



The Inn
Of The Good Shepherd

Caring hands of the community

Est. 1981

2024-25

INNpact Report

Be the hand that feeds the hungry.

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 ¼ 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 sick 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 – paycheque to paycheque, 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

Food and Housing - a right, not a 'nice to have'! These issues have dominated our work over the past year presenting significant challenges for the most vulnerable in our community - many of whom are working, often 2-3 part-time jobs, physically can't work or have worked a lifetime and are on a pension. The visibility of homelessness (so common across the country now) and **the impact of inflation** on food costs have presented **significant challenges** for the staff, volunteers, supporters and partners of The Inn as they work tirelessly and creatively for solutions.

Food prices continue to increase and remain at levels as much as **double** those a couple of years ago. While representing only 5% of the folks we serve, homelessness has taken a proportionally larger amount of our time and resources as we try to assist those in the most desperate of situations.

Food donations and food drives are recovering a bit and our purchases have been able to decline but still exceed by 250% the amount of purchasing we had to do pre-covid. Food recovery from our amazing grocery stores has helped fill the gap in 'lower donations' by providing regular pickups of bakery, dairy, meat and fruit & vegetables.

The growing number of homeless and the rise of encampments at Rainbow Park and other locations led to the need to support folks with appropriate food, footwear, water and showers. For the coldest winter months, through the support of Lambton County, we added additional temporary beds at both The Lodge and The Overflow to help ensure folks could get off the streets. While the original plan was to only operate the overflow shelter at Laurel Lea until last spring, we kept the overflow open through the summer and fall to support the City of Sarnia by keeping beds available should they move to close Rainbow Park.

Joyously, we have seen some real progress in **reducing the number of individuals living on the streets**. The number of folks on the by-names list (those living in shelter, couch surfing or on the streets) has fallen. The work of The County and Community Agencies and the Homeless Resource Centre at the Overflow have housed some 200 people in the past year. Most telling is we have seen the number living rough, on our streets, has fallen from over 120 in the summer to between 25 & 30 now. A tremendous statement on the **hard work and dedication** and compassion of Agencies and their work, County staff and community members.

While **managing all these challenges**, we were still able to run all our regular programs – hot meals, food packages, school kits, snack packs, mobile market, income taxes, rent utility assistance, Red Path, birthday kits, winter coats, Adopt-a-Family and much more!

Truly, when like-minded people come together and share vision and resources, the unthinkable can be accomplished! We are proud of the supports The Inn provides – giving a measure of relief, **lifting the burden of poverty** and removing the need for these families and individuals to make some **impossible choices**.



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

The 2024-25 year continued to present challenges around food insecurity and at the same time saw some real progress around housing and homelessness. **Food and housing costs continue to rise** putting significant pressure on families, many working several part time jobs yet still struggling to make ends meet. This is happening in the growing threat of **tariffs and the great deal of uncertainty** that they present, not the least of which is higher costs and job losses.

The tremendous work our community has undertaken to reduce homelessness has seen significant results - less people living on the streets! The Inn is proud to play a key role in this working with Lambton County and other community agencies.

Our board continues to be focused on **the long-term solution - more affordable housing**. We continue to look at the feasibility of building an affordable housing project on the former Laurel Lea St. Matthews Presbyterian Church thanks to the strong support of that congregation. We are in the rezoning process as well as determining the financial viability of a build. Building affordable housing is the surest way to reduce the plight of homelessness and poverty.

The funding announcement to bring HART (Homeless & Addictions Recovery Treatment) Hub and the efforts of Lambton County and Rotary in working with Indwell to provide supportive housing for those with mental health and addictions is the **light at the end of the tunnel!**

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

We are **blessed to have over 400 volunteers** each month who find a place in their calendar and a place in their heart to be at The Inn to help out. Led by our staff team, they all work tirelessly ensuring folks have food, a bed to sleep in, a backpack of school supplies, a warm winter coat, snack packs, fresh produce, a place to get their taxes done, an ear to bend and so much more!

We are truly **humbled by the support that the community continues to provide** - food, time, and financial support, to ensure we are able to be there to support the rising number of those in our community who increasingly rely on The Inn and its programs for support.

