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THE UNITED CHURCH DOWNTOWN MISSION NEWSLETTER Spring 2009

Alexander Zonjic
And Friends

13th Annual
Mother's Day
Concert

To Benefit
The Downtown Mission

Capitol Theatre
Saturday, May 9 / 2009
7:30 p.m.
After Glow Party
& Silent Auction 9:30 p.m.

Adult: \$25.00 Child: \$15.00
VIP \$45.00 (includes front row seats,
flower and autographed CD for Mom)

Tickets available at : Chrysler Theatre Box Office - 519-252-6579
or The Downtown Mission - 519-973-5573
Major Credit Cards Accepted



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Kay Punter Receives Volunteer Award

Longtime Mission volunteer Kay Punter was chosen as the first recipient of the Lasalle Rotary Club Spirit of Giving Award. Kay was recognized for her tireless efforts on behalf of the Downtown Mission, her church and the Windsor Essex County Food Bank Association. For over twenty years Kay has been an integral part of the Mission's program. Kay has



Been the volunteer coordinator of the Mission's food bank. She spends countless hours visiting churches, schools and community organizations to garner food donations and monetary gifts. The Downtown Mission is grateful for Kay's long commitment to the Mission.

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"In Beautiful Downtown Essex..."

Ken Knapp  **Sales Leasing**

Windsor's Born Again Pharmacist



Local pharmacist Rocco D'Angelo is supporting the Mother's Day Concert at the Capitol Theatre, a fundraiser for the Downtown Mission. D'Angelo is an avid sponsor of several area charities.

He used to own a Wyandotte Street pharmacy that was flush with business. They filled 800 prescriptions at a hectic pace. Then he and his pharmacist wife got divorced and he started traveling around the province working at pharmacies on short term contracts. D'Angelo a father of two daughters, soul searched and decided to return to the roots of his profession.

"I didn't go to pharmacy school to sell shampoo or motor oil," D'Angelo said. "I went to study chemistry and help people." He opened Royal Windsor Pharmacy, a tiny storefront at the corner of Park and Pellissier streets. The shelves are stocked with over the counter medications and vitamins that D'Angelo recommends. There isn't a bottle of shampoo or pack of batteries in sight.

He doesn't charge fees to low income patients.

D'Angelo, 55, dove into his new life. His business is small, he doesn't want to expand too much, otherwise he wouldn't be able to spend as much time with patients. When he dispenses a drug, he sits down with patients to describe how the drug will work and why the patient is taking it. He does house calls, is on call 24 hours a day and holds seminars for senior citizens so they can ask questions about medications. He also doesn't charge low income patients dispensing fees.

D'Angelo has also focused on philanthropy and runs food drives for the community.

"Rocco is a businessman with a heart," said Barry Furlonger, director of the Downtown Mission. He's done a lot for the community." D'Angelo said the hard work is worth it. "I get good karma from doing that," he said. "It all comes back to you at some point. I've really enjoyed doing this work."

By Monica Wolfson, Dec. 4/08
Windsor Star

**Royal Windsor Pharmacy
90 Park St. W., Windsor
NEW EXTENDED HOURS**

**Saturday 10am - 5pm
Sunday 12 noon to 2pm**

Purchasing Charity Insurance And Cutting Your Taxes

Here's a win-win scenario to help a charity and at the same time cut your taxes. Consider purchasing a life insurance policy in the name of your favorite charity (hopefully the Mission). Send a donation each year to cover the premium. We pay the premium and send you a tax receipt for the amount you donated. When you pass away the Downtown Mission will receive the insured amount to continue our programs. Contact insurance agent Don Ascott for more information. Don has been a member of the Mission's fund raising committee for over ten years.

There are many ways to give the gift of life insurance

Find out how you can use life insurance as a tax deductible contribution to help support the goals of a charitable organization.
Call me for details!

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The Co-operators is the leading Canadian-owned multi-product insurance company

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Coming Events

Riverwalk.....Saturday, April 18

Mother's Day Concert.....Saturday, May 9

Members Camping Trip.....Date TBA

Community Picnic.....Date TBA

Golf Tournament Fox Glen....Saturday, Sept. 26

Polar Bear Dip.....Sunday, Dec. 6

MR. ELECTRIC
EXPERT ELECTRICAL SERVICE

No Doctor - No Medicine

John came into the Mission for a meal. On disability for a serious back injury, he had recently moved back to Windsor.. He desperately needed medication for his back but he also needed a doctor to renew his prescription. Rocco D' Angelo the Mission's " patron saint of pharmacy" wanted to help. He found a specialist in pain management to see John. The catch, the specialist was in Belle River and John had no way of getting there.

Rocco asked Peter Lauria a volunteer and part time employee of the Mission to help. Using Mission Director Barry Furlonger's van, Peter drove John to two appointments, the initial visit and a follow up check up to evaluate the medication's effectiveness.

