

Mission Statement

Challenged by our faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and committed to the ideals of hospitality, availability and respect for life, we, the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd, Board of Directors, staff and volunteers of Good Shepherd Ministries in Toronto, join together to provide services to homeless, disadvantaged and marginalized people.

We strive to provide the basic necessities of food, shelter and a host of ancillary services, ensuring each client justice, equality, dignity and acceptance.

We seek to provide human services that will assist clients in regaining freedom from homelessness. We value each person's inherent goodness and potential for growth.



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Responding creatively, effectively, compassionately

Founded in 1963 by the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd, Good Shepherd Ministries serves people who struggle with homelessness and poverty.

Good Shepherd Ministries responds creatively and effectively to the underlying causes of homelessness. Initiatives include:

- Good Shepherd Centre, which offers meals, shelter, clothing and medical care to anyone in need, without charge or distinction;
- the Resettlement and DARE Programs, which help homeless individuals gain freedom from homelessness and addictions;
- Barrett House, Toronto's first supportive residence for people living with HIV/AIDS;
- St. Joseph's Residence, a supportive home for seniors with a history of homelessness.



Good Shepherd Ministries strives to promote and protect human dignity. Services are offered to anyone in need, in a spirit of compassion, trust, acceptance and respect.

When I was sick, cold, hungry and had no place else to go, Good Shepherd took me in until I could get on my feet again.

Bill, Good Shepherd Centre Client

recognition • empathy • trust

Good Shepherd Centre

Welcoming the homeless and disadvantaged

Those who live on the streets know Good Shepherd Centre as a clean, safe place to spend the night. A place to get a hot meal or a cup of coffee. A place that can offer fresh socks, a shower, bandages or vitamins.

Since 1963, the Centre has welcomed anyone in need and provided, free of charge, the basic necessities of life.

The Centre offers:

- overnight shelter and a hot breakfast to 91 homeless men;
- hot, nutritious meals for anyone in need (more than 1,000 meals and snacks per day in 2009);
- a daily drop-in with snacks, a clothing room and access to showers (150 drop-in guests daily; 200 pieces of clothing distributed a day);
- a daily medical clinic operated by a staff nurse & partner organizations.

The Centre is also a place that

offers practical support to people trying to build healthier, more stable lives.

Many people come to the Centre in crisis, or need help to find housing or work. The Resettlement Program helps homeless men and newly arrived refugees staying at the Centre stabilize their lives and find housing.

After homeless clients have found housing, Resettlement staff provide follow-up support. The staff help clients deal with problems in a positive way. Staff connect clients with the resources they need to keep their housing and move forward in their lives.

The DARE Program serves homeless men who are waiting for treatment for substance abuse. The Program also serves men who have completed treatment, and need support to rebuild their lives.



Volunteer serving special meal, Good Shepherd Centre.

The Pastoral Care Program offers counselling and support to meet the spiritual needs of clients, volunteers and staff.

Barrett House

Toronto's first supportive residence for people living with HIV/AIDS

In the early days of the epidemic, people with AIDS found themselves homeless because of the disease. Barrett House was opened in 1987 in response to this need.

Today, Barrett House continues to provide a supportive home for six individuals who have exhausted their resources in their battle against HIV/AIDS. At Barrett House, these individuals can live out the remainder of their lives with dignity and respect.

St. Joseph's Residence

Compassion and security for seniors

As Canada's population ages, the number of homeless seniors increases. Since 1999, St. Joseph's Residence has provided supportive housing for eight seniors with a history of homelessness.

The frail seniors who live at St. Joseph's Residence may struggle with physical and mental health issues, addictions and social isolation.

Caring staff who understand these challenges make it possible for residents to live out their senior years in an atmosphere of acceptance and respect.

I want to help Good Shepherd Ministries serve the homeless and disadvantaged.

I have enclosed a cheque payable to Good Shepherd Ministries.

I prefer to use my credit card:



Credit Card Number

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Love never comes to an end.

1 Corinthians

You can leave a legacy of hope and compassion by remembering our services in your Will. Our full legal name is Good Shepherd Refugee Social Ministries.

To learn more about bequests or tax-friendly ways to support our work, please call (416) 869-3619, ext. 223.

Please mail this form to address on verso.