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



Sherri Crowley, Board Chair

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

HUNGER



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
- Community Events



Hike for Hunger 2024



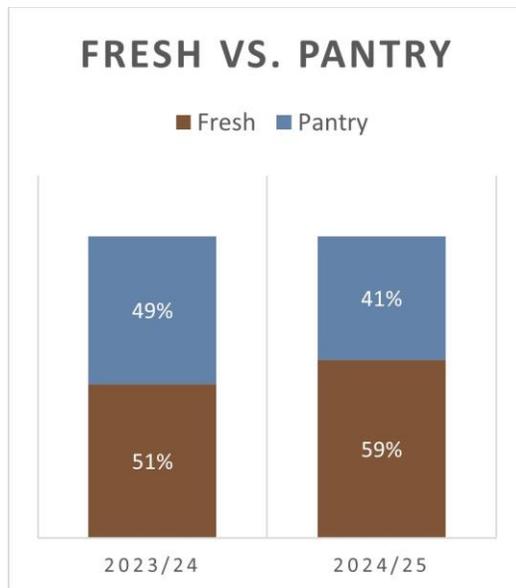
| | # of schools | # of cereal boxes |
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| 2022 | 6 | 1,800 |
| 2023 | 10 | 4,407 |
| 2024 | 9 | 2,849 |



Each source vitally contributed to the 966,730 pounds of food collected and distributed in the fight against hunger.

HUNGER

Food In: Drives, Donations & Purchases



Fresh vs. Pantry Food Continued Strong

Our focus on providing fresh, healthy food has continued to be strong with **59%** of food now distributed being fresh foods rather than pantry items. This is up from 24% just 11 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 daily - feeding people rather than the landfill!

Food Inflation – A Double-edged Sword

The continuous increase in food costs has two serious consequences:

1. Higher food costs are driving more folks to use the food bank to fill their nutrition gaps –and some more frequently
2. Personal donations and food drives are gathering less food as food prices squeeze donors, and they have less to give

As a result, The Inn is having to purchase almost **3 times the amount** that we did prior to COVID.

75,000+ pounds of food per month distributed through the food bank, soup kitchen, mobile market, snack packs & food sharing with other agencies!

HUNGER

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 at the Hive
- K106/Home Depot
- Santa Claus Parade
- Canada Day Food Drive
- Anthony's Hope
- Great Lakes Secondary School – Hands of Caring
- Legionnaires Hockey Game

PARTNERSHIPS IN CARING

- Metro Grocery Stores
- Real Canadian Superstore
- No Frills
- Food Basics
- Walmart
- Foodland
- Cestar Group
- Home Depot
- Sarnia 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
- Progressive Auto
- Little Caesar's
- Bagel Factory
- Tim Hortons

CANstruction welcomed 9 teams - raising over 31,600 pounds of food!



Thank You to the 7 returning teams: CF Industries, , Imperial Oil, No Frills, Pembina, Shell, Worley, & YMCA & the 2 new teams: Federal Bridge Corporation & LamSar

HUNGER

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



Distribution

In our role as the area's 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:

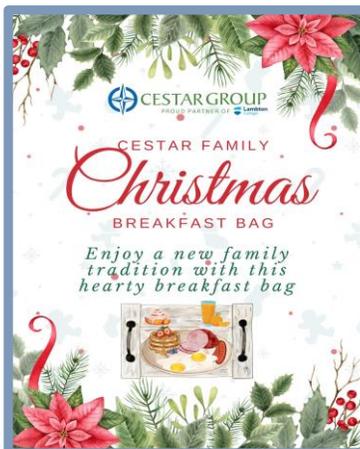
- other food banks in Sarnia, Forest, Petrolia, Watford, Alvinston, Oil Springs, Corunna, Port Lambton, Walpole Island, & Lambton College
- agencies such as Huron House Boys Home, Women's Interval Home and The Hub
- client food boxes for Children's Aid, Canadian Mental Health, West Lambton Community Health Centre and Ontario Works case workers
- food hampers for those medically unable to attend the Food Bank in person delivered by The Red Cross
- street food bags for the unhoused



OVER 119,000 POUNDS OF FRESH PRODUCE SHARED THROUGH MOBILE MARKET!



