

# PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL

**JOIN US IN CREATING A BRIGHTER FUTURE  
FOR WINDSOR'S AT-RISK YOUTH**

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**the windsor youth centre**

A PROGRAM OF THE DOWNTOWN MISSION



# Who We Are

The Windsor Youth Centre (WYC), a program of the Downtown Mission of Windsor (DTM), provides a safe space and essential support for **youth aged 16 to 29 facing homelessness, poverty, and instability.**

As part of DTM's mission to serve Windsor-Essex's most vulnerable populations, WYC offers hot meals, hygiene supplies, outreach services, and specialized programs focused on mental health, education, and employment readiness.

While DTM provides shelter, food security, addiction recovery, and job training for the broader community, WYC focuses on youth-specific challenges, **helping young people gain stability and independence.**

Together, we work to break cycles of homelessness and poverty, ensuring that every individual has access to the resources and opportunities needed to build a **better future.**



# Our Impact



## 2024 Impact Report

Because of **YOU**,  
The Downtown Mission provided  
the following to our neighbours

Rescued **1,605,267 lbs**  
of food and distributed to  
**38** local schools and agencies



Served **139,667**  
hot meals to individuals,  
more than **382** each day



Sheltered  
men & women  
**34,144** nights



Supported **34**  
young families with  
basic necessities  
and parenting  
**Education or  
Supports**



Provided **276,624**

meals to **17,530** individuals  
(**9,983** households)  
through our Food Bank



Prepared  
**842**  
Tax Returns



**279** Opioid Overdoses  
reversed with Naloxone  
by DTM Staff

Supported  
**661** adults and **37**  
youth through their  
**Recovery Journeys**



**Housed 83**

45 individuals in partnership with  
Housing Information Services



Supported  
**5,825**  
Youth through  
**Outreach Efforts**



Provided clothing  
and hygiene supplies  
to **555** youth  
and **3,444** youth

Referred **235**  
Youth to Partner Agencies



Assisted  
**14** individuals  
to job readiness



Provided **26,208** hours  
of emotional support,  
crisis intervention, addiction and  
basic needs counselling

Lifted Up Thousands  
by providing case management,  
education, work  
opportunities, medical supports,  
rehabilitation and  
housing



Loved  
**750** Volunteers provided  
**19,782** hours of service

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# Why We Need You

Right now in Windsor-Essex, teenagers are sleeping in parks, abandoned buildings, and stairwells because they have nowhere else to go. They're hungry, scared, and invisible.

At the Windsor Youth Centre (WYC), **we refuse to let them be forgotten.**

Every night, desperate young people walk through our doors — and because of community support, they find more than shelter. They find a hot meal after days of hunger. A safe place where no one judges them. A mentor who believes in them when no one else does.

Your gift isn't just charity. It's survival. It's the reason a 17-year-old rejected for being LGBTQ+ discovers family. It's why a 19-year-old living in abandoned houses now has stable housing and is back in school. It's the difference between despair and hope.

But we cannot do this without you. The need is greater than ever, and we are running out of resources. Please — stand with Windsor's most vulnerable youth today.

**We need you now.**



# OUR PROGRAMS

## Partnership Opportunities

### DROP-IN CENTRE

The Drop-In Centre is the heart of WYC, providing youth with a safe space, meals, internet access, hygiene supplies, and social support from Monday to Saturday, 4 PM – 9 PM. Many youth rely on this service as their only source of stability.

#### How can you contribute?

**\$10,000** – Program Sustainer: Fund meals, Wi-Fi, and essential supplies for a month.

**\$4,000** – Meal Sponsor: Provide hot dinners for all youth for one month.

**\$3,000** – Essential Supplies Provider: Fund clothing, hygiene kits, and personal care items.

**\$2,000** – Provide Windsor Transit passes to youth so they can access the Drop-In Centre.

**\$1,000** – Technology & Wi-Fi Partner: Support job searches, education, and communication needs.

### GENDER & SEXUALITY ALLIANCE (GSA)

GSA is a peer-support group for LGBTQ+ youth, offering a safe space every Friday to foster connection and self-expression through discussions, creative activities, and social gatherings.

#### How can you contribute?

**\$4,000** – Program Sponsor: Fund the program for one month, ensuring inclusive support for LGBTQ+ youth.

**\$2,500** – Social Activities Sponsor: Support arts & crafts, movie nights, and discussion sessions.

**\$1,000** – Guest Speaker & Workshop Sponsor: Fund visits from professionals to offer guidance.

**\$500** – Resource Sponsor: Provide educational materials and books for participants.

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### UP2U WELLNESS & RECOVERY

A peer-led mental health program, UP2U creates a safe space for youth to discuss their emotional, physical, and mental well-being.

#### How can you contribute?

**\$6,000** – Program Champion: Fund the program for one month, ensuring youth have access to wellness supports.

**\$3,000** – Facilitator Training Sponsor: Cover costs for trained mental health peer mentors.

**\$2,000** – Group Activity Sponsor: Fund workshops, yoga sessions, and mindfulness events.

**\$1000** – Self-Care Kits Sponsor: Provide journals, mindfulness tools, and wellness materials.

### GEN WYC

GENWYC provides families with groceries, hygiene products, and transit passes while fostering community through weekly arts and crafts sessions and support programs.

#### How can you contribute?

**\$9,000** – Program Sponsor: Fund GENWYC's operations for one month.

**\$3,000** – Gift Card Sponsor: Covers costs for essential food and household items that cannot be donated, ensuring families get the support they need.

**\$3,500** – Grocery & Hygiene Partner: Provide