



STRATFORD HOUSE OF BLESSING FACT SHEET 2022

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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: 5,445 volunteer hours by 252 volunteers

NEW FAMILIES USING SERVICES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 2022: 233 (REPRESENTING 461 INDIVIDUALS)

TOTAL PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH FOOD: 6,372 households were served food in 2022 (1015 UNIQUE HOUSEHOLDS)

- Represents a total of 11,485 people provided with food
- 31% were children

UNHOUSED or LIVING IN HOTELS: 2545 FOOD VISITS in 2022 (ABLE TO COME AS NEEDED)

UNIQUE # OF PEOPLE UNHOUSED or LIVING IN HOTELS: 350 PEOPLE representing 175 UNIQUE HOUSEHOLDS

ESTIMATED MEALS GIVEN OUT: 11,485 X 15 (3 meals for 5 days) = 172,275 meals

(15,270 meals were for 350 unique individuals who were unhoused in our community in 2022)

HOME DELIVERIES: 2161

ONSITE VISITS: 4211

WELCOME TO THE WORLD BASKETS FOR NEWBORNS: 19

CHRISTMAS TOYS DISTRIBUTED in 2022 to children and grandchildren: 908

OFF TO SCHOOL SMILING (FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL KITS/SUPPLIES): 374

ESTIMATED VALUE OF GOODS SHARED in 2022: \$925,080.

POUNDS OF FOOD PURCHASED BY SHOB, MEMBER AFFILIATIONS OR DONATED BY COMMUNITY: 188,658 lbs

SOURCES OF FUNDING:

Generous people of the community	50%	Businesses	14%	Foundations	9%
Churches	18%	Government	5%	Other	4%

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