



## Donors Thank You !

As we now look at 2022 in the rear-view mirror, it hardly seems possible that almost 2 years have gone under the bridge, so to speak. Being able to look back and see how lives have been touched and altered, saved from freezing cold, from suicides, from starvation—by the grace of God, it has been made possible through the generosity of you our donors.

We thank you for your selfless acts in donating to JC's Place Ministries. We hope that you realize the positive effects of donating; we are aware of being personally responsible for seeing that 100% of your donation is used to help the unsheltered on the streets.



**Could You Sleep Here in Minus 25 Degree Weather ?**

We have many notes of thanks for what JC's Place Ministries has done for the lives we've touched, from the simple hugs given, to the rescuing of someone from freezing to death alone in a makeshift encampment, having only a sheet of plastic and a small blanket to fight off the slowly progressing effects of hypothermia.

Thank you, Donors, for your contributions to a cause which is making the world a better place--donations of time, money, and goods that go to those who need it most. As we experience the reality of inflation on our purchasing dollars, would you increase your impact on our Ministry by encouraging your friends, families, colleagues, neighbours, and those on your social networks to donate also? Point them to our website, [www.jcsplace.org](http://www.jcsplace.org).

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## Promptings > > >>

Ever have that inner voice that just won't leave you alone?

Today (Friday, Dec. 24, 2022), in this terrible storm, I had an inner prompting to see if a young girl was in her tent not far from us. I bundled up, scrapped the ice off the windows, got in the van, and headed down to the woods where she was living. I walked in about 100 yards and saw the tarps flying everywhere in the wind. As I approached the make-shift tent I called out her name, hoping she was not there but in a shelter. To my dismay, she answered my call.

The snow on the tarp, on the pallets and brush all around the tent-like structure made it difficult for her to make her way out. Going to the van I gave her insulated boots, a pair of gloves, and a hat along with hot chili, a bun, and hot drink. She walked with shoes half torn and no heels, and her socks were soaked.

The shelter was not open. AJ, my contact for the Niagara Region, informed me that help was off on holidays and the paramedics could not help her to get a place. She said she had a friend to go to; I told her I would be back later, just in case.

Around 6 pm I said to my wife Pam, "Let's go and make sure she went to her friend's place." Again, we went out, scrapped the windows, and drove there.

The winds and snow were so ferocious; I could barely see my neighbour's house across the street. Temperature was -12 C; the wind chill probably made it -25 C. I said to Pam, "I hope she is at her friend's place." When we got there, I bundled up and trekked through the woods with a flashlight; it was very dark. The snow and wind were strong; I almost fell a few times. When I got there, I called out her name as before; to my chagrin, she responded.

When asked if she wanted to go to her friend's place, she said, "Yes, but my belongings are too heavy to carry; I can't walk that far in this weather. My phone has no power to call my friend." I suggested she get her stuff and we would take her. She was so happy. Lugging 4 bags of belongings, she tried to make her way out of the snow-filled tarps. I grabbed two bags to help her, she fell down in the snow with the 2 bags anyway. We both laughed. She came to the truck and got inside to warm up. She shared with Pam and me some of her struggles. We got to her friend's house; I helped carry some of her things to the porch. She told me she would be able to stay here for awhile. Wishing each other a Merry Christmas, she jumped up to reach my neck, giving me a huge hug, saying, "Merry Christmas!"

When we returned home, Pam and I enjoyed a hot chocolate and tea. We listened to some scriptures and had a very peaceful satisfying evening.

I'm grateful that we obeyed that voice that prompted us to go and help this young lady.



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JC's Place is greatly encouraged by the fact that our efforts to minister are helping to build community support in the Niagara Region. Over the past few months, we have had many blessings come our way; I'll share a few: a lady who's been following our trucks around the city, pointing out where the unsheltered are hiding, is now asking



JC's PM to deliver lunches she is personally providing; a pastor in a small church has asked how he can aid, instead of reinventing or duplicating the wheel; another pastor has been impressed to go onto the streets to see where he can help and wants to partner with our Ministry; a recovered drug addict, in his own small way, has started a small feeding program and is doing Bible studies on the street. And then there are the folk who approach us on the street and ask how they can volunteer and donate support.

Recently, a lady asked one of our volunteers what he had done that past weekend. When he told her he'd been helping the unsheltered on the streets of Niagara Falls, she said, "Hey, I'd like to do that also."

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Thanks for donating

There's even more! Another person who noticed the van, asked if they could take a picture of the vehicle & John, then donated \$200.00.



A few weeks ago I was in a Thrift Store, explaining what JC's Place is doing; if they would donate unsaleable coats, boots, pants, sleeping bags, backpacks, etc. to the unsheltered. A customer who'd been listening to the conversation came up and said, "I'd like to give a \$50.00 donation." Another customer said, "I'd like to volunteer."



As I out this report from 2022, JC's Place Ministries wishes to thank the two special donors who provided 125+ hot meals for our Ministry on Sunday, Dec 25, 2022, and the volunteers who gave up precious family time to cook the meals and deliver them on Christmas Day.

JC's Place Ministries wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone. Blessings to you and your families as you continue to support those less fortunate and enabling us to "Lend a Helping Hand." May 2023 bring you health, joy, and peace and prosperity.

Thank you ~~Carl

### **Ways to Give:**

- 1. Electronically . . . [Wwww.jcsPlace.org](http://www.jcsPlace.org)**
- 2. Mail . . . JC's Place 2408 Smithville Road Smithville L0R 2A0**
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