

On The Streets Newsletter

➤ Niagara Falls, ON



About Us:

- * A ministry of the Niagara Falls Seventh-day Adventist Church
- * Founded in January 2021
- * Dedicated to meeting the diverse needs of homeless and disadvantaged people in the Niagara Falls area
- * Inclusive, compassionate care for physical, social, and spiritual basic needs

Urgent Special Needs:

- * A young couple in their 20s are expecting a baby in August or September. But while living in a motel room, money for baby clothing, diapers, and necessities is beyond their financial reach
- * A young woman in need of underwear and feminine hygiene products

Outreach Update—Maiden Voyage

On Sunday July 11th, our newly-readied vehicle made its maiden voyage, to serve the struggling, homeless, and temporary motel residents of our community in Niagara Falls. The day was mostly rainy, but this seeming disadvantage actually worked out well as many folks were sheltering under coverings or in their motel rooms, making it much easier to help feed and give out socks, shoes, and other clothes.

On the Right: The truck our ministry has purchased and upgraded in order to better help the neediest residents on the streets of Niagara Falls.

One young girl we met was shivering from the cold rain - no socks and her one eye blood shot and sore. She looked into our outreach leader John's eyes, and with a pleading voice asked for help and to warm up. Food, a sweater, socks, and some encouragement enabled her to leave with a smile on her face.

As we assisted people who came to the truck, questions were asked:

Who are you? Where are you from? What does "JC" stand for? Where is the small SUV? Are you the same people? Due to Covid19, our outreach was being done from a single, unmarked vehicle with a one person staff to keep everyone safe. We have been able to purchase a new vehicle to serve better. And yes, we are the same folks, reaching out to help.



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Opportunities for Prayer:

- * A homeless couple who were pushing a grocery cart in the rain
- * A soon-to-be mother living on the streets
- * Several people on the streets with deep concerns and few answers

Help Wanted!

Opportunities are opening up; the need for volunteers, drivers, and donors is always present.

There is a **CONSTANT** need for the following items: socks, shoes, small/medium size clothes, personal hygiene products (male and female), finances to keep our kitchen and vehicles going.

Volunteers In Action

With this issue we give special thanks to our awesome volunteers who help prepare the food each week!

Top Right: From left to right—Jesse, Val, Anabelle, and Lilac preparing sack lunches for the afternoon community outreach.

Bottom Right: Joanna and Matthew making healthy sandwiches in the kitchen before the truck heads out.

Can you see yourself helping on our team?



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Coming Soon!

We are currently working on our website and social media presence. We will keep you updated as to our progress so that you can connect with us online!

Outreach Feedback

Amazingly, the group of people we helped was comprised of about 50% men and 50% women. All of these were very thankful and said they would spread the word around the city, to keep a look out for this hard-to-miss vehicle, so they could flag it down for a small lunch, toiletries, and clothing as we have available.

We are building momentum week after week as word throughout our community spreads. We are reaching new people each outing!

Eco-friendly Sleeping Mat Designs

Sharlene, one of our community partners, works with a talented group of volunteers to create durable and eco-friendly sleeping mats by reusing plastic grocery bags. This urban survival gear is distributed on an as-needed basis to homeless folks who are sleeping outdoors during the summer months. The mats provide a great barrier against dirt and rain so anyone using them can be more comfortable while staying outside.



Donate To Help Us Help Others!

If you wish to donate and support JC's Place Ministries, please email carldokimi@gmail.com, or call 905-975-6394. Please make cheques payable to Niagara Falls SDA Church, 5355 Belmont Avenue, Niagara Falls On, L2H 3H6. Your gift is a tax-deductible donation.

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On The Lookout

Here is an example of a shelter that homeless members of our community build and use to stay out of the elements—rain or heat. Our team travels to areas of the city where homeless folks reside and looks out for shelters like these to find people to help with a meal, a toothbrush, or clean socks. Helping the less fortunate, step-by-step and side-by-side.

