

A Very Special Thank You...

For almost 40 years Evangel Hall Mission has been fortunate enough to be one of the recipients of the Ecumenical Community Canned Food Drive. Volunteers spend the last two Sundays of November delivering flyers and collecting food for a selection of Toronto's food banks and drop-in centres. Support from this event allows ehm to provide our community with over 80,000 meals every year.

The ehm community is especially grateful to the committee: Brian Kearney, Craig Homewood, Ted Krawchuk, Bill Lauriston, Joe McCabe, Ralph Thomson, Isabell Robertson, and Ken Lacombe as well as "Two Men and a Truck" who generously donated their truck and staff to assist us with transporting the canned food.



Youth Group from Keswick Presbyterian Church helping to sort through food donations.

Urgently Needed Items for the Winter:

Clothing Items: New socks and underwear for both men and women, t-shirts, long underwear, running shoes for men and women, winter boots for men and women and blue jeans, blankets and sleeping bags.

Personal Necessities: Shampoo and conditioner, disposable razors, deodorant, sunscreen, feminine products, lip balms, toothpaste and toothbrushes, individual packages of tissues, hairbrushes and combs.

Food and Kitchen Items: Powdered juice, powdered milk, juice boxes, fresh fruit and vegetables, packaged or frozen foods (especially meat, vegetables, fruit and juice) cheese (grated or block), eggs, soup, pasta, rice, baking supplies, breakfast cereals, sugar pepper, salt, spices, frozen casseroles, tea bags, peanut butter, flatware or silverware, pasta sauce and coffee.

Miscellaneous: Canadian Tire Money, school supplies and art supplies, TTC tokens – Adult, Seniors and Students

Donations are accepted from 9:30 - 4:00, on Monday - Friday.

Because of your generosity we have been able to provide gently used clothing to thousands of people in need for over 90 years. We will frequently update this list so that together we can continue to provide comfort and dignity to those who depend on us.

Thank you for your support!



Evangel Hall Mission
A community of compassion.
A place of hope.



552 Adelaide Street West
Toronto ON M5V 3W8

Phone: (416) 504-3563
Fax: (416) 504-8056

information@evangelhall.ca
www.evangelhall.ca

Charitable Registration Number # 11890 3129 RR0001



Evangel Hall Mission

A community of compassion. A place of hope.

Transformation IN ACTION

A Message from Our Executive Director

Christmas Update
2009

Let There Be Peace

It is now the season of Advent, autumn is drawing to a close and the light of the sun grows ever dimmer. We are approaching the nadir of the year and a time of stillness in nature, everything is drawing to a close. Yet for Christians this is a time of expectation, for we await the One who is to bring peace to the world. "In his days justice shall spring up and an abundance of peace till the moon fails." Ps 72:7

It has been said that when peace rules in the hearts of men and women then peace will rule in the world. The world may not accept this, but I believe your faithful support of Evangel Hall Mission and the people we serve, stems from the peace in your heart.

This year with your help, we have provided over 80,000 meals to hungry people, housing for 130 persons previously on the street, programs for 75 'at risk' youth every week, supplied over \$125,000 worth of free dental care to impoverished individuals and free medical care to 160 people without access to a doctor. At ehm we meet the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of people suffering extreme poverty – one person at a time.

We are proud that Charity Intelligence Canada, a non-profit organization that evaluates charities on 1) Transparency and Accountability, 2) Program Evaluation/Impact, 3) Benchmarking – Best results at lowest cost has again selected Evangel Hall Mission as one of Canada's top performing and recommended charities for 2009. Only 32 charities were selected nationwide. ehm also won this award in 2008.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. This simple statement has been inspiring people around the world since 1955, first put to paper by songwriters Jill Jackson and Sy Miller. I think it expresses a simple and profound truth. May peace reign in our hearts and "justice be our aim, that we have life and possess the land the Lord has given us." Deut. 16:20

Joseph Taylor CAE

Then the Work of Christmas Begins

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild nations,
To bring peace to all people,
To make music in the heart.

A Shaker Prayer

Christmas at ehm Events for the holidays

Over 300 people will be served at various Christmas dinners and lunches; and they will all be served by volunteers. It will be a time of fellowship for many people who would otherwise be alone for the holidays. If you would like to know how you can become involved with Evangel Hall Mission this Christmas, please contact Paula Aceto at 416-504-3563 x 231

Drop-in Christmas Events:

Tuesday, December 17th - St. Timothy's Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 20th - Thornhill Presbyterian Church serves Sunday dinner

Thursday, December 25 - Lunch/ Dinner at noon

Christmas Youth Events:

Saturday, December 12th - Outside the Lines reunion

Monday, December 14th - Homework Club Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 15th - Boys Club Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 16th - Just for Girls Club Holiday party

The Residence family Christmas Dinner

Party this year will be held on December 10 at about 5:30 pm



2nd ANNUAL COMPASSIONATE HEARTS GALA Imperial Ballroom at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel February 6th, 2010 at 6 PM



Please join us for an elegant evening of dinner, dancing, silent auction and live entertainment. Tickets are \$150 per person and all proceeds raised from this event will go towards the operating costs of our **free health and dental clinic**.