57,640 MEALS SERVED IN 2024/25
- A \$749,320.00 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

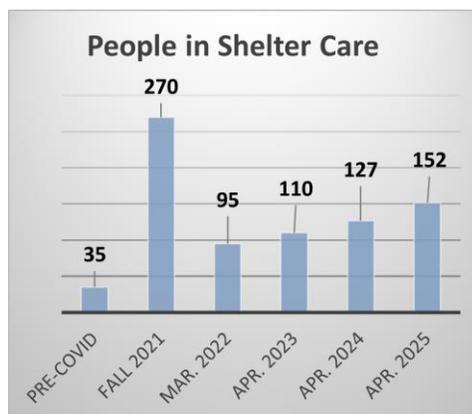
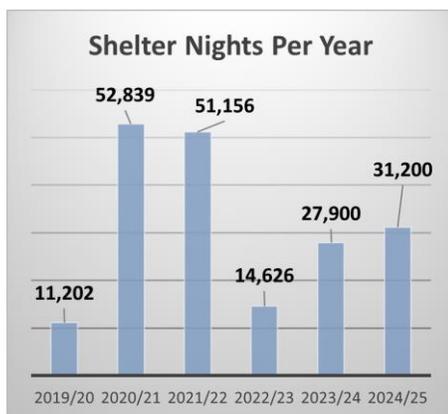


Our community's progress in housing folks has been outstanding this past year as we continue addressing years of neglect in providing both affordable and supportive housing.

The following reasons are in part and collaboratively responsible for the current homelessness situation:

- 25-30 years ago, governments stopped building affordable, social housing – even though the population has continued to rise and the level of poverty in our communities has increased. *There simply aren't enough affordable housing units available – nowhere to move people to from shelter!*
- Governments have provided few increases in social assistance rates in the last 20 years and any increases have been well below the accumulated increase in inflation. A person on Ontario Works receives \$390 per month for their housing allowance ... when the average 1 bedroom in Sarnia rents for over \$1100. *Folks on assistance or the many working part-time jobs simply have nowhere they can afford!*
- The cost of housing has doubled in the past 6 years – a 1-bedroom apartment that was renting for \$695 in 2016 is now renting for \$1195. Operating costs have not increased that much. *This housing greedflation has resulted in folks losing their housing with nowhere they can afford to go!*
- We have seen the number of deep addictions increase exponentially. Our health care system is directly responsible for this increase as so many are the victims of over-prescription of pain medications by doctors. The Provincial Government has been promising funding for a detox centre and treatment program for years but it hasn't arrived. *There simply are no treatment beds to help people stabilize for housing!*

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.**



Working in partnership with Lambton County's Social Services and Homelessness Prevention team and other agencies such as Canadian Mental Health, Lambton Public Health and North Lambton Community Health Centre we have worked to both get folks safe and dry in shelter and then to get them housed. The Lodge takes the lead in intaking clients and working through a diversion process to seek other housing opportunities rather than emergency shelter.

HOMELESSNESS

Year In Summary



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 [the growing number of clients](#) to care for.

There's a Light at the End of the Tunnel!

Community agencies working with Lambton County have significantly reduced the number of homeless. Through the Homeless Resource Centre run out of the Overflow Shelter at Laurel Lea church, over 200 people have been supported and housed! The number of folks living on the street and in encampments have dropped from over 125 last summer to 20-25 on any given night this spring. Some of this was accomplished by keeping the Overflow shelter open through the summer and fall. Homeless and Addictions Recovery Treatment funding from the province will provide much needed beds to provide supports and stable housing for those with severe mental health and addictions challenges. Several proposed affordable housing projects, including The Inn's Laurel Lea build, are under consideration to help provide rent relief to the working poor and folks living on pensions.

