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# THE SALVATION ARMY –Abbotsford Centre of Hope Updates

ISSUE #2



As outlined in our update on March 26th - we are continuing to practice safety, physical distancing, extra cleaning measures, to protect the employees, clients, volunteers and partners. There are a few updates as we continue to adapt to the faced-paced, changing demands on the services and programs offered at The Salvation Army's Centre of Hope. ***If you have any questions please contact us 604.852.9305 Monday to Friday.***

## THE MEAL CENTRE - potential to go mobile

"The mobile feeding truck allows us the flexibility to go into the community to meet people where they are and ensures they are getting at least the basic essentials of food and water - not everyone can physically make it to the Centre of Hope for a meal or snack." Mike Leland, Salvation Army representative from District Headquarters.

On April 1st, staff and volunteers handed out lunch to the community using the truck, keeping social distancing and safety at the forefront. We are still serving daily from the Meal Centre, but the truck can be utilized for many occasions.



On an average day the Centre provides up to 300 meals to the community, but COVID-19 restrictions have made that impossible.

"It's normally a sit down meal, so we started with adapting that to take away from the back area and now it may go to a mobile kitchen with more space," Divisional EDS Director - Ian Pollard.

The new unit has the capability to serve up to 1,000 meals per hour if needed.

**Until further notice: BRUNCH is being served in the courtyard 11:30am to 12:30pm daily.**

The grocery cart program is still available in the courtyard at 12noon Monday to Friday.



## DROP-IN services - update:

There are those in the community who have acute conditions and have to maintain a healthy hygiene routine - we are currently offering showers for 2 people per day.

The other drop-in services are still postponed until further notice - Laundry, Chapel, Adult Day Program, Tours and Group Service.

**Full services are still being offered to the 30 shelter guests such as showers, laundry, meals and medical appointments.**

If you have any questions **please contact Al Breitreuz, Program Manager at 604.852.9305 Ext. #141 or [abreitreuz@sacascade.ca](mailto:abreitreuz@sacascade.ca).**

## CARE PACKAGES & OUTREACH -update



The outreach team have put together 50 care packages and are delivering them to the homeless camps scattered throughout the city.

This is a vital service, making sure we remain in contact and ensure that they have the basics. The outreach team is also doing some home delivery to seniors and shut ins.



## FAMILY SERVICES & EMERGENCY HAMPERS



Single and family hampers are available on an Emergency Basis.

For all other services offered through Family Services such as Income Tax and ID or if you have any have questions, ***please contact Family Services at 604.852.9305 Ext. #199***

## CAN I STILL VOLUNTEER?

At this time, we are not accepting any new volunteers at the COH. Please go online and complete an application [www.centreofhope.net](http://www.centreofhope.net). If you have questions, please contact: **Sylvia Antonescu – Volunteer Coordinator** at [santonescu@sacascade.ca](mailto:santonescu@sacascade.ca)



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

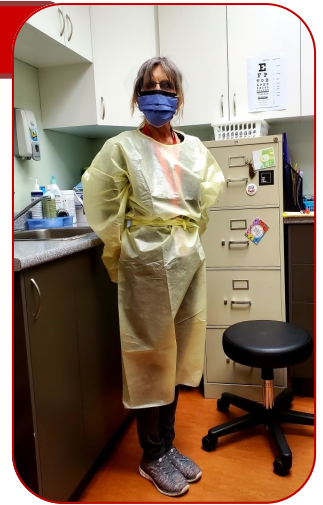
We are accepting **financial** donations online at [www.centreofhope.net](http://www.centreofhope.net) over the phone 604.852.9305 or by mail. ***We are requesting that donors practice physical distancing at this time and not visit the Centre of Hope in person.***

We **ARE** accepting donations of **fresh/ frozen** and **non-perishable** items for the Meal Centre and Emergency Pantry. If you would like to donate: please call the Centre of Hope ahead of time to make drop-off arrangements. Please call **604.852.9305 Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm Ext. #0 or #104.**

## MEDICAL CLINIC- update

Angela McClelland, LNP at The Centre of Hope and her team are working tirelessly to maintain an ongoing, exceptional level of care to both our shelter guests and those we see from the community with current acute needs.

Clients are being seen virtually by our NP Mon. and by Doctors Tues., Thurs. and Fri. 9am to 12pm. The rest of the week Angela is available in the Clinic to communicate on the clients behalf to the Dr. and NP if they need urgent medical assistance.



**If you have any questions or wish to set up an appointment please contact Angela at 604.852.9305 Ext #197 or [amcclelland@sacascade.ca](mailto:amcclelland@sacascade.ca)**

**"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" (Luke 19:38)**

## RESOURCE Links

<https://salvationarmy.ca/blog/salvation-army-addresses-coronavirus-pandemic/>

<https://salvationist.ca/COVID19/>

<https://salvationist.ca/articles/peace-in-a-time-of-pandemic/>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/>

[https://www.abbotsford.ca/public\\_safety/emergency\\_program/city\\_services\\_update\\_covid\\_19.htm](https://www.abbotsford.ca/public_safety/emergency_program/city_services_update_covid_19.htm)

<http://covid-19.bccdc.ca/>