For guests that prefer not to drive at the end of the evening the Fairmont Royal York Hotel has generously offered a special room rate of \$149 to guests of our Gala.

To take advantage of this rate please call 1-800-441-1414 and mention that you will be attending the Compassionate Hearts Gala in support of Evangel Hall Mission, or give the operator our group code EVAN0210. Please note that our group code can also be used for bookings made online.

To purchase tickets for the Compassionate Hearts Gala you can visit our website www.evangelhall.ca or mail us the order form included in this newsletter, or call Paula Aceto at 416-504-3563 x 231.

Youth Program Update: More space to serve the needs of students

The lead-up to Christmas is a whirlwind of activity in the Youth Centre.

There is much fun and celebration, as the young women from our summer camp 'Outside the Lines' return to the Hall for a Holiday reunion to reconnect with each other and make some art. The hardworking students from our Homework Club take a break from studying to enjoy some food and relax for a change. The Boys and Girls Clubs each have their own parties, and also give back to our community by baking treats for the people staying at the 'Out of the Cold' program. The kids who live in ehm can look forward to a special visit from a rather jolly bearded fellow



in a red suit at their own Christmas Party.

We're fortunate to receive gifts for our young people from the Chum City Christmas Wish Foundation as well as churches such as St. Andrew's, King Street

and Trinity Presbyterian, York Mills. The generosity at this time of year is quite overwhelming and we're all very grateful to everyone who contributes to make the holidays special for all of our children and youth. We're still seeking tokens to give to the teenaged participants in our school, camp and drop-in programs - donations of small denomination gift certificates for coffee shops/restaurants, books and movies are much appreciated. Thanks and best wishes for the holidays!
Erin Oke, Youth Program Coordinator

Clinic Update: Rebuilding people's lives

When we opened the doors to our Free Health and Dental Clinic we could only dream of the positive impact that we are making today.

In just 14 months our clinic has helped hundreds of people regain their confidence and live a life relieved of the pain that comes without access to dental care.

An extraordinary transformation took place in October, when Sally was referred to our clinic coordinator Arsema Okbat. Due to complications during an operation, Doctors were forced to remove her two front teeth to insert a breathing tube. When Sally awoke, she was shocked to find that she was missing teeth. Over the months Sally became withdrawn and depressed. Having called many local dentists to discuss the possibility of having a bridge made Sally was informed that the procedure would cost over \$3,000, money Sally does not have. The loss of her teeth affected her self esteem negatively and made going



out in public almost unbearable. Being familiar with the difficulties that people face when missing teeth, Arsema contacted Dr. Sasha Tomash, BSC. DDS and his assistant Monette Puno for help.

Dr. Tomash has his own practice in Toronto specializing in Cosmetic Implant and Family Dentistry. Having worked with Dr. Tomash, Arsema

knew that his extraordinary talent matched with his kind and compassionate nature would make him the perfect dentist to perform this procedure. In just two sittings, with the help of Mike from Noble Dental Laboratory who donated his time, we were able to fit Sally with a permanent bridge. With the continued help of dedicated clinic volunteers Sally now has her confidence back and a beautiful smile to match.

Staff Update: Beloved long-term staff member retires

For over 15 years Gary Coombs' mission at the Hall has been to make the most of every day and to help others. He succeeded.

Much has changed at ehm since Gary's first day, from the new building to the trustee program. Gary has contributed an invaluable amount to our community, and for that we are extremely grateful.

Thank you for always exuding a special and contagious joy in all that you do.



Your spirit is an example to everyone. You've managed to give many people hope in their times of despair and your kind and compassionate manner has allowed many of the people to feel special and important.

We wish you a wonderful retirement and know that God will lead you to your next mission in life. You will truly be missed by everyone at the Hall.



4 ways to get Involved

1 Have a bake sale or plan a theme party

Money raised can be donated to support ehm programs and services.

2 Become a volunteer with our Out of the Cold program

Assist the service counter and be a warm and welcoming face to our guests looking for a warm place and safe place to lay their head.

3 Volunteer at ehm during the Christmas season

Help make this Christmas special for all the wonderful men and women who visit ehm

4 Sponsor a table in the drop-in centre.

We still need new tables for our drop-in. Thank you to those church groups and individuals who have already sponsored.

**Please contact
Ann-Marie Morris
Resource Development
416-504-3563 x 221**