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

HOMELESSNESS

Focused Care Transitional Housing

We have had great success with the Transitional Housing program at The Lodge this past year. These residential units at The Lodge provide private rooms where clients can have longer-term stays in units that mirror independent living. Residents participate in [life skills programs to help stabilize their housing situation](#) and prepare them to be able to move out and maintain their housing. It gives them the dignity of being able to live independently. The staff work with the clients [to reintegrate into the community and pay it forward](#) with neighbourhood cleanups and helping serve meals at the shelter and at The Inn.

Over the past year, 12 residents have moved back into the community and another 8 are in final preparations to move into their own housing. We are very excited that 5 of the residents were able to complete college applications this spring and will be taking classes this fall that will lead to employment opportunities – life changing progress!

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 / Sarnia Police Services



We were pleased to receive funding through the Province and County for temporary increase of 20 additional beds to help ensure people on the streets would have a warm place to lay their head over the winter.

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 daily 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

1,200 backpacks distributed with grade-appropriate supplies.

Income Taxes

Returns completed – over 4,100

\$15 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 that gives support and counselling in Addictions and Living Life without Violence provided to 80 clients

Summer Camp

Through our continued partnership with Bluewater Area Scouts, 25 kids experienced a weekend summer camp! As most of these kids had never been camping before, it was a great experience to try hiking, canoeing, archery, horseback riding and more!

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
- Canada Revenue Agency
- Bluewater Area Scouting

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
245 birthday smiles

Reduced 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 550 coats & winter wear distributed in partnership with Temple Baptist Church.

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!
621 families adopted! A record high!
Over 300 gift bags/boxes/socks distributed.
250 Turkeys & Hams shared.
Thousands of toys for 1,200 kids.

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

- Imperial
- Dante Club
- Ontario Works
- Lambton College S.S.W. Class
- Cabot
- Sarnia Transit
- City of Sarnia
- George O'Mahony Orthotics – The Foot Care Centre
- RBC Dominion Securities
- Cestar Group
- Temple Baptist Church
- Columbia Sportswear
- Trinity Anglican Church
- London Road West United Church
- The Shoebox Project



Thank you to RBC Dominion Securities for their Christmas donation!



Thank you to Sarnia Police and Cram the Cruiser for their continued support!



George makes sure no child is left behind on their special day!!

OUR CARING COMMUNITY

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 over 400 volunteers.

Years of Service Milestones

5 Years

Andrew Nash
Carole Harris
Lee Wilson
Liz Koetsier
Louise Allen
Marg Dragan
Sherri Crowley

10 Years

Barbara Boshier
Brian Knott
Felicity Burnard
Jean & Joe Chorostecki
Warren Weiss

15 Years

Anna Bej
Brad & Patti Wyville
Dick Felton
Geoff Gander
Peter Dolinsek
Rita & John Damoiseaux



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

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Volunteers: Our Sincere Thanks



Years of Service Milestones

20 Years

Cathy Vanni
Kathleen Gomez
Val Barnier

25 Years

Cliff & Dawn Crossland
Darwin Wilson
Helen Passingham
Jane Dolinsek
Lesley Goodison

30 Years

Greg Laviolette
Martha Wilson
St. John-in-the-Wilderness
Church

35 Years

Don Haney

40 Years

Bill & Liz Baldock

45 Years

Bonnie Arbour



Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



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Major Donors: Funding The Fight



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

\$2,000 - \$4,999

Individuals

Andre & Carol Lajoie
Anita Minelly
April Russell
Arthur Devlin
Barb Hiemstra
Betty Knight
Betty VanGerwen
Bruce Davies
Carol Knight
Chris and Jenny Greensmith
Cynthia Arnold
Cynthia Blanchard
Darryl Hayes
Darwin & Martha Wilson
David Phair
Deb Walker
Donald Haagsma
Duncan McCracken
Eileen Smith
Eric & Stacy Bastiaansen
Ernest Wong
Ernie and Wendy Hehn
Fred Vanderheide
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Tony Magermans
Warren Bush
William & Linda Mollitor
William Lange



Thanks to the Rotary Club of Sarnia-Lambton for their support of The Inn's programs!



Thanks to Tepperman's Family to Family event.



Thank you to CF Industries for all their support over this past year!



Thanks to United Way Sarnia-Lambton for their continued support of our Income Tax program.



Thanks Seaway Kiwanis Club of Sarnia for their support!

