

A food bank and so much more...

23-24



The Inn
Of The Good Shepherd

Caring hands of the community

Est. 1981

INNIMPACT REPORT

The working poor, the unemployed and the homeless. Thousands come to us each year for a helping hand.

SERVICE

WITH

DIGNITY

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 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

While we had hoped for better recovery during the 2023-24 year, the aftereffects of COVID are still presenting challenges for our community and those most vulnerable in our community. The increase in homelessness, **the continued drastic increase in rents and the impact of inflation on food costs** have presented significant challenges for those we serve and for the operation of The Inn. Our staff and volunteers continue to work tirelessly with these challenges, supporting folks, many of which have never been in such dire circumstances.

- **Food inflation has created a double-edged sword impact** – more and new families are accessing the food bank as their food budgets just don't cover their weekly shopping and community food donations are declining as donors' food budgets are squeezed and they don't have much left over to pick up a few things for the food bank or to give to a food drive.
- With the reduction of food donations and food drives not gathering as much as usual, we have had to increase our purchases of food to maintain food on the shelves. Pre-COVID we would average \$5000 a month in food purchases and this year we averaged \$15,300 a month in purchases.
- With the increase of homelessness, in addition to The Good Shepherd's Lodge, The Inn operated an overflow shelter the winter of 22-23 and opened it early to be available in the fall and winter of 23-24.
- Our team was creative in finding housing solutions and ran a rent supplement program and motel rental program that helped get over 80 people housed.
- With the higher numbers of homelessness, **our community is seeing the rise of encampments as more are living unsheltered**. Through the spring and winter there were small encampments spread throughout the city until spring saw the folks congregating at Rainbow Park.
- The Inn's team is responding with specialized food boxes, providing socks & footwear, supporting the county outreach team with supplies, hot meals through the soup kitchen, keeping the overflow open past April and encouraging folks to come into shelter where there are beds available.

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

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 2023-24 year has been more of a challenge than we had expected. It is **painfully clear to those we serve that the ability to support themselves and their families has been made significantly more difficult** due to higher housing costs, particularly due to the dire shortage of affordable housing and the tremendous pressure on food budgets due to sharply rising food costs.

The board is focussing on the need for housing and looking at the feasibility of undertaking a build project to help bring some affordable housing into the community. This is the surest way to **reduce the plight of homelessness in our community**, unfortunately, its not a quick process. A grant from the county has funded the feasibility study and a generous bequest and other funds have been set aside as a start to help fund the project.

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

We are blessed to have over 400 volunteers 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 coat, snack packs and 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



Each source vitally contributes to the **904,022 pounds** of food collected and distributed throughout Sarnia-Lambton in the fight against hunger!

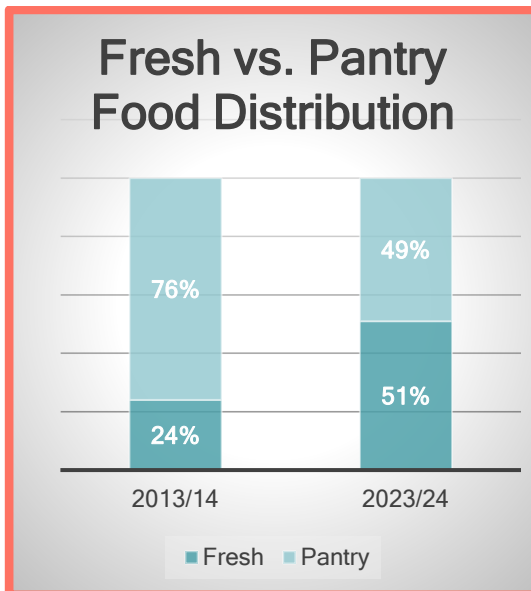
2023 saw our 2nd Annual Cereal Box Dom-INN-o's Challenge with 10 schools participating & raising **4,400** boxes of cereal in May! The cereal lasted 10 months, provided over 15,000 breakfasts and saved The Inn over \$20,000!



*The Inn distributed **904,022 pounds of food** from April 2023 to March 2024 - a **\$3.1M value in food!***

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 **51%** of food now distributed being fresh foods rather than pantry items. This is up from 24% just 10 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 400%

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 \$15,300 a month!***

65,000+ 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 Game
- K106/Home Depot
- Santa Claus Parade
- Canada Day Food Drive
- Anthony's Hope
- Great Lakes Secondary School – Hands of Caring
- New Horizons Church
- Legionnaires Hockey Game

PARTNERSHIPS IN CARING

- Metro Grocery Stores
- Real Canadian Superstore
- No Frills
- Food Basics
- Walmart
- Foodland
- Unifor 848
- 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
- Ontario Student Nutrition Program
- Progressive Auto
- Little Caesar's
- Bagel Factory
- Tim Horton's

We welcomed back CANstruction with 12 teams raising over 54,000 pounds of food – **a record!**



Thank You to the following 12 teams: Anti-Aging Clinic, Carpenter's, CF Industries, Cope, Imperial Oil, Centre Communautaire francophone Sarnia-Lambton, NoFrills, Pembina, Shell, Vision '74 Inc., Worley, YMCA

HUNGER

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!



