

**Walking Alongside Our  
Neighbours in Need**

# Curb Notes

## Christmas Celebrations Throughout Mission Services of London

The holidays offer a special opportunity to extend warmth and care to the individuals and families Mission Services of London is blessed to serve. For many, this season brings added emotional and practical challenges, as they may be unable to gather with loved ones or celebrate cherished traditions in the ways they had hoped.

**Thanks to generous donors, some of the special moments that were captured this Christmas season through Mission Services of London's sites and programs were:**

### **Men's Mission:**

Participants at Men's Mission were offered a holiday meal with all the traditional fixings and a gift bag containing treats, personal care items, and winterwear. A staff member handwrote a personalized Christmas card for every man, and each card was signed by Men's Mission's staff and volunteers.

### **Rotholme Family Shelter:**

Seasonal decorations helped bring warmth to shared spaces throughout Rotholme. Santa visited the children, ensuring they had gifts from their wish list to unwrap on Christmas morning. The parents were gifted self-care items and other thoughtful extras.

### **Quintin Warner House:**

A holiday meal was prepared, and alumni were invited to return and share the evening with men currently in the program. Each participant received a gift bag with personal care items, clothing, and small comforts.

### **Community Mental Health Programs:**

Each participant was given a handwritten Christmas card, and a \$10.00 gift card to nearby locations, such as Tim Hortons. If the participant had children and disclosed need, they were offered toys and small gifts for Christmas morning celebrations.

In whichever way you were able to show compassion this season, whether through donations toward holiday meals or highest priority needs, gifts of comfort such as blankets, hygiene items, and clothing, volunteering your time, or keeping those in need in your prayers, *thank you.*



# Coldest Night of the Year

saturday, february 28, 2026

Mission Services of London invites you and your family, friends, and colleagues to join us for our annual Coldest Night of the Year walk on Saturday, February 28, 2026! Walk 2.5 or 5km, and enjoy a hot bowl of chili to warm up after the walk, prepared by the talented cooks from the Men's Mission kitchen.

## Why Participate?

By walking with Mission Services of London, you're helping to raise awareness about the challenging realities of experiencing homelessness throughout the winter months.

You're also helping raise funds. All donations made to Mission Services of London through Coldest Night of the Year directly support our programs for people in need year-round, including emergency shelter for men and families; a four-month, live-in addiction treatment program for men; community mental health programs for adults experiencing homelessness, mental illness, and/or substance addiction, as well as support for individuals involved in the justice system or transitioning out of long-term hospital care; and our Emergency Voucher Program, which provides basic necessities at no cost to participants, such as clothing, undergarments, winterwear, hygiene items, cutlery, towels, bedding, and more.

## Next Steps

Register as a walker, join a team, volunteer on event day, or make a donation at: [cnoy.org/londondowntown](http://cnoy.org/londondowntown).

*Thank you for walking alongside our neighbours in need this winter season.*



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## A Few Highlights from December Giving

Mission Services of London was blessed to receive many donations throughout the month of December, each helping to offer moments of comfort and relief year-round to the men, women, and children served through our sites and programs. From financial contributions to gifts of time and in-kind support, we are deeply grateful.

Among these many acts of kindness, we extend our sincere thanks to The Mitchell & Kathryn Baran Family Foundation for a Christmas donation of \$25,000, to Summit Properties for a Christmas donation of \$25,000, and to the London St. Thomas Association of Realtors for a gift of \$10,005 given through their Community Care Day.

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## The Gift of a Nutritious Meal: Scan Away Hunger™

Mission Services of London's annual campaign, Scan Away Hunger™, which helps cover the costs of the nutritious meals provided by our emergency shelters and addiction treatment program, concluded on Wednesday, December 17, 2025!

Supporters of the campaign were able to donate online or add \$4.49 to their total at checkout at participating locations, including Remark, Drew's Your Independent Grocer, Tremblett's Your Independent Grocer, and the Mission Store.

In 2025, Mission Services of London proudly celebrated 31 years of Scan Away Hunger™. Nutritious meals are often the first step in extending care, and we are sincerely thankful to every donor who made a contribution throughout the years. *Thank you.*

*In 2024-2025, Mission Services of London served 184,420 meals across our three kitchens.*

## Dare to Give: North Park Community Church

Every year, the congregation of North Park Community Church supports participants at Mission Services of London by assembling bags filled with essential items, delivered weekly throughout November and December.

This year, the congregation donated more than **750 bags** stocked with hygiene products, handwarmers, winter accessories, undergarments, and other thoughtful essentials that help reinforce dignity and comfort.

Thank you to every congregation member who gave to this year's Dare to Give campaign and helped to create meaningful moments of relief for people in need.



**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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## Donor Tax Receipts for 2025 Giving

Mission Services of London is grateful for our donors' compassion in coming alongside individuals and families in need through the generous donations made in 2025. These gifts helped ensure that people facing challenging seasons of life could receive the support they sought.

For most avenues of giving, Mission Services of London issues one consolidated tax receipt each year in February, covering gifts received between January 1 and December 31 of the previous year.

Due to the postal strike at the end of 2024, the Canada Revenue Agency introduced a special circumstance allowing gifts received between January 1, 2025, and February 28, 2025, to be claimed, at the donor's discretion, on either their 2024 or 2025 tax return.

As a result, Mission Services of London issued tax receipts for 2025 at two different times:

- March 2025 for gifts received between January 1, 2025, and February 28, 2025.
- February 2026 for gifts received between March 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025.

Accordingly, the consolidated tax receipts issued in February 2026 will include gifts made between March 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025.

If your donation was made online, or given as a gift of securities or an estate gift, your charitable tax receipt would have been issued as a one-time receipt at the time your gift was received. For more details, please visit [missionservices.ca/tax-receipts-2025-giving](https://missionservices.ca/tax-receipts-2025-giving)

If you require another copy of your March 2025 tax receipt (for gifts given between January 1, 2025, and February 28, 2025), or if you have any other questions about your charitable tax receipt, please contact our Donor Relations Assistant by phone, at 519-433-2807 ext. 2120, or by email, at [donorhelp@missionservices.ca](mailto:donorhelp@missionservices.ca). *Thank you.*