

# MISSION POSSIBLE

THE UNITED CHURCH DOWNTOWN MISSION NEWSLETTER Fall 2009

## NEW PROGRAM

### Weekend Formula

In August the Mission began to offer a new pilot program. Responding to a need expressed by many families making use of our food bank the Mission is providing emergency supplies of diapers and infant formula.

This service is provided on Friday afternoon to assist families in getting through the weekend. So far two to three families have made use of this new service each Friday.

Our Food Bank operates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. On most days we distribute food packs to 20 to 25 individuals and families.

(See page 3 for items needed in the Food Bank)

## Coming Events

**Car Wash** Sat. Sep 19  
Anderson Funeral Home  
895 Ouellette

**Golf Tournament**  
at Fox Glen.....Saturday, Sept. 26  
**Polar Bear Dip**.....Sunday, Dec. 6

# VITALE

HEATING AND COOLING

## Update Special

# \$59.99

**New Approved ABS Furnace/Water Tank  
Exhaust Venting Pipe with approved  
System 636 PVC Piping  
According to Code**

**Registered Fully Licensed & Fully Insured**

**Phone: 519-903-1771 (ask for Tony)**

A donation of will be made to the Downtown Mission with purchase of furnace, water tank or air conditioner

## Sanctuary Offers Safety

The same mental health issues that drive someone to a life on the street can make it difficult to cope in a regular shelter. By definition, an emergency shelter such as the Salvation Army puts many people under one roof, in a structured environment. That setting can be difficult for people with certain severe mental health issues so they opt instead to sleep out on the street. To meet the needs of this difficult to reach population the Downtown Mission started the Sanctuary. What's offered is a safe place to sleep, a shower, exposure to very few people, and a minimal number of questions asked.

The Mission's Sanctuary Program has provided a safe place to escape the streets for the last 2 ½ years. Similar services are offered in most cities across Ontario. London's program is funded by the city and the province. The Downtown Mission's service does not receive any government support.

Despite the fact that we lack official recognition front line workers and the homeless themselves send us a steady stream of the homeless. Police often drop people at our door, hospital and mental health workers refer many clients to the Sanctuary.



**Ken Knapp** "In Beautiful Downtown Essex..."  
 **Sales Leasing**

## Enjoying Summer Outings

During the summer the Mission offers a number of events and outings to our members and volunteers. On July 14, 44 Mission Members enjoyed an outing to Fort Malden. They enjoyed a tour and watched Fort Malden soldiers fire muskets. The tour was followed by a picnic and a swim at Holiday beach.



### Community Picnic

Our summer Community Picnic was enjoyed by 207 people. Many members we haven't seen for years came back for a visit and to enjoy dinner in our courtyard. The crowd also enjoyed music provided by a D.J. while a clown kept the children amused.



### Coming Events



Next Polar Dip Sunday, Dec 6/09

Upcoming events also include a bus trip to Colasanti's on Thursday, September 3. Our annual Volunteer Picnic on Thursday, September 10 will include dinner and a winery tour of Colchester Ridge Estate Winery and D'Angelo Estate Winery.

## Ride for the Mission



### Motorcyclists Raise \$691.00

Approximately 55 motorcycle enthusiasts enjoyed a tour of the county while raising cash for the Mission. On Saturday, August 29 the event started at the Mission with a police escort who led the block long parade of bikes. The first stop was **Alibi's** for breakfast. The route through the county led to the **Meadows** in Colchester and from there on to the **Original Tecumseh Roadhouse** for lunch and door prizes.

Special thanks to Jenny Kell for all of her hard work in organizing this fun event.



30 Years Experience **Your  
Community  
Pharmacist**

Royal Oasis Pharmacy at the Lakeshore Plaza  
is **"Now Open"** for business

Pharmacist/Owner  
Rocco D'Angelo

**Royal Windsor Pharmacy** 

90 Park St. W. Windsor 519-256-1600  
email-royalwindsorpharmacy@hotmail.com

### Pharmacist Expands to Lakeshore

Three years after opening a small pharmacy in a downtown condominium building, Rocco D'Angelo is expanding to a second location in the Lakeshore Oasis development on Advance Boulevard.

Located at the intersection of Patillo Road, just off County Road 22, in the same building as a new medical clinic, D'Angelo said he is thankful for the opportunity to develop a new business with a built in client list. "Little guys such as myself usually don't here about an opportunity such as this before it's too late," said D'Angelo. But based on a conversation with the owners of Salon Utopia, who also are part owners of the Oasis development, D'Angelo was able to make his case effectively.

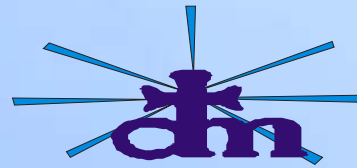
"One of my employees goes to Utopia and it was through her that we arranged the meeting." Said D'Angelo. "It was more by accident than design but I was fortunate they were looking for someone with local connections rather than one of the chains.

**SALON UTOPIA**  
MEDSPA

486 Advance Blvd., Unit 100  
Laakeshore, On. 519-727-0507  
www.salonutopia.ca

# 1st Annual Classic Golf Tournament

All Proceeds to Benefit  
The Downtown Mission



Saturday, September 26, 2009

Registration starts at NOON  
Shotgun Start at 1:15 pm

\$135.00 per person  
Includes Golf, Cart, Dinner & Prizes

(Charitable receipt available for portion of cost)

Sponsorship Opportunities  
Available



For inquiries or to register  
please contact Casey  
The Downtown Mission at (519) 973 - 5573