



The Open Door

Home to the homeless

Fall 2014



Even a small step can lead to a breakthrough

Summer camp. Jerry* was so motivated by participating in The Open Door's two-day summer camp on the shore of Lac de l'achigan that he promised himself to stop living on the streets of Montreal. He moved into an apartment in September and is making arrangements to enter a rehab program.

Extended hours pilot project. Samson* was really thankful when The Open Door began opening at 7:30 am instead of at 8:30 am, back in July. The early morning breakfast and coffee – served before the corner stores begin selling beer – makes it a little easier to stay "on the wagon". As well, the earlier opening hour gives Samson and others a place to go when they leave the overnight shelters.

The Open Door's extended hours pilot project, made possible with new funding from The City of Montreal and increased funding from Makivik Corporation, has been a huge success. Up to 150 people a day have been coming to the drop-in centre for food, clothing, companionship and day-time shelter. The extended hours makes it easier for people to transition to and from overnight shelters. The increase in staff – a full-time assistant director and a half-time operations manager – provides greater on-site supervision and safety, increases opportunities for positive interaction and counselling, and allows for enhanced music and art programs.

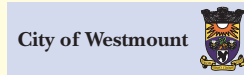
Will you walk alongside us?

Much of the funding for the extended hours pilot project ends on Dec. 31, 2014. We would love to be able to continue with the expanded operations, especially through the harsh winter months. **Your generous ongoing support of Westmount's only homeless drop-in centre is essential to maintaining the current level of operations.** Your gift of \$50.00 will cover the cost of providing breakfast, coffee and lunch to 10 people. Your gift of \$600.00 will cover ALL expenses for an entire day of operations. Your partnership with The Open Door is an investment in your own community and in the fight against poverty, for the benefit of us all. **May we count on your generosity?**

*not his real name

Caleb Clark, Director

We gratefully acknowledge the support of:



- Your generosity to The Open Door contributes to:**
- ◆ Shelter from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, 5 days a week
 - ◆ Complete meals
 - ◆ Emergency food supplies
 - ◆ Laundry service
 - ◆ Clothing depot
 - ◆ Free haircuts
 - ◆ Free eyeglasses
 - ◆ Free phone line
 - ◆ Free Internet access
 - ◆ Registered nurse care
 - ◆ Community garden
 - ◆ Job search centre
 - ◆ Training program
 - ◆ Community work program
 - ◆ Accommodation search
 - ◆ Spiritual counseling
 - ◆ Gambling, alcohol, drug workshops
 - ◆ Summer vacation camp

To donate to The Open Door, please send your cheque to:
**The Open Door, 1 Weredale Park
 Westmount QC H3Z 1Y5**
 Donations can also be made through CanadaHelps via our website.
Thank you!

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