

## Why some people need assistance ...

There are many reasons why some people in an affluent community like ours need emergency shelter. Some of these include:

- Unemployment or underemployment;
- Inadequate incomes;
- High costs for housing, education, and transportation;
- Unexpected expenses, family emergencies and illness;
- Being a new Canadian or new to Waterloo Region with limited financial resources;
- Dysfunctional or abusive family relationships;
- Addictions to alcohol, drugs or gambling;
- Poor physical and/or mental health.

## You can help ...

- Your cash donations help to provide food, shelter and casework assistance to homeless men.
- Volunteers are needed to staff the recreation room and assist in the kitchen.
- Your donations of gifts-in-kind such as food, clothing, toiletries and kitchen supplies can help reduce program expenses.

## House of Friendship Programs

Addiction Services	Community Services
<b>Women</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alcontrol</li> <li>• Moving Forward</li> </ul>	Appliance Repairs Christmas Hampers Emergency Food Hampers
<b>Men</b> —174 King Street North	
Family Services	Residential Services
<b>Community Centres</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Chandler-Mowat</li> <li>•Courtland-Shelley</li> <li>•Kingsdale</li> <li>•Sunnydale</li> </ul> Live and Learn Camp Sponsorship	Cramer House Eby Village Kiwanis House Charles St. Men's Hostel Charles Village

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## Agency Affiliations ...



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*Extending the hand of friendship  
to our neighbors in need since 1939*

## Charles Street Men's Hostel offers ...

- Emergency shelter—short-term room and board for males 16 years of age and older who have no other place to stay.
- Casework assistance and referrals in areas such as social assistance, housing and employment opportunities.
- A drop-in room to escape the elements and socialize.
- Recreation opportunities in the evening.

## How to Apply ...

- To register as a resident call (519) 742-8327 or drop into the hostel to have your name placed on the Intake Sheet.
- Men with a source of income pay a daily fee for room and board. Men with no income can be subsidized until they are able to secure a source of income.

## Hours of Operation ...

- The Charles Street Men's Hostel is open seven days a week year round.
- The evening curfew is 11:00 pm. Men who are already registered must be checked in prior to that time. New residents are registered 7-9 pm each day.
- The Drop-In room is open to non-residents from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm.
- Residents are asked to leave the facility on weekdays from 9:00—11:00 am so the building can be cleaned.

## Program Goal ...

Our goal is to provide shelter and support services to homeless men.

## Program Objectives ...

- To reduce the number of nights homeless men are without food and shelter.
- To increase the stability of men's housing.
- To improve residents' decision-making.
- To improve access to community support services as men leave emergency shelter.
- To provide access to a safe and supportive social environment.



*"I just wanted to say a truly heartfelt thanks to everyone at the hostel. ... You gave me a safe place when I needed it and an opportunity and encouragement to start again. Thanks. Today my life is so cool and it started there."*

-a former resident

## History and Funding ...

- Providing emergency assistance for homeless men was part of the original mandate of House of Friendship when it was founded as a men's mission on King Street in downtown Kitchener in 1939. It moved to 23 Charles Street in 1949 and to its current location at 63 Charles in 1982.
- The program is funded through resident fees from those able to pay, by the Region of Waterloo, an annual grant from United Way and donations to House of Friendship.

## A Program of House of Friendship ...

- The Charles St. Men's Hostel is one of House of Friendship's Residential Services.
- House of Friendship is a Christian, non-profit human service agency founded in 1939. It operates programs in the areas of Addiction Services, Community Services, Family Services and Residential Services (see back panel).
- House of Friendship's mission is to serve low-income people in need of support and to promote opportunities for personal growth, wholesome relationships and community development through the application of holistic Christian principles.

*"I want to see a mighty flood of justice, a torrent of doing good."* -Amos 5:24