



STRATFORD HOUSE OF BLESSING FACT SHEET 2021

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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 do not sell anything; we give everything away to those in need.

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. & P.M.

Office is open Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Food Bank can be accessed once a month

VOLUNTEER HOURS – 4184 volunteer hours by 134 volunteers

TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW FAMILIES USING SERVICES AT SHOB FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 2021 - 184

TOTAL PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH FOOD – 4,958 households were served food

- This represents a total of 8,967 people who were provided meals
- 31% were children

ESTIMATED MEALS GIVEN OUT – 7274 X 15 (3 meals for 5 days) = 109,110 meals

1693 X 2 (2 days of food – unstable housing) = 10,158 meals

Total Meals = 119,260

HOME DELIVERIES – 2044

ONSITE VISITS – 2914

UNHOUSED & LIVING IN HOTELS - # OF VISITS in 2021 – 1693 **UNIQUE # OF PEOPLE UNHOUSED** - 181
(ABLE TO COME MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK)

WELCOME TO THE WORLD BASKETS FOR NEWBORNS –13

CHRISTMAS TOYS DISTRIBUTED in 2021 to children and grandchildren - 738

OFF TO SCHOOL SMILING (FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL KITS/SUPPLIES) – 313 children helped

ESTIMATED VALUE OF GOODS SHARED in 2021 - \$695,900

POUNDS OF FOOD DONATED BY COMMUNITY AND MEMBER AFFILIATIONS – 201,435 lbs

SOURCES OF FUNDING

Generous people of the community	53%	Businesses	13%	Foundations	14%
Churches	11%	Government	5%	Other	4%

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