



## STRATFORD HOUSE OF BLESSING FACT SHEET 2023

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Charitable Number: 119200020RR0001

### BACKGROUND

Began in 1983 as "Operation Blessing"

Incorporated as a charitable organization in 1987 and operating as Stratford House of Blessing.

We give everything away to those in need, free of charge.

### GOVERNED BY:

Board of Directors (4 volunteers and 1 non-voting officer)

**CO-OPERATING** with agencies for Community Service: Probation, Ontario Works, High School Students

**AGENCIES** that refer clients to us – Children's Aid Society, Canadian Mental Health, Family Services, Public Health, Optimism Place, Emily Murphy Centre, Ontario Works, local churches, and other Social Service Organization within the community.

### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

- Food Bank – By appointment only - Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday – 10:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Food Bank – Home Delivery – Tuesday A.M. & P.M., Wednesday A.M. & Thursday A.M.
- Office is open Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed for lunch from 12:15 to 12:45 pm
- Food Bank can be accessed once a month

**VOLUNTEER HOURS:** 4,628 volunteer hours by 61 regular volunteers (not including special event volunteers)

**NEW FAMILIES USING SERVICES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 2023:** 306 (REPRESENTING 577 INDIVIDUALS)

**TOTAL PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH FOOD:** 8,782 households were served food in 2023 (1,186 UNIQUE HOUSEHOLDS)

- Represents a total of 15,393 people provided with food.
- 27% were children.

**UNIQUE # OF PEOPLE UNHOUSED or LIVING IN MOTELS:** 442 PEOPLE representing 221 UNIQUE HOUSEHOLDS  
4,280 FOOD VISITS in 2023 (ABLE TO COME AS NEEDED)

**ESTIMATED MEALS GIVEN OUT:** 15,393 x 15 (3 meals for 5 days) = 230,895 meals

21,400 meals to for 221 unique individuals who were unhoused in our community in 2023

**HOME DELIVERIES:** 1,938

**ONSITE VISITS:** 6,844

**WELCOME TO THE WORLD BASKETS FOR NEWBORNS:** 19

**CHRISTMAS TOYS DISTRIBUTED** in 2023 to children and grandchildren: 860

**OFF TO SCHOOL SMILING (FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL BACKPACKS/SUPPLIES):** 416

**ESTIMATED VALUE OF GOODS PROVIDED** through programs in 2023: \$1,393,371

**POUNDS OF FOOD PURCHASED BY SHOB, MEMBER AFFILIATIONS OR DONATED BY COMMUNITY:** 192,624 lbs

### SOURCES OF FUNDING:

Generous people of the community	49%	Businesses & Clubs	33%	Churches	9%
Foundations	5%	Other	2%	Government	2%

### MEMBERS OF:

FEED ONTARIO. Food Banks Canada. Canadian Centre for Christian Charities. and Stratford & District Chamber of Commerce.