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# NEWSLETTER

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## THE TREASURE OF THE POOR

The poor have a treasure to offer precisely because they cannot return our favours. By not paying us for what we have done for them, they call us to inner freedom, selflessness, generosity, and true care. Jesus says “when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; then you will be blessed, for they have no means to repay you and so you will be repaid when the upright rise again”(Luke 14:13-14) The repayment Jesus speaks about is spiritual. It is the joy, peace, and love of God that we so much desire. This is what poor give us, not only in the afterlife but already here and now. (Quoted from Bread for the Journey by Henrie J.M. Nouwen)

Capital City Mission : Why ? WHEN?  
WHERE? What? How?

**Why?** Matthew 25:40 “And the king will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you to the extent you did it to one of these brothers of mine even the least of them, you did it to me’.” (NASB)

The Bible tells us specifically to dress the naked, feed the hungry & thirsty, visit the sick and lonely & the prisoner. Capital City Mission is a response to these truths. That’s why we do what we do - in obedience to scripture.

**When?** We started out Jan. 2000 and have store front hours of 10am-4pm Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., as well as coffee houses Sunday 2-4pm and Wed. night from 7-9. Our hours at night are extended come winter.

**Where are we?** (Location at the top of this page)

We are located between Augusta and Coburg Streets at 505 Rideau St. (in Lowertown)

**What do we offer people?** A safe friendly place. “A PLACE TO FIND FRIENDSHIP, A PLACE TO FIND HELP,” respect & love in action. We also give Christians a place to serve the poor.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

To reach the people in the inner city of Ottawa with Christ’s love, through a mercy ministry and being socially active as advocates for the inner city person.

**How do we function?** How can you get involved in reaching this goal? (see p.2 )

We function on the strength that comes from the local Ottawa Churches. Through prayer, and people sharing time and financial support .We are able to reach on average 70 individuals daily with God’s love. We are a non-profit

charity that issues tax receipts and we train and equip people of all ages to be involved in loving and reaching the poor.

We are available to come to your church to share about the ministry for a specific group or your whole church.

**So how can you get involved?** Give us a call!

This is a list of functions we provide:

haircuts, laundry,  
food bank, clothing, footwear,  
snacks/baking, coffee/refreshments,  
special dinners/barbecues,  
trustee's counseling  
(ADDICTIONS,FAMILY,YOUTH),  
housing help/moving, hospital & prison  
visits, coffee house services, social  
recreation/outings, phone & mail service  
for homeless, networking helps, internet  
and computer help, angel-tree ministry  
and backpack gifts at Christmas.

**BUT THE BIGGEST THING WE  
PROVIDE IS LISTENING, CARING  
FRIENDS. NOT PEOPLE WHO CAN  
FIX EVERY THING, JUST PEOPLE  
TO WALK WITH OUR GUESTS AND  
FRIENDS AS THEY ARE GOING  
DOWN LIFE'S PATH.**

You can be involved by getting more information.

You can get involved by donating items of clothing, toiletries, hygiene products, having a sock drive at your group or your whole church, maybe you'd like to make sandwiches or soup or you could send coupons from Costco or Loblaws. Financial gifts are always needed and will help us to grow as a ministry.

(Capital City Mission has no Govt. funding)

Perhaps more than anything you're interested in being trained and being involved in this store-front Christian mission. Give us a call!

One thing we can all do is pray: We at Capital City Mission would be so blessed to know that the prayer support of the ministry is growing. We have a Prayer Guide for the ministry. Would you consider adding us to your prayer requests daily? That would be such a blessing to the work we are called to do in Lowertown.

**HERE IS OUR DAILY PRAYER  
GUIDE:**

Sunday: special thanks for God's hand on CCM

Monday: souls, freedom, favour & acceptance

Tuesday: space to function & for the homeless

Wednesday: staff, blessing on mind, body, spirit

Thursday: school, incarnation training CCM/Master's Commission

Friday: services Wed. & Sunday Coffee House's

Saturday: support for the needs of the friends, staff, and building of CCM and all other ministries that reach out to the poor.