59,282 MEALS SERVED IN 2023/24
- A \$711,384.00 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

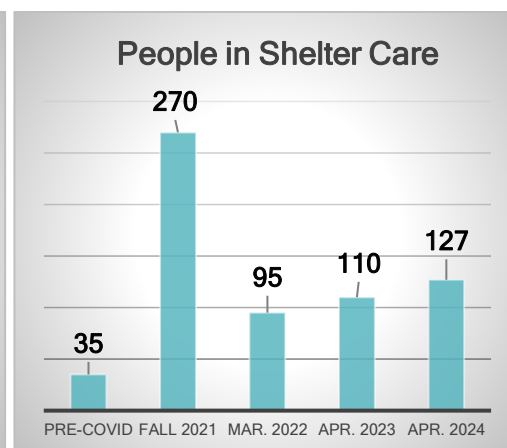
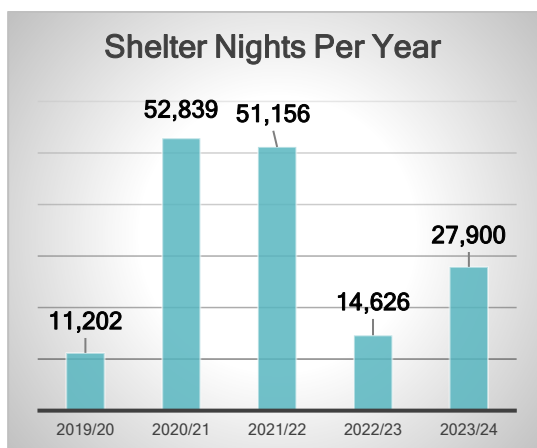


Homelessness continues to become a growing and more visible issue for our community. [So what is causing the rise in homelessness?](#)

As the expression goes, we are paying for the sins of our fathers:

- 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 a 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!**
- 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!**
- 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!**

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.

Creative Housing Solutions

The Inn has incorporated creative solutions, based on the housing first model, to help keep people out of shelter and see them housed. Our Rent Supplements program wrapped up this year. A 2 year program that ran for 3, saw people assisted with temporary subsidies to help bridge the gap between their income and current rents to enable them to move out of shelter. We assisted some 40 folks to become stabilized in their own home. We have also transitioned folks from staying in shelter (sometimes motels) to being able to rent their own rooms in motels – giving them independence.

*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



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 – 3,970

\$13 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

Summer Camp

After a 3 year COVID break, we were thrilled to resume our partnership with Scouts Canada – Bluewater area to hold a weekend camp for 20 kids. 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
- Circles
- CRA
- Scouts Canada

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

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 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

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

- 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
- Columbia Sportswear



Thank you to IBEW for their generous donation in support of our Adopt-A-Family Program!



Thank you to RBC Dominion Securities for their Christmas donation!



Santa brings smiles at the Children's Christmas Party!

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

Frank Sommise
Jimmy Poore
Bill Chapple
Pam Graham
Hina Damani
Craig Gander
Jim Smith
Liz Cameron
Diane Akitt
Suzanne Bywater
Blake Bywater
Joanne Dunn
Ann Thamer

10 Years

Marion Staples
Tony Abbott
Barb Crowell
Heather McIntosh
Rose Carr
Duane Carr
Cory Singleton



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

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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

Businesses & Organizations

Albert's Fries
 Anderson Webb Limited
 ANJ Industrial Fabricating
 ARLANXEO Canada Inc.
 Berryhill Farm
 Bluewater Power Distribution Corp.
 Diocese of London
 Dunlop Central United Church
 Enterprise Holdings ERAC Canada Foundation
 Factor Gas Liquids Inc.
 First Christian Reformed Church
 Forever Furniture Galleries
 Grace United Church
 H. Moore & Son Siding Limited
 Hashtag Charitable Foundation
 Integrated Market Solutions
 J Cubed Holdings (Jeff Burchill)
 JBL Construction
 Korny Korner
 Living Hope Christian Reformed Church
 Mazon Canada
 Northern Collegiate
 Ontario Power Generation Inc.
 OPSEU Local 145
 PROCOR
 Professional Corp.
 Redeemer Christian Reformed Church
 Riverside Print & Signs
 Rotary Club of Sarnia
 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 62
 Sarnia Anti-Aging Clinic
 Sarnia Concrete Products
 Sarnia Lions Club
 Sarnia Northern Collegiate
 Sarnia Sting Hockey Club
 Sarnia Professional Fire Fighters Association
 (SPFFA) Benefit Committee
 St John-in-the-Wilderness Church
 St. Giles Presbyterian Church
 Steeves & Rozema
 Suzy's Ice Creamporium
 Trinity Anglican Church
 United Food & Commercial Workers Local 175