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Major Donors: Funding The Fight

\$2,000 - \$4,999

Organizations

ANJ Industrial Fabricating Ltd.
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First Christian Reformed Church Sarnia
Forever Furniture
Grace United Church
Kraeft Hospitality
Macklin's Farm Produce
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Sandrin Services Inc.
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Sarnia Lambton Golden K Kiwanis Club
Sarnia Lions Club
Sarnia Northern Collegiate
St. John-in-the-Wilderness
St. Luke's United Church
St. Paul's Outreach Foundation
Suzy's Ice Cream
Trinity Anglican Church
United Food & Commercial Workers Local 175
Watson Farms
Wyoming Lioness Lions Club



Thank you to Sarnia Lambton Golden K Kiwanis for their donation to our Back-to-School Kits.

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Individuals

Barry & Erika Hogan Jr.
Chris Quirt
Dave & Marg Allen
Glen Maddison
Graham Hill
Greg and Betty Bond
Heather & Simon Fraser
Iris Fauteux
Janet Whitehead
John Haasen
John Scott
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Organizations

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Aslan Organics
Catherine Wilson Foundation
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Ecclesiastical Insurance
Electrical Contractors Association of Sarnia
Factor Gas Liquids Inc
Federal Bridge Corporation
Food Basics
General Contractors Section of S.C.A.
Hughes Intelligence
Interface
Kiwanis Club of the Seaway
Kyle's NoFrills
Lambton Scientific
Lamsar
Living Hope Christian Reformed Church
Mechanical Contractors Association of Sarnia

Metro - London Road
Metro - Northgate
Montrose Environmental
Procor Limited
RBC Dominion Securities Inc.
Redeemer Christian Reformed Church
Rotary Club of Sarnia
Sarnia Construction Association
Sting Assists (Sarnia Sting Community Fund)
TransAlta
Unifor Local 848
Worley



Thanks to RBC Dominion for their continued support!

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Major Donors: Funding The Fight

\$10,000 - \$24,999

Individuals

Barry & Marcia Hogan Sr.
David & Norma Hains
Don McGugan
Faye and Paul Officer
Michael Tourigny
Michelle Holman
Randy Gartley
Ronan O'Donnell
Ruth Thorne
Steve & Jodie Vanderbeld
Thomas and Jo-Ann Core

Organizations

Brights Grove Music Fest Inc.
Giresi's Pizza
Imperial Oil
KIOV Incorporated
Metro Richelieu Inc.
Newall Family Foundation Trust
Noelle's Gift to Children
Redeemer Lutheran Church
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 62
Shell
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Suncor Sarnia Refinery
The Toronto-Dominion Bank

\$25,000 +

Individuals

Dan Brousseau



Thanks to Sting Assist for the ongoing support over the years.

Organizations

Bluewater Power
Cestar Group
CF Terra International (Canada) Inc.
Kel-Gor Limited
NOVA Chemicals
Pembina
Progressive Auto Sales Sarnia Inc.
The Gordon Foundation
United Way Sarnia-Lambton
Walmart



Thanks to the team at Progressive Auto and the Whitton family for their very generous donation in support of The Inn's Food Bank and programs including lead sponsor of CANstruction 2024!



The Inn is blessed to continually receive donations and support from our local Metro stores!



Thank you to Bright's Grove Musicfest for their very generous donation to The Inn.

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

OUR CARING COMMUNITY

Faith In Action: A Light in the Darkness

–“Hope is faith.... holding out a hand in the dark”

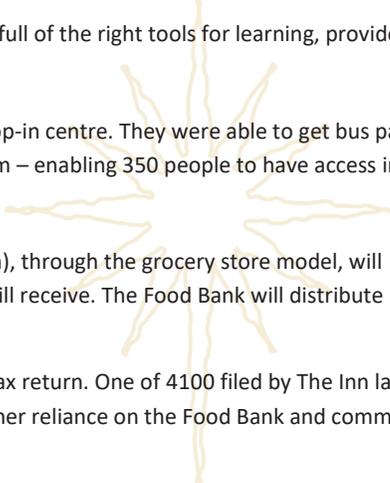
The Inn would like to thank the following members of the faith community for their continued efforts.

