fresh healthy vegetables & connect with health promoters. 14 neighborhoods in communities in Sarnia-Lambton, every week from July – mid November.					
2:30p.m.	8 participants of the Red Path program meet – 2 sessions a week for 12 weeks.  Counseling focused on addictions & living life without violence help transform their lives.					
3:00p.m.	A child is enjoying a piece of fruit or other snack. Thanks to The Inn's Snack Pack program, 4200 Snack Packs were provided over the summer to fill the gap when no school nutrition programs operate.					
7:00p.m.	A family is safe at home and over the threat of an eviction or utility shut off thanks to our Rent/Utility Bank – helping households over an everyday life crisis.					
7:30p.m.	HAPPY BIRTHDAY! A family watching their 8-year-old daughter open her gifts and enjoying cake thanks to The Inn's Birthday Club					
8:00p.m.	5 youth are working on their homework as they settle in at The Haven, our youth emergency shelter.					
10:00p.m.	Snack time, watching a show or having a conversation, 28 people are spending the night at The Good Shepherd's Lodge in a safe, warm, dry bed with supports to help improve their situation.					

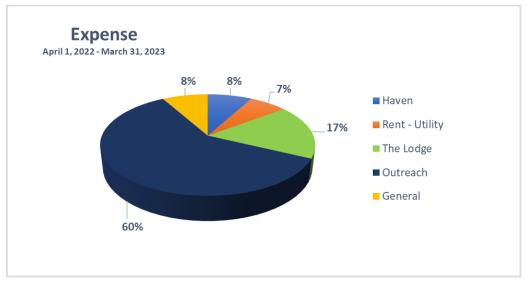
## **FINANCIALS**

## **Inn Revenue & Expenses**





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## To provide service with dignity to those in need of food, shelter and other essentials.

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Executive

Director Myles Vanni The Inn was started in 1981 by a group of people centred in St. John's Anglican Church in Sarnia's south end, who became concerned with the growing need of the disadvantaged persons in this area.

In time they were joined by others, so that The Inn is now supported by the faith community, as well as service clubs, individuals, labour, industry and governments... All coming together, enabling The Inn to be the caring hands of the community.







