

Empowering families & individuals to succeed with dignity & purpose.



Happy New Year from the Hamilton Dream Center!

Christmas has come and gone and it was another wonderfully successful season of giving and receiving at the Dream Center. Donations of food and toys continued right up until we closed for the holidays. Hampers, including 2 toys for each child in the family, were delivered on December 21, 2016.

546 toys and stocking stuffers were given out to the children this year!!!

The Dream Center as always, is so very grateful to our donors, volunteers and clients for making dreams happen and sharing the wonder of the Christmas season.



Plans for next year's Christmas Hamper Project are already underway. You can never begin too early!! Donations of food and "brand new in box toys" can be dropped off at the Dream Center on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week or you can make a cash donation towards the purchase of food and toys for next year's Christmas campaign. Please visit our website at www.hamiltondreamcenter.ca and donate online!



Vintage Blueberry features a variety of fashion, home décor, and even delectable treats for you to discover

All proceeds will go to support the initiatives of the center.

Clothing items are \$2 per piece

Shoes, purses and coats are \$5 per item

Home décor is individually priced

Next dates are February 23 & 25 & March 23 & 25!!

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The Hamilton Dream Center is a **non government funded** organization created to assist the working poor and is sustained only by the generosity of its donors. Monthly sponsorship is a terrific way to bless those living at or below the poverty level in Hamilton.

\$30.00, \$50.00 or \$100.00, or whatever amount you are able to pledge helps keep the programs running as well as helps to keep the shelves in the Blue Door Food Pantry stocked.

For any gift over \$10.00, you will also receive a tax receipt.

MAKE A DONATION

What is in it for you?

The satisfaction of knowing that you are helping change the lives of those living in poverty in Hamilton.

E-CHARITY....

We want to take this time to make a few changes to the way we communicate with you and the way you are able to donate. With the cost of stamps OVER \$1 now we hope to minimize the cost by signing up for our e-newsletter!

You can have your email added to the list by calling the office: 905-527-8605 and speaking with reception OR you can email kimberly.hamiltondreamcenter@gmail.com

Hope Award

In October of 2016 we held our Annual Gala of Hope. It was a wonderful evening and quite a success.

Occasionally at these Galas we honour a family or person who has gone above and beyond to help the Dream Center reach more people, do more good, or spread more love. We give them The HOPE Award. 2016's HOPE Award was given in honour of a man who touched the lives of many.

We gave the HOPE Award in honour of **Harry Mans**. Harry was an extraordinary man. Volunteering and donating time, resources and finances was something that he lived. He was a part of the Stoney Creek Lyons Club for 23 years, president and treasurer, as well as helping with the guide dogs. He also helped at the Stoney Creek Food Bank, Christian Salvage Mission, and Camp Dorset to help with dialysis patients.

When it came to the Dream Center, he would come by to pick up empty boxes that were being filled with books and bibles to go overseas. While he was here he would wander the halls and say hi to many of us, give us welcome hugs and share a laugh. He was never without a smile. On many of these visits he tucked a cheque into my hand – his financial contribution to the Dream Center.

Sadly Harry lost his battle with cancer. However, his legacy of Kindness and Generosity lives on! Harry owned and operated a moving company called Mountaineer Movers, a family run business in Hamilton. It continues to be run by his family, and they carry on in their dad's footsteps.

Twice a month Mountaineer Movers selflessly give up their time and use their company employees and truck to pick up the much needed groceries that go a long way to feeding the thousands a year that depend on our Food Pantry. They continue to support us financially and any other time they can.

In 2016, in honour of Harry Mans, the HOPE Award was given to Mountaineer Movers for ALL they do to support the Dream Center and the families that need us. - Thank you.

Rebekah Hill
Director of the Hamilton Dream Center

Its Bowl-a-Thon time again!!!!

This year our event will be at Skyway Lanes
Saturday, April 1, 2017
from 1 to 4 pm.

LOOKING FOR TEAM CAPTAINS!

Come out, join a team, make your own team and have a **fun** afternoon, enjoy **GREAT SNACKS**, win **PRIZES** and more importantly, raise money for the ongoing work of the Hamilton Dream Center.

Call the office at 905-527-8605 for more information or to pick up sponsorship forms.

This is an annual super fun event. **Our fundraising goal is \$10,000.00!!**



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