- * All Saints Anglican – Sarnia
- * 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
- * Huron Baptist
- * Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- * Lakeshore Community Church
- * 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



OUR CARING COMMUNITY

Day In The Life Of Your Donation

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- 8:30a.m.** 1200 children head to school with backpacks, 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 - 2200 people (900 children), through the grocery store model, will choose, with dignity, the food package they will receive. The Food Bank will distribute 85,000 pounds of food each month.
- 11:00a.m.** A mother of three has picked up her income tax return. One of 4100 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 program provides vouchers so folks can select clothing and household items at no cost at the Goodwill or Mission Thrift stores providing more selection and dignified shopping.
- 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. Over 8000 lbs. of healthy food is distributed weekly in 18 neighbourhoods in Sarnia-Lambton from July – mid November.
- 2:30p.m.** 10 participants of the Red Path program meet – 2 sessions a week for 12 weeks. Counselling 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.** 6 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, 32 people are spending the night at The Good Shepherd's Lodge in a safe, warm, dry bed with supports to help improve their situation.

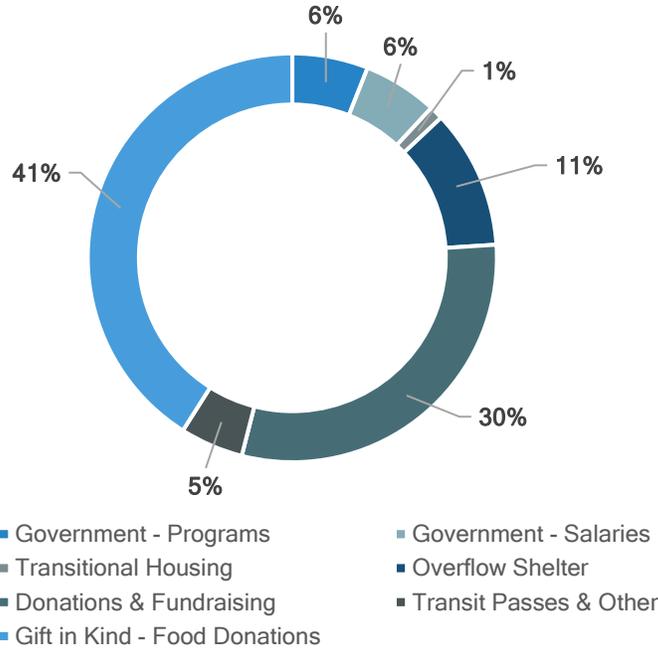
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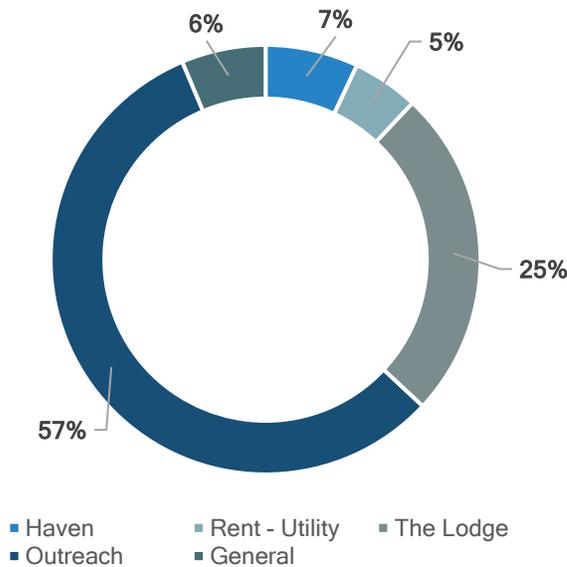


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The Inn was started in 1981 by a group of people centred in St. John's Anglican Church in Sarnia's south end, who became concerned with the growing need of the disadvantaged persons in this area.

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... Everyone coming together, enabling The Inn to be the [caring hands of the community.](#)



The Inn: 115 John St., Sarnia



The Lodge: 950 Confederation St., Sarnia



The Haven: 444 Kathleen Ave., Sarnia