Individuals

William Angove
 Cynthia Arnold
 Thomas & Joanne Atkinson
 Brian Barnes
 Maria Beauchamp
 Ronald Blumas
 Robert & Nancy Bork
 Bill Boynton
 Jane Buono
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 Eileen Zinn



Thanks to the organizers and sponsors of the Petro Chem '23 golf tournament that raised funds in support of The Inn's programs!



Thanks to Northern Collegiate for their donation in support of The Inn's programs!



Thanks to Unifor Local 848 for their continued support of our Thanksgiving Food Drive!



Thanks to Kiwanis for their continued support!

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Major Donors: Funding The Fight

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Businesses & Organizations

Adelaide Wind Limited
 Cope Construction Limited
 Curran Contractors Limited
 Finch Ford
 Food Basics
 Giresi Pizza
 Interface Centre for Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
 Kiwanis Club Of The Seaway
 Kyle's NoFRILLS Sarnia
 McDonald's Restaurants
 NGL Supply Company Limited
 Redeemer Lutheran Church
 Rotary Club Of Sarnia Bluewaterland
 Salvatore's Restaurant
 Sarnia Church of Christ Inc.
 Sarnia Kinsmen Ribfest
 Sarnia Lambton Golden "K" Kiwanis Club
 Sarnia Lambton Real Estate Board
 St. Paul's Outreach Foundation Of Sarnia
 Vision '74 Inc.
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Individuals

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 Robert Noble
 Michael Tourigny
 Marilyn Anne Toutant
 Steve & Jodi Vanderbeld
 Myles Vanni
 Catherine Wilson Foundation
 Heather and William Wray

\$10,000 - \$24,999

Businesses & Organizations

Carpenter's Local 1256
 CF Terra International Canada Inc.
 Noelle's Gift to Children
 Northend Appliance Centre
 Pembina Pipeline Corp.
 Sarnia Construction Association
 Shell
 Sting Assists
 Suncor Energy Services Inc.
 UNIFOR Local 848

Individuals

Tom and Jo-Ann Core
 Iris Fauteux
 The Gordon Foundation
 The Gore Mutual Foundation
 Jerry Hemstreet
 Newall Family Foundation Trust
 Matt Samko
 Andre & Carol Lajoie



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



Thanks so much to Colleen & Peter Buckley and the staff at McDonalds and all those that supported Loonies for Lunches!!



Thanks to the Rotary Club of Sarnia Bluewaterland for their generous donation supporting The Inn



Thank you to Giresi's for their continued support in the fight against hunger!

OUR CARING COMMUNITY

Major Donors: Funding The Fight



\$25,000 +

Businesses & Organizations

Cestar Group
Imperial Oil
Kel-Gor Limited
Metro Grocery Stores
NOVA Chemicals Corporation
Progressive Auto Sales
Tim Horton's
United Way Of Sarnia-Lambton
Walmart

Individuals

Dan Brousseau
Larry & Pat Brown Foundation
The Estate of Albert P Marcy



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



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



Thank you to Home Depot for their food drive and generous donation to The Inn.



Thanks to Tim Horton's cookie campaign that raised over \$74,000 in support of our programs!

