



A New Beginning Mission

news *letter*

"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know" - Jeremiah 33:3

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Special Thanks To:

Parker's Cleaners



Men's Winter Clothing Drive: All Wrapped Up for Christmas

- December 18, 2010

The fundraising team lead by our Youth Pastor mobilized our winter clothing campaign from November 22 to December 10.

Signs were posted at different locations in an effort to get new and gently used men's outerwear. We also enlisted the support of our colleagues at work.



Amazingly we collected a mountain of clothing which was laundered and sorted by church volunteers for our December giveaways.

Parker's Cleaners exceeded all our expectations by not only dry cleaning all our coats without charge but by donating 11 more coats!

Event day was cold and we were ready! Our team of volunteers set out tables filled with coats, sweaters, hats scarves and gloves.



As one of our donors said, "It is important that the dignity of the homeless men in our city be restored." And we agree.

Thanks to all for your generous support!

Giving back *counts*

The Regent Park Holiday Party – Toys, Toys, Toys

-December 11, 2010

How do you plan a holiday gift giveaway for 300 children of various ages with less than 72 hours notice and no money? Well that was the question facing the Regent Park Community Centre which did not qualify for the Chum Christmas Toy Donation for the first time in many years.

That's when our Children's Outreach Coordinator received a call for help. Calls were made, and the June Callwood Centre stepped in donating approximately \$30,000.00 worth of brand new toys.

The Regent Park Community Centre was decorated for the celebration and was filled with holiday music. Volunteers stocked 10 tables with an assortment of toys, stockings filled with treats, children's new clothing and much more.



"Overwhelming" took on a whole new meaning. Not one gift was left! All 300 children left with Christmas presents to unwrap and very happy parents.

What looked impossible to men was ONLY possible with God!

Monday Christmas Lunch at Followers Mission

- December 20, 2010

Every cook knows that success is measured by empty plates, and full stomachs. We prepared a festive home cooked meal of



barbeque chicken, rice and peas and salad for the homeless in the Moss Park area.

Pies were baked by one of the men who attends our Monday Mission! Approximately fifty people experienced the love of God in an atmosphere of giving, joy and appreciation which symbolizes the true spirit of Christmas.

Fundraising Events

For the month of October, the youth of a New Beginning started saving their coins in our first coin drive. By October 31st, \$800 was raised. The money was used for our weekly Monday initiative at Followers Mission called "Breakfast with Jesus" during which a filling breakfast is served with music and a Bible Study.

Calories for a Good Cause Don't Count

Bake sales always attract open wallets to satisfy that sweet tooth. Several church members who love to bake made a variety baked goods using time tested

recipes. Our bake sales have proven to be so popular that private orders are now being placed with all proceeds going toward the Mission.

"Thank You for Your Generous Giving"

Thanks for the consistent support of our corporate sponsors, churches and workplace colleagues. You have made it possible for us to give to the Moss Park and Regent Park communities. In September you gave generously to our Regent Park "Back to School Looking Cool Campaign" and filled children's backpacks with school supplies and clothing. During this holiday season, you provided coats, sweaters, scarves, mitts and hats to homeless men.

After one of our church members shared our Mission Drive with her organization, her company made our Mission the charity of choice. The company Manager noted that 100% of our Mission staff is volunteers. They collected \$600.00 during Christmas to help us continue our work.

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