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Building Hope

We need YOU to help us change 42 lives. Permanent housing in East Ottawa will only be possible with your support!

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Fiat Farm

How donors like YOU help us to feed thousands!
See the story of the Baker Family's farm inside.



**YOUR COMPASSIONATE
CONNECTIONS**

BEACON SPOTLIGHT



What Will Your Legacy Be?

BOBBY MASSEL



Sadly, Bobby Massel passed away in 2017, but his legacy lives on through his generosity because he chose to leave a gift to Shepherds of Good Hope in his will. Bobby learned early in life about giving back from his parents.

His mother used to knit hats and scarfs for Shepherds of Good Hope clients. Bobby's family is proud of his decision to share his estate with those less fortunate, and the impact his gift will have on our community.

We are so grateful to all of you who support Shepherds of Good Hope in a variety of ways. Your efforts show us how much you want to contribute to the world around you and how important it is for you to have a positive impact on the lives of the most vulnerable in our community.

Like you, we want to make sure that the community you're taking care of in your

lifetime will be cared for in the future. Our Beacon of Hope Society is the perfect way to leave a lasting legacy. By including Shepherds of Good Hope in your will, you ensure that you will be forever remembered for your compassion.

Your final gift will light the way to a brighter future— a Beacon of Hope for all. Your name will be added to our legacy wall, where it will

show the women and men who see it every day that they are not forgotten and are never alone.



If you are interested in making an enduring promise of hope to those in our community who are struggling, please contact **Leanne Brown** at 613-789-8210 ext. 241 or lbrown@sghottawa.com

IN A YEAR:



2,450+
Shelter Clients



24 DAYS
Average Length
of Shelter Stay



400+
Volunteers



250,000+
Soup Kitchen
Meals Served

FEEDING HOPE



Providing food and shelter to Ottawa's homeless has been a core value of Shepherds of Good Hope since our humble beginnings in the basement of St. Brigid's church.

Today, we operate 24/7 and provide food for hundreds of people every day in our Soup Kitchen and across our supportive housing facilities.

This past year, Shepherds of Good Hope carefully examined the greatest needs in our community and reviewed how our programs, and others, meet those needs. It is imperative that all community services in our field work together; we shouldn't be duplicating programs that are operating well elsewhere.

There are 13 organizations in a 5-km radius that offer

identical or very similar programs to Shepherds of Good Hope's Clothing and Grocery Program. We have been in contact with them and other service providers in the city to discuss whether or not these programs could successfully serve more clients and were met with very positive responses.

Therefore, to make the most of your contributions, we will be focusing our resources on providing meals, shelter and housing to Ottawa's most vulnerable and less on providing clothing through our Community Grocery and Clothing Program. As such, Shepherds of Good Hope made the difficult, but ultimately beneficial, decision to close that program.

As the program winds down, we look forward to continuing to provide food and shelter without

judgement to anyone who comes to us in need. We will also continue to focus on innovative programs that are not offered elsewhere, such as our Case Management services and our Managed Alcohol Program.

We greatly appreciate our donors' support and are doing our utmost to make sure your contributions have the greatest impact possible. Please remember that any and all food donations are appreciated, as our needs for food continue to rise.

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact us at donate@sghottawa.com



250+
Shelter Beds



190
Supportive
Housing Beds



50,000+
Volunteer Hours



3,000+
Diversions from
Emergency Services

HOMELESS TO HOUSED

Looking to the Year Ahead: Community Commitment

With support from donors like you, we change lives and save lives every day. Now, we need you to give 42 women and men a chance to find dignity and happiness in a permanent home.

With support from people like you, we are going to build 42 people's forever home.

You and many in the Ottawa community have told us there isn't enough housing to support the thousands of people who still live on the streets. In response to this call for housing, Shepherds of Good Hope is working with the municipal, provincial, and federal governments to build a 42-unit apartment-style supportive housing facility with the 24/7 wrap-around supports needed to house people who are coming off the streets with complex needs.

Our vision is to erect a facility that is more than just bricks

and mortar, but one that is a home. Located at the corner of Lang's Road and Montreal Road, near the Montfort hospital.

This will be a place to create memories, to feel secure and stable and to have a place to belong to.

Envision a home with around-the-clock services, access to day-to-day health and wellness programs, skills development, activities and opportunities for community integration. Every apartment will include a kitchenette and its own washroom. Many of the units will be fully accessible and barrier free, providing amenities such as lower countertops and adapted door knobs and light switches. All units will have roll-in



showers, and an accessible tub will be available on the ground floor of the building.

