



Red Door

Ending family homelessness one family at a time.



Newsletter

Winter 2017

A Season of Goodwill Thanks to You!

The true holiday spirit of goodwill was in the air in December. We experienced such an incredible outpouring of generosity from the community with hundreds of supporters like you sharing the joy of the season with families in need.

So many amazing community groups, workplace teams, neighbours and supporters came together to make a difference for homeless families.

Together, your kind holiday gifts made the season bright for 176 families, and raised over \$282,000 for our programs to support children and families affected by homelessness and abuse.

We are truly grateful for generous supporters like you who care about making a difference for local homeless families. Many kind donors passed on their holiday wishes and words of encouragement along with their gifts:

"I hope that your stay at the Red Door will be the beginning of a new and happier life for you. Remember there are people in this city who care about you." – Joan, donor

For homeless families, the holiday season can be a difficult time of year, but with your kind support the spirit of the season came shining through.

Families at our shelter were overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity. It means so much for a single mom to know she is not alone, or for a refugee family to know that there are kind people like you who care about them and are willing to help.

"To see my daughter happy at Christmas means the world to me."
– Red Door client

Your kind support touches so many lives. On behalf of everyone at the Red Door, thank you for helping to bring smiles and happiness to families affected by homelessness and abuse.

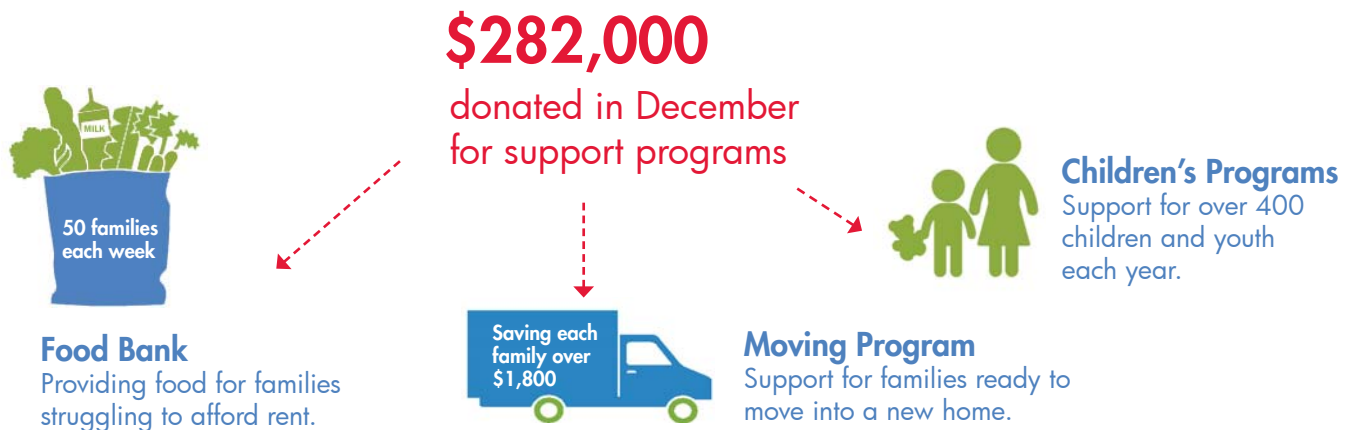
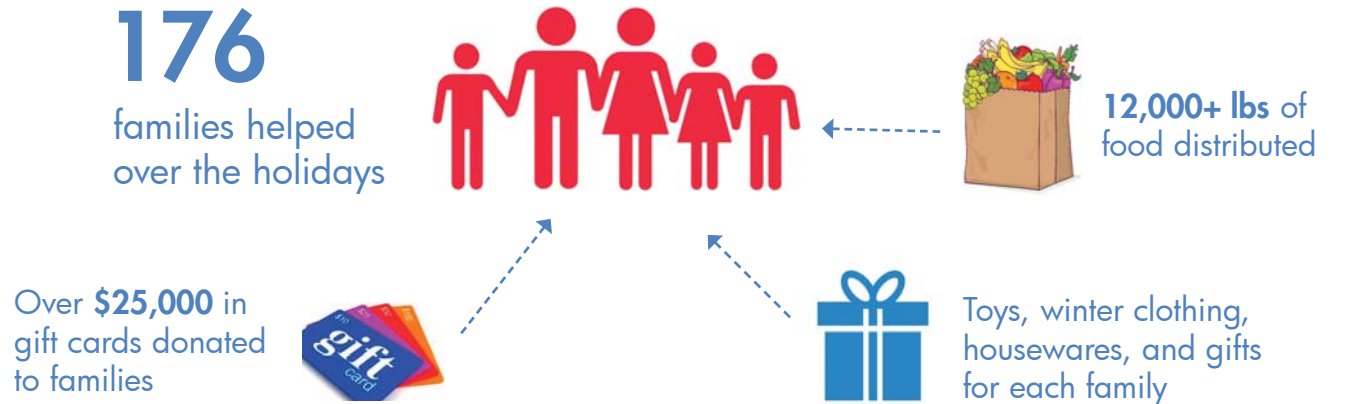


The Care Gift Elves dropping off donations.



