

Mission

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.



Good Shepherd Ministries

**Serving the homeless and
disadvantaged since 1963**

The work of St. Joseph's Residence is made possible thanks to support from the Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and private charitable contributions.

For more information on how to support the vital work of Good Shepherd Refuge Social Ministries, please call the number below.

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GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES

St. Joseph's Residence

Serving seniors with a
history of homelessness



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History and Mandate

As Canada's population ages, so does its homeless population. Frail seniors struggle to survive on the streets and in shelters.

It can be hard to find suitable housing for seniors with a history of homelessness. Many suffer from mental illness and addictions. They may not have the social skills needed to live in a traditional seniors' residence. They have little financial and social support.

St. Joseph's Residence opened in July of 1999 in response to this need. It offers a caring and supportive home to eight seniors (55+) with a history of chronic homelessness. Two seniors living in apartments next door also receive support from staff.

"I started volunteering at St. Joseph's Residence a few months after retiring as a geriatric social worker, and found one of the best kept secrets in the business."

-Gay Thompson, Volunteer

Services

St. Joseph's Residence follows a communal living model. Residents have their own rooms, but share a communal living space, kitchen, washroom and bathing facilities.

Caregivers are on site 24 hours a day. They provide cleaning, prepare meals that take into account special dietary needs, do laundry, offer recreational programming, and ensure that residents take prescribed medication. Volunteers help provide social outings, accompany residents to appointments and assist with cleaning.

Services are client-focused, designed to respond to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of each resident. Addictions are managed using a harm-reduced model.

Clients

St. Joseph's Residence serves eight seniors 55+ who have a history of chronic homelessness and have little or no financial resources. Priority is given to individuals who also have mental health issues, are living with an addiction, or suffer from chronic illness or disabilities.

The eight residents reflect the diversity of the Toronto population, and come from a wide ethnic, cultural and religious background.

To inquire about a placement at St. Joseph's, please contact Brother John Chenier, BGS, Director of St. Joseph's Residence at (416) 869-3619 ext. 260.