Stay tuned for updates from Shepherds of Good Hope about this project and how you are creating homes for all, community for and hope for all.

**Homes for all.
Community for all.
Hope for all.**



THE TIME IS NOW

10% of Shelter Clients Have a Disability

Our innovative supportive housing facilities are saving lives and breaking down barriers for previously homeless individuals that cannot find adequate housing anywhere else in the city.

We are often someone's last hope in their search for a place to call home, because other supportive housing units in the city do not provide the innovative, around-the-clock care needed to support people who have been living a life on the streets, suffering from schizophrenia, alcoholism, or other severe mental illnesses or addictions. They need this specialized care. They need your support.

As our program manager,

Ray, at The Oaks said, "Our supportive housing facilities' programs, community and partnerships are key to saving lives and managing our clients' health.

For example, there's one person living at The Oaks that I knew while they were on the streets. They had 360 interactions with police in one year while living on the streets and living in the shelter. Now, they've only had two! It's unbelievable what our supportive housing programs and health care services can do to change someone's future, not to mention saving the city expenses and your tax dollars."



\$52.53

=

**1 PERSON
HOUSED
FOR 1 DAY**

=

**1 DAY OF
HAPPINESS**



THE BAKER FAMILY

Community-Focused Farming that Feeds Hundreds



were able to donate 176 chickens... and half of a pig!

This has gone a long way to feeding many of the homeless women and men that come to Shepherds of Good Hope's soup kitchen. In addition to filling bellies at dinner time, the leftover chicken made more than 1,000 sandwiches.

ecosystem. The model produces an abundance which can be shared with

others. Care for the Earth, care for people, and a redistribution of the surplus are the guiding ethics of permaculture.

Just outside Ottawa, in the neighbouring community of Russell, lies Fiat Farm. This small sustainable farm has a big impact and helps to feed hundreds of homeless and vulnerable people in Ottawa.

The Baker family – Farmer Nic, his wife Meghann and their five children – raise pastured, non-GMO chicken and pork with a focus on sustainability. Fiat Farm practices the principles of permaculture, a farming philosophy which strives to integrate all the parts of the farm to create a thriving

“I didn’t want to raise food just for the elite in our society,” says Meghann. “The poor deserve our best, not our leftovers.”

In May of 2018, Fiat Farm launched their first campaign “Sponsor a Chicken to Nourish the Hungry.” From this campaign they

It’s innovative, thoughtful initiatives from community members like you that help contain our food costs while ensuring our kitchens have high-quality, nutritious and delicious food.





OTTAWA BY-LAW & REGULATORY SERVICES

Sometimes our community partners amaze us! Last Thanksgiving, Ottawa By-law and Regulatory Services showed up with a truck full of tasty turkeys for our Soup Kitchen.

people during the Thanksgiving holiday season. Not only did the turkeys feed people during our Thanksgiving dinner meal, but they also made their way onto hundreds of sandwiches that were handed out over the following days.

Shepherds of Good Hope can't say thank you enough for this generous donation. These birds helped to feed so many

It's community partners like Ottawa By-law and Regulatory Services that keep our bellies and hearts full year-round. Thank you!



TASTE FOR HOPE



Taste for Hope 2019 gathered 21 of Ottawa's top food and drink venues under one roof to delight our taste buds with samplings of the best and tastiest dishes Ottawa has to offer.

Attendees enjoyed an evening of gourmet canapes, refreshments, music and fun, to raise funds in support of Shepherds of Good Hope.

We would like to thank everyone who attended the event, our fantastic sponsors, auction item donors, and of course the chefs, their staff and restaurants.

With your help, Taste for Hope has grown into one of the city's most anticipated foodie events of the year, raising funds to support Ottawa's most vulnerable.



Taste for Hope sold out for the 3rd year in a row, raising a whopping \$86,000!

Save the Date! Taste for Hope Returns March 4th, 2020

HOST A FUNDRAISER!



Share your support for Shepherds of Good Hope with your friends and family by hosting your own fundraiser. It can be as simple or as extravagant as you like!

It could be a barbeque, golf tournament, bake sale. You can even host a birthday fundraiser in lieu of gifts. Why not put the challenge to your workplace, school or club? Plan a fun, social activity and raise funds for Ottawa's homeless and most vulnerable.

The ladies of Ottawa's Quota International have been doing just that at their annual Night at the Races event. In October, the 4th annual Night at the Races gathered guests for a buffet dinner and horse racing at the Rideau-Carleton Raceway, raising \$9,600.

Interested in hosting your own fundraiser? Reach out to:

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LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!

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