Often the poor fall between the cracks or lack the resources to solve their problem. Occasionally Rocco has provided free medication to help out someone waiting for a drug card or a cheque.

At the Car Wash

The Mission has car washes on Saturdays throughout the summer months. Proceeds from the car wash go to support Mission programs and activities such as picnics, BBQ's and Camping trips. Cars are done for \$3.50 and Vans for \$5.00. The next car wash dates are as follows:



Car Wash Schedule 2009

Sat. April 18	Walter D. Kelly Funeral Home 1969 Wyandotte E.
Sat. May 16	Anderson Funeral Home 895 Ouellette
Sat. Jun 20	Walter D. Kelly Funeral Home 1969 Wyandotte E.
Sat. Jul 18	Anderson Funeral Home 895 Ouellette
Sat. Aug 15	Walter D. Kelly Funeral Home 1969 Wyandotte E.
Sat. Sep 19	Anderson Funeral Home 895 Ouellette

At The Mission 664 Victoria
(just south of Wyandotte)

Sat. Apr 4	Sat. Jun 13
Sat. Apr 25	Sat. Jul 11
Sat. May 23	Sat. Aug 22

New Hygiene Program



Unit 7's Christine Wilson hands Pam a Hygiene Pac

In January Unit 7 Homeless Drop-In started a hygiene program for the homeless and low income individuals. Since the start of the program 163 homeless and low income members of the Mission have benefitted from the program. The hygiene kits contain shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, bar soap, toilet paper and shaving razors. Male kits also contain shaving cream and women kits contain feminine hygiene products. Initial supplies for the program were purchased from a special \$5000 grant from the City of Windsor and the Province of Ontario. Unit 7 offers its programs at the Mission from 1-6 pm Monday through Friday.

Want to help out the program? Drop off hygiene supplies to Unit 7 at the Downtown Mission or call Christine Wilson at 519-977-5060.

VITALE

HEATING AND COOLING

Spring Air Conditioning Tune Up

\$119.95

WINTER/SUMMER TUNE UPS - GAS LINE INSTALLATIONS
SERVICE FURNACES - WATER TANKS AND A/C

Lowest Prices In Town

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

A donation of \$100.00 will be made to the Downtown Mission with purchase of furnace, water tank or air conditioner

Downtown Mission Food Bank Stats 2009

Month	# Requests	# Children	# Adults	# New Clients	Total Served
January	243	131	315	59	446
February	228	150	284	84	434

The Food Bank at the Downtown Mission is in Need of:

- Canned Meats/Stews
- Assorted Soups
- Canned Potatoes
- Canned Tomatoes
- Coffee & Coffee Whitener
- Children's Snacks
- Peas & Carrots
- Sugar
- Small Peanut Butter & Jams

Ph: 519-973-5573

www.downtownmission.com

e-mail: foodroom@downtownmission.com

**Thank you for thinking of
the Downtown Mission**

Mission Installs Energy Efficient Lighting

Soon the Mission will be installing energy efficient lighting in its dining room. Thirty large four foot flourescent light fixtures will be upgraded and use a more efficient system. Using the existing fixtures, new ballasts and flourescent tubes will result in a 50% reduction in electric demand. The Mission will also be eligible for up to \$1000.00 in government grants to cover the cost.

Alexander Zonjic Mother's Day Concert You Can Help

The Downtown Mission's 13th Annual Mother's Day Concert needs your support. It's a great evening of entertainment followed by a Silent Auction. Planning this concert is a leap of faith given the state of the economy.

An event like this only makes money if three things fall into place: ticket sales, sponsorship and auction items. Despite the state of the economy Ken Knapp Ford is still aboard.

Want to help out? You can become a sponsor, donate an auction item or buy a block of tickets. For more information regarding this event call Barry Furlonger at 519-991-6042.

1st Annual Classic Golf Tournament

All Proceeds to Benefit
The Downtown Mission



Saturday, September 26, 2009

Registration starts at 11:30 am
Shotgun Start at 12:30 pm

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

(Charitable receipt available for portion of cost)

Sponsorship Opportunities



For inquiries or to register please contact

The Downtown Mission at (519) 973-5573

Homeless but Proud

Joe has been floating on the street for the last six months. Sometimes he sleeps at the Mission other nights a friend lets him "couch crash" in his room. If you walked by him on the street you wouldn't know he was homeless. He looks clean and wears casual clothes. The only clue he's homeless is the backpack he carries with him all the time.

Joe takes pride in his personal appearance. Two programs at the Mission help him. Joe uses the Mission's Shower, a program started last year. The other is Unit 7's Hygiene Program. Joe was one of its first customers in early January. For him a bottle of shampoo and a can of shaving cream are luxuries. He was so grateful you'd have thought he had received a Christmas present.