

FRESH START SUPPORT SERVICES ~ WINTER 2016/17

As we wind down 2016 and set our sights on 2017 we are encouraged. Although 2016 has been a difficult year as we experienced a fire, some staff shortages and financial challenges, we see brighter days ahead. We thank God for the support of our donors, who have stepped up to assist and encourage us. We are excited by community collaborations as we strive to serve vulnerable populations in St. Thomas and beyond. We are blessed by a very strong staff team, Board and supporters who consistently go above and beyond to meet the needs of the women and babies we assist.

It has also been a sensational year of growth as we expanded our charitable status to enable us to help men and women at our new supportive housing initiative in Aylmer - The Family Central Apartments. Moving forward we will continue to embrace the opportunities and challenges that come our way as we seek to honour God and support our community. **As 2016 draws to a close and a new year begins, please consider a financial gift to enable us to meet the ongoing needs of those we serve.** What a privilege it is to partner with you in all our ventures!



"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" Jeremiah 29:11

Financial Report

Year to Date (Jan-Oct 2016)

Income \$250,172.72
Expenses \$282,662.91
Loss (\$32,490.19)

Please consider how you may help financially with a donation to this life-changing ministry to women and children!

Thank You

Thanks so much for all who have donated their time, money and expertise this past year - we couldn't do it without you!!

Our Banquet on May 6 proceeds were \$10,404!

Our Girls Night on Oct 24 proceeds were almost \$4,000!

Baby Bottle Drive Donations to date are \$29,500!

Volunteers NEEDED

- Babysitters-weekday mornings
- We have a metal sign to paint in the Spring

Sponsors NEEDED

We are looking for someone to sponsor the cost of redoing the following:

- Replacing our main floor flooring
- Renovating one of our apartment bathrooms
- Renovating our staff office

For more information on the exact cost and details, please contact Lori Wall at director@fsm.ca.

Wish List

- Meat
- Video baby monitors
- 8.5x11 white printer paper
- Paper towels
- Disinfectant wipes
- Laundry detergent & dryer sheets
- Plungers
- All purpose cleaner (non-ammonia based)
- Glass loaf pans & pyrex dishes with lids
- New DVD players
- New/good condition pots & pans, cookware items for apartments
- Pop & chips/snacks for Friday movie nights

providing hope and a future

Fresh Start Maternity Supports

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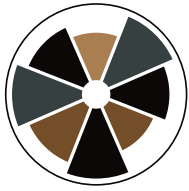
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The Family Central Apartments

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The mission of The Family Central Apartments is to share Christ's love by providing a unique apartment community committed to equipping others seeking to build a better future through intentional relationships. Program Participants partner with Intentional Neighbours and staff as they work on goals around employment, education and life skills to increase their standard of living and quality of life. For more info, visit www.familycentralapartments.com.

The apartments are finally complete and we are beginning the recruitment process. Please visit our website www.familycentralapartments.com to apply to become a volunteer or Intentional Neighbour.

Become a Family Central Apartments **VOLUNTEER!**

Be part of making a difference in our community!
Variety of opportunities which include:

- teaching programs
- setting up our program room for meetings
- cleaning apartments in prep for move in
- making/serving refreshments
- mentoring a Program Participant
- teaching a skill or providing a service eg. interview training or computer skills, life coaching
- providing transportation to appointments or shopping
- providing job skills training or opportunities to Program Participants
- tutoring
- assisting with fund raising
- babysitting (if applicable)
- sponsoring a program, Program Participant or expense
- OR have an idea? Talk to us!

Fresh Start Gift policy: Spending of funds is confined to Fresh Start-approved programs and projects. Each contribution directed towards an approved program or project will be used as restricted with the understanding that when the need for such a program or project has been met, or cannot be completed for any reason as determined by the Board of Directors, the remaining restricted contributions will be used where most needed.

Please fill out the form below with the manner in which you desire to help.

Thank you so much for your contributions!



I would like to join the Pre-Approved Monthly Payment Plan
(please fill out the information below)

name: (print) _____

phone: _____

address: _____

city: _____ province: _____

postal code: _____ date: _____

email: _____

signature: _____

I hereby authorize Fresh Start Support Services to withdraw

\$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.00 other \$ _____

from my account on the 15th of each month starting

_____ *Please attach a void cheque.*

I would like to give a one-time donation at this time of
\$ _____ where most needed or

to be designated for _____

Thank you for your generous support!

You may also donate to Fresh Start Support Services through www.CanadaHelps.org
Simply type in our name and you'll see our Charity Giving Page!