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Curb Notes

Honouring a Founding Visionary

The Wilfred Schlegel Aftercare Program

Mission Services of London is proud to announce that the Aftercare Program at Quintin Warner House has been named the Wilfred Schlegel Aftercare Program, recognizing the lasting legacy of a man whose vision, leadership, and compassion helped shape the organization in its earliest days.

A co-founder of Mission Services of London and pastor of the Nairn Mennonite Church, Wilfred Schlegel was a passionate community builder who believed deeply in serving people facing hardship. In 1951, he helped Alvin Roth establish what was then known as the Goodwill Rescue Mission but today is known as Mission Services of London. His foundational work paved the way for Mission Services of London to become the vital organization it is today.



Wilfred's commitment to Christian humanitarian services extended far beyond the Goodwill Rescue Mission. Throughout his life, he played a significant role in numerous initiatives that supported vulnerable individuals across Southwestern Ontario.

His contributions included Craigholme Nursing Home and Craigweil Gardens Senior Citizens' Apartments, the Stratford Sunday School, Hopedale Farm, which later became Ailsa Craig Boys Farm (now Craigwood Youth Services), Parkhill Girls' Home, Ausable Spring Ranch, Meadowcrest, a halfway home for people with developmental disabilities and chronic psychiatric illnesses, and Christianview, an interdenominational Bible college. Through these projects, Wilfred dedicated himself to creating places of care, healing, dignity, and hope. *(continued inside...)*

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Today, the newly named Wilfred Schlegel Aftercare Program continues that same spirit of compassion and restoration. The program supports graduates of Quintin Warner House as they transition from addiction treatment into independent living, providing ongoing guidance, accountability, relapse prevention support, and community connection. By helping individuals maintain their recovery and build stable, healthy futures, the program reflects the values that Wilfred championed throughout his life.

As Mission Services celebrates more than 75 years of service to the London community, naming the Aftercare Program in Wilfred Schlegel's honour recognizes not only a founding leader but also a legacy of faith, service, and unwavering commitment to helping people find hope, healing, and a renewed sense of purpose.

Community Invited to Match $1.1 Million Aftercare Investment

A remarkable act of generosity is creating an even bigger opportunity for the London community to make a difference. Mission Services of London has received $1.1 million in support of the newly named Wilfred Schlegel Aftercare Program, including a $500,000 gift from the RBJ Schlegel Family Foundation and a $600,000 contribution from an anonymous donor.

Now, Mission Services is challenging the community to match that investment and help expand support for individuals recovering from addiction. The funds will strengthen aftercare services that provide housing, counselling, relapse prevention, life-skills training, and ongoing support for men transitioning from treatment back into the community.

The donations have already made it possible to restore the program's full capacity of 17 beds and enhance staffing and support services during the critical months following treatment.

For Rob Schlegel, the gift is about continuing a family legacy of caring for the community, while also inspiring others to get involved. He expressed hope that the additional $600,000 donation and the community match campaign will encourage residents, businesses, and organizations to contribute and help take the program to the next level.

Every donation made through the community match campaign will help ensure more people have access to the support, stability, and resources they need to build lasting recovery, creating a stronger and healthier community for everyone.





Accreditation News: Celebrating Excellence in Service.

We are pleased to share that Mission Services of London has successfully renewed its accreditation through the Canadian Centre for Accreditation (CCA).

This achievement is an important recognition of our commitment to delivering high-quality services, operating in alignment with sector best practices, and being responsible stewards of the resources entrusted to us.

Accreditation renewal sends a strong message to our community that Mission Services continues to provide compassionate, professional care while maintaining rigorous standards of accountability and excellence. It affirms that the programs and services we offer to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, poverty, addiction, and mental health challenges meet nationally recognized standards.

This accomplishment would not have been possible without the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and community partners. It is also a reflection of the generosity and trust of donors like you. Your support enables us to carry out this important work with compassion, hope, and integrity every day.

Together, we are building a stronger, more caring community and ensuring that those who turn to Mission Services receive the highest standard of care and support. Thank you for your continued support.

Scan Away Hunger™ Returns to Grocery Stores in London!

Thursday, November 5, 2026 — Wednesday, December 16, 2026

Participating Locations:
Remark (1190 Oxford St. W, London, ON)
Tremblett's Your Independent Grocer — Wortley (179 Wortley Rd, London, ON)
Drew's Your Independent Grocer — Oxford (234 Oxford St. E, London, ON)
Mission Store (797 York St, London, ON)

By adding $4.49 (or multiples thereof) to your total at checkout, or by donating online at missionservices.ca/helpscanawayhunger, you can help cover the cost of a meal for a man, woman, or child in one of our emergency shelters or our addiction treatment program.

Across Mission Services of London's (MSL) three kitchens, located within the Men's Mission, Rotholme Family Shelter, and Quintin Warner House, over 500 meals are served per day. In the 2025-2026 fiscal year, over 258,466 meals and snacks were served.

Thank you for considering your neighbours in need, and for coming alongside MSL to help ensure that individuals and families can receive the support they seek.



Impacting LIVES through sites and programs:

Men's Mission
459 York Street
519-672-8500

Rotholme Family Shelter
42 Stanley Street
519-673-4114

Quintin Warner House
457 York Street
519-434-8041

Community Mental Health Programs
4-797 York Street
519-439-7700 (Streetscape)

Mission Store
4-797 York Street
519-438-3056

Mission Services of London Foundation
4-797 York Street
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A Summer of Hope and New Beginnings.

Summer is always a busy and exciting time at Rotholme Family Shelter. Throughout the summer months, children participated in camp activities, special outings, and memorable experiences that brought fun, learning, and confidence into their lives.

Thanks to the generosity of donors to Mission Services of London's this summer, children benefited from activities and events made possible through the support of community partners, including the Kiwanis Club of Forest City-London, Kiwanis Club of Middlesex, May Court Club of London, TD Bank Group, the Ursuline Sisters of London, and many other generous supporters. A highlight of the season was TD Bank Group's annual Summer of Hope Day BBQ.

As summer ended, Children's Fund donations helped provide backpacks, school supplies, lunch bags, indoor shoes, and other back-to-school essentials, ensuring children were ready to start the school year with confidence.

The Children's Fund supports children year-round, helping provide recreation, educational opportunities, celebrations, and essential items for children and youth staying at Rotholme Family Shelter.

Mission Services of London is deeply grateful to the donors, volunteers, and community partners who make this support possible. Your generosity helps create moments of joy, build confidence, and provide children with opportunities to thrive, no matter the season.

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday
February 27, 2027

coldest night OF THE YEAR