



STRATFORD HOUSE OF BLESSING FACT SHEET 2020

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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 – 3,388 volunteer hours by 148 volunteers

TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW FAMILIES USING SERVICES AT SHOB FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 2020 - 117

TOTAL PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH FOOD – 3,659 times households were served food

- This represents a total of 6,842 people who were provided meals
- 33% were children

ESTIMATED MEALS GIVEN OUT – 4262 X 12 (3 meals for 4 days) = 51,144 meals

2580 X 24 (3 meals for 8 days) = 61,920 meals

(Made possible with pallets of food from Government Funding)

Total Meals = 113,064

HOME DELIVERIES – 1037

ONSITE VISITS – 2622

HOMELESS & LIVING IN HOTELS - # OF VISITS FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2020 – 180

(ABLE TO COME MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK)

WELCOME TO THE WORLD BASKETS FOR NEWBORNS –15

CHRISTMAS TOYS DISTRIBUTED in 2020 to 731 children and grandchildren

OFF TO SCHOOL SMILING (FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL KITS/SUPPLIES) – 290 children helped

ESTIMATED VALUE OF GOODS SHARED in 2020 - \$515,186

POUNDS OF FOOD DONATED BY COMMUNITY AND MEMBER AFFILIATIONS – 221,555 lbs

SOURCES OF FUNDING

Generous people of the community 58% Businesses 15% Churches 11%

Foundations 10% Other 4% Government 2%

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