



MEDIA RELEASE

It's Time

A Message from Reverend Ron Dunn

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WINDSOR ON- This Thanksgiving there is so much to be grateful for. The Downtown Mission is thankful for the people we serve, our team, volunteers, the community, and our generous donors. It is most encouraging to see that key services beyond those offered at the Mission are coming to the city core to best serve those who need them most.

We are thankful to be a part of that movement and the excellent opportunity this presents to collaborate. The movement of key city and community services aligns directly with the Mission's vision.

It's time.

It's time to move forward with the initiatives that matter. We are poised to build in the center of the city with an integrated plan and a new Mission campus.

It's time to work together.

It's time to take a breath and regroup united and to go forward together. Our team is focused and strongly positioned to work collectively with community partners.

It's time to collaborate, renew and revive relationships with leadership and community partners.

It's time to act on opportunities, in the best interest of those we serve.

Assured and encouraged by the interest from partners, the growth and advancement of our board and an upcoming meeting with the City of Windsor, it is a time that should be recognized as pivotal and provide hope for our most vulnerable citizens.

It's with gratitude that I too will move forward as I have accepted a CEO position in Halifax, Nova Scotia. I am extremely proud of the work the Downtown Mission has done, our growth and am confident in its future. I would like to thank the many volunteers, my exceptional team, the endless support of my Mission family, and donors for your faith in the essential services we have provided together these past ten years.

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The Downtown Mission Staff will continue its work to realize the goals of the Organization, helping those who are hungry, homeless, and hurting here in our community. They will continue to work with the Mission's Management Team and the Board of Directors to ensure our work continues and that the more than 1100 individuals we help each day have their needs met. The Downtown Mission's Board will actively begin looking for a suitable successor, to keep our organization moving forward and serving our community as it has been a privilege to do for the past 49 years.

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