Metro Toronto Convention Centre employees raised \$7,968 at their annual Reindeer Raffle.

YOUR SUPPORT MADE THE DIFFERENCE



You Helped 176 Families over the Holidays

Ana and her family moved out of the shelter in 2015, but reached out for support while Ana was undergoing cancer treatment. Her eldest daughter came to the Holiday Donation Day and received toiletries, clothing, toys, and gift cards for the teens in the family. Ana says that receiving this extra help really lifted her spirits, and she was thrilled to let us know that her most recent test shows that she is now cancer-free!

Omen came to the Red Door last year seeking asylum as a refugee with her 3 young sons. She was stressed and anxious about her immigration process. With your support we were able to help, and in the fall she received notice of her successful permanent residency. In December, Omen was grateful to receive much needed winter coats, housewares and clothing at our Holiday Donation Day: *"I feel really happy and relieved to receive these gifts. I'm so happy to be here in Canada."*



Families in need of support who recently moved out of our shelter received your generous gifts at our Holiday Donation Day.

You Help Kids Heal

Your generous gifts brought great big smiles to the faces of kids at the Red Door over the holidays.

Children from our shelter had the opportunity to take in some super fun day trips around town. Highlights included an afternoon skating party (for many it was their first time on skates), a day of exploring at the ROM, and attending a magical performance of Disney on Ice: Dream Big.

It's hard to think that there are children living in a shelter during the holidays, but with your financial support we can provide caring programs that help homeless kids and teens during this difficult time and offer fun experiences to help them gain happy childhood memories.

Your generous donations made a lasting difference for kids this holiday season and will help us provide many more exciting adventures and support to homeless kids in 2017. Thank you!



Learn more about our Children's Programs at reddoorshelter.ca/programs/children

We still need your help to raise \$78,000 for our supportive programs for children and families before April 1st. If you didn't make a gift in December, please consider making a donation today with the enclosed reply form.

Join Krista in the Family Guardians Monthly Donor Club

The Family Guardians are a special group of people who make a monthly gift in ongoing support of women, children and families at the Red Door.

Monthly giving helps provide families with the stability, strength and hope they need to heal and rebuild their lives.

Less than \$1 a day can have a great impact.

Join more than 150 dedicated Family Guardians who are making a difference each and every day!

To learn more about the benefits of monthly giving and to join visit:
reddoorshelter.ca/monthly-giving

"Supporting the Red Door Shelter means supporting my neighbours. While there are so many amazing causes that I'd love to give to, it makes me happy to know that my donation is going directly to the people down the street from me - newcomers to Canada, women fleeing from abuse, local kids who are just trying to digest it all.



I used to give one sum at the end of the year, but the monthly giving program makes it a lot easier for me and also for the Red Door to be able to predict funding and security for clients in the future."

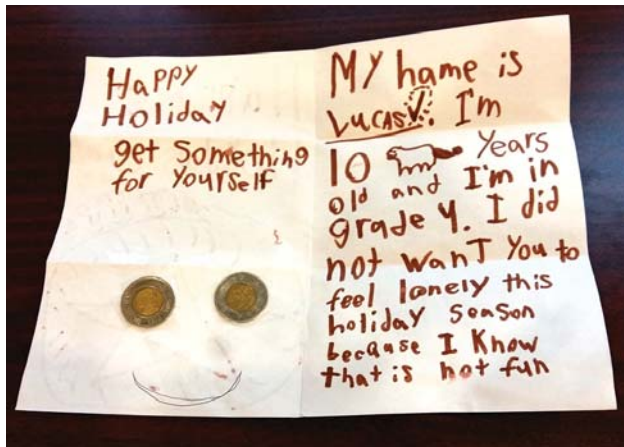
Krista Fogel-Smith, Family Guardian, local mom and photographer

Red Door's Family Shelter has Moved

In December the family shelter moved to its interim location at 1430 Gerrard St. E. We were delighted by the warm welcome from our new neighbours at the Open House in October and are confident that families in crisis will continue to be well served during our time on Gerrard St. E.

Construction is underway at the original family shelter site at 875 Queen St. E. to incorporate a purpose-built family shelter into the new development. Working in partnership with Harhay Developments and the City of Toronto means that we can provide the safe, modern sanctuary that homeless families desperately need.

The Community of Hope Capital Campaign continues to raise the \$3M required for equipment, furnishings and support services at the new shelter. For more information or to donate, visit: reddoorshelter.ca/building-hope or call 416-915-5671 x230.



A Touching Gift from the Heart

We were truly touched to receive this thoughtful gift from one of our young donors who wanted to show that he cared over the holidays.

Thank you Lucas and all of our generous holiday donors who lifted the spirits of homeless families and truly made a difference.

Let us Know your Preferences

Your support means the world to homeless families. Our goal is to keep you informed about your impact and how you can help in the future.

We are happy to accommodate your preferences for how and when you want to hear from us. Just let us know!

Spot any mistakes? Tell us if we need to update your contact details.

Email: fundraising@reddoorshelter.ca
Phone: 416-915-5671 x225

Update your information anytime online at:
reddoorshelter.ca/change-contact



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