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

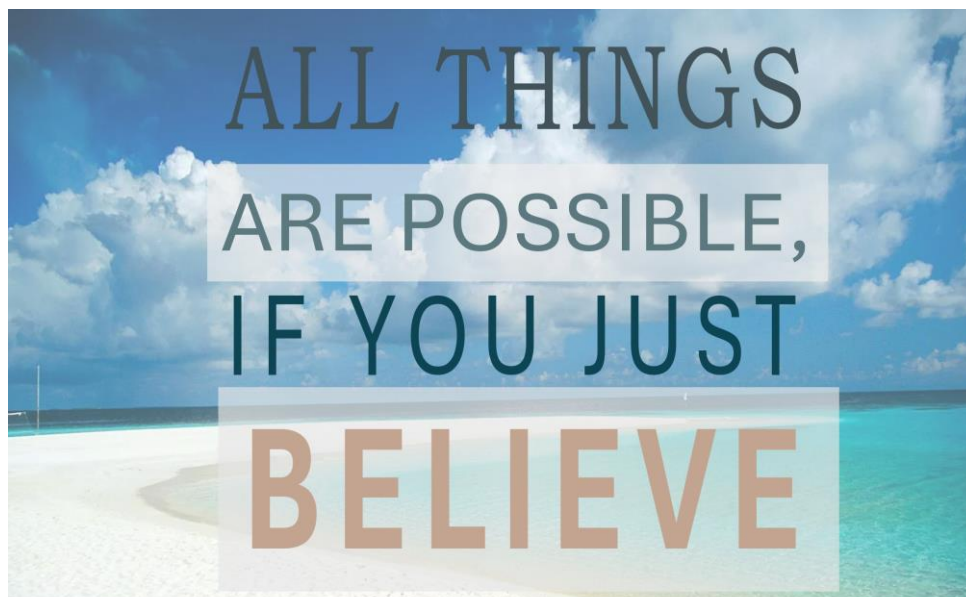
OUR CARING COMMUNITY

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.

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| * All Saints Anglican – Sarnia | * Laurel-Lea St. Matthew’s Presbyterian | * St. Andrew’s Presbyterian – Corunna |
| * All Saints Anglican – Corunna | * Lighthouse Church | * St. Andrew’s Presbyterian – Watford |
| * Bluewater Baptist | * Living Hope Christian Reformed | * St. Bartholomew’s Anglican |
| * Brigden Community | * London Road West United | * St. Benedict’s Catholic |
| * Camlachie United | * New Horizons Community Church | * St. Giles Presbyterian |
| * Central Baptist | * Paterson Memorial Presbyterian | * St. John-in-the-Wilderness |
| * Christ Anglican – Forest | * People’s Church | * St. Luke’s United |
| * Christ Anglican – Petrolia | * Point Edward Presbyterian | * St. Michael’s Catholic |
| * Church of Christ | * Redeemer Christian Reformed | * St. Patrick’s Catholic High School |
| * Dunlop United | * Redeemer Lutheran | * St. Paul’s Anglican – Point Edward |
| * Emmanuel Presbyterian | * Sacred Heart Parish | * St. Paul’s United – Petrolia |
| * First Christian Reformed | * Roman Catholic Diocese of London | * Temple Baptist |
| * Grace United | * Sarnia Christian School | * The Story |
| * Hindu Faith Community | * Sarnia Evangelical Missionary | * Trinity Anglican Church |
| * Huron Baptist | * Sarnia Muslim Association | * Unitarian Fellowship of Sarnia & Port Huron |
| * Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints | * Sixth Line United | * Wyoming Christian Reformed Church |
| * Lakeshore Community Church | * St. Andrew’s Presbyterian – Sarnia | |



OUR CARING COMMUNITY

Day In The Life Of Your Donation

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- 8:30a.m.** 870 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 55,000 pounds of food each month.
- 11:00a.m.** A mother of three has picked up her income tax return. One of 3600 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. 15 neighbourhoods 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. 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.

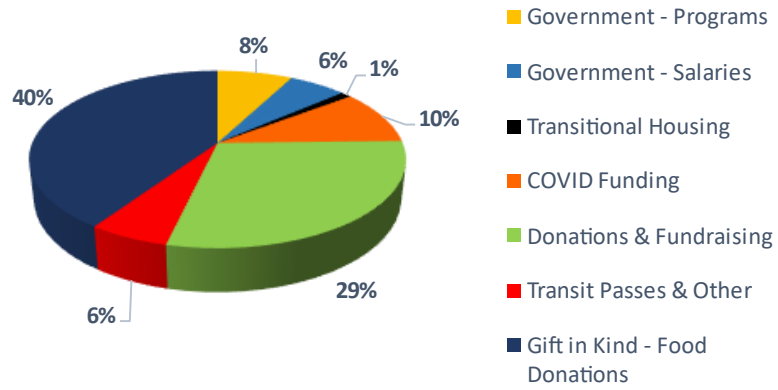
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Inn Revenue & Expenses



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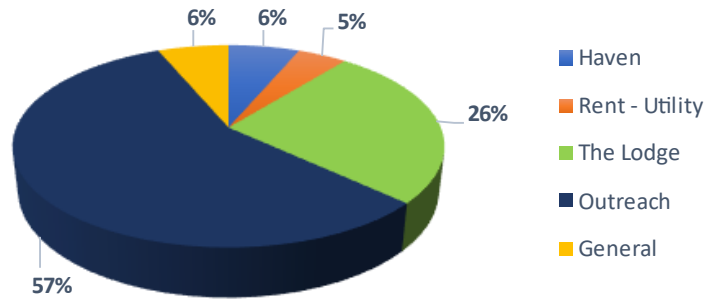


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To provide **service with dignity** to those in need of food, shelter and other essentials.

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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... All 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