

Empowering families & individuals to succeed with dignity & purpose.



Dream Center Bowl a Thon!

This year's Bowl-a-Thon at Skyway Lanes in Hamilton was a resounding success with **\$10,018.00** being raised!! Thank YOU!

Saturday April 1, saw **crazy fun** bowling action with approximately 100 people bowling, watching, hooting and cheering! Each year The Dream Center hosts this event to help raise support for the ongoing work at the D.C. including helping stock the shelves at the Blue Door Food Pantry. **Prizes** were won, competition between teams was **fierce** and fun was had by all!



Thank you to all who bowled, came out and watched and raised money for the D.C.

Suites Available

Looking for a great place to run your business?? The Dream Center has a few suites available for rental.

LO2—810 Square feet; LO3—495 Square feet; Suite 206—1258 Square feet; Suite 209—527 Square feet

Please contact Rebekah at rebekah@hamiltondreamcenter.ca



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 May 25 & 27!!

Instagram: @thevintageblueberry
FB: TheHamiltonDreamCenter

BECOME A MONTHLY SUPPORTER!

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 assist those living at or below the poverty level in Hamilton.

A \$30.00, \$50.00 or \$100.00, monthly pledge helps keep the programs running as well as helps to keep the shelves in the Blue Door Food Pantry stocked. Our goal is **\$2500.00** in monthly sponsorships.

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.

Visit: www.hamiltondreamcenter.ca

E-CHARITY....

We now offer Mail Chimp as an alternative to receiving a paper copy of our newsletter. This helps us to reduce costs as well as keep you up to date more often! Mail Chimp is an email version of our newsletter and is a great way to communicate with you. If you would like to receive our e-newsletter, please call the office at 905-527-8605 or email us at kimberly.hamiltondreamcenter@gmail.com

Volunteering is alive and well at the HDC!

Volunteers are the backbone of the Hamilton Dream Center. We are so grateful for all the people who give of themselves after work, during the day and on weekends. It is through their efforts that so much gets done and enables us to assist the working poor in our city. Jentine began volunteering in our clothing sorting room in our **Blue Door Food Pantry** as well in **The Vintage Blueberry** store. Please read what volunteering means to her:

Hey, I'm Jentine:)

I run an online vintage boutique here in Hamilton and spend my free time trying to convince my husband to get a dog. I've been helping out at The Dream Center for the last few months. I heard about the Dream Center

last year from my sister-in-law when she was helping to set up The Vintage Blueberry and I thought that that sounded like it was right up my alley! I had a sneaking suspicion that once I got involved, I would get over-involved...;)

Our small group at church (Blessings Christian Church) started by helping out once a month this past October and then I started coming in by myself (or with a friend, thanks Elisha!!) every week to help stock the clothing room and bring a little order to the sorting room. And then there was also The Vintage Blueberry... It's fun to help set that up and make it look pretty:) When I help with The Vintage Blueberry, I think about how it can be set up like a boutique and how we can get more people to come and visit so we can bring more money back to the food bank. When I help sort for the clothing room (a side room where any food bank recipients can choose out some appropriate clothing) I am looking for cute, trendy, wearable and washable clothes that never make anyone feel as if they are getting a 'hand me down'. I love clothes, and in a way, that's how I make my living, but it's a joy to share these particular God-given talents in a way that gives back to the community. Clothing can be fun and super frivolous but it also has a huge element of functionality. I truly believe that feeling good about yourself (and that includes some nice threads...) can give you the confidence to get to the next step.

And I was right, what started with a very casual commitment has turned more serious. I even have a key to the building! This feels like a serious relationship!

All joking aside, I'm so glad there is a place like Dream Center All our blessings are from God's hand, and it was never His intention that we hold those blessings to ourselves.



FOOD DRIVE

Summer is coming and the Blue Door Food Pantry is in very short supply of :

Canned meats, Cereal, Fruit Cups, Canned pasta dinners and Canned pasta sauce, Personal Hygiene Items, Granola Bars, Crackers & Cookies. Hunger never takes a holiday and summer is no different. Please call Brenda at **905-527-8605** if you are able to help with some food donations!

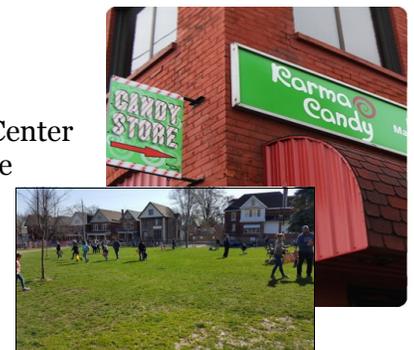
Thank You!



Easter Candy Fun!

This year we are so grateful for **Karma Candy** as they have come on board and donated Easter chocolate and candy to the Blue Door Food Pantry. The Dream Center exists in part to the generosity of local businesses in their ongoing support of the programs at The Hamilton Dream Center.

Thanks so much **Karma Candy**!! With the generous amount of chocolate, the Dream Center was able to host a free community Easter Egg Hunt with almost 75 kids finding delicious chocolates! One little girl told her mum that her tummy hurt from eating so much fantastic chocolate!



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