

Vision 2020 Fall Appeal

Community and Compassion at St. Andrew's

Vignette #2 – Local Outreach

Mission and Outreach at St. Andrew's takes on many forms, and spans many locations, both near and far. Work in our own community is focussed on improving the health and well-being of its most vulnerable residents, as well as lending a helping hand to others in need. We do this through both financial support and by taking on a direct role in some activities.



St. Andrew's is a founding member of the Centretown Churches Social Action Committee and actively supports the Centretown Emergency Food Center. We are regular participants in the Coldest Night of the Year charity walk for the Ottawa Mission. We support, both financially and by the direct involvement of some dedicated Congregants,

Bruce House, which offers assistance to individuals and families affected by HIV and AIDS, and the Community Laundry Co-op, which provides affordable and accessible laundry for people in the community who otherwise might not be able to afford clean clothes. We also provide financial support for the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health, including its facility right here in Ottawa.

With an eye towards our local university communities, we take part in the Open Table program which provides food and fellowship at the University of Ottawa and, twice yearly, we co-host the Pause Table at Carleton University that provides healthy snacks (and sometimes much needed words of encouragement!) at exam time.



And last, but certainly not least, we maintain our Almoner's Fund, supported by donations from Congregants on Communion Sundays, and used to provide emergency support for people within our congregation and in our neighbourhood.

If you would like to provide greater support to Local Outreach programs at St. Andrew's, please see the reverse side of this note.

Questions and Answers

Yes, I would like to provide additional support for programs and activities at St. Andrew's.

How can I do this?

There are multiple ways to provide financial support, and all are easy to use:

1. You can visit the Givings page of the St. Andrew's website at www.StAndrewsOttawa.ca and make an on-line donation, or
2. You can use a past-dated envelope from earlier in the year (just make sure your number is still current) – simply mark Fall Campaign on it, and place it on the collection plate, or
3. Use one of the visitor envelopes available in the pews, but be sure to provide your name and address so that we can send you a tax receipt for gifts over \$20.
4. On Communion Sundays and at the Christmas Eve services, special envelopes are provided for the Almoner's Fund and for contributions to local charities such as those mentioned here.

Can I simply put cash in the collection plate?

Absolutely, but if you identify yourself, we will send you a tax receipt by which to receive a tax credit for up to 40% of your donation. This approach provides the same benefit to the Church, but lowers the cost to you considerably.

What about non-financial support?

Throughout the year, sign-up sheets are posted for the various events, often looking for donations of food or materials, and donations of items for the spring and fall Rummage Sales and the Christmas Bazaar are always gratefully accepted, the proceeds going to help many of these charities and other worthy causes.

Can I become involved directly in any of these programs or activities?

Yes, by all means – contact Rob Sheffield or Rod Parriag, co-chairs or our Mission and Outreach Committee, via the church office at office@standrewsottawa.ca. Please consider yourself cordially invited to join in!

Thank you for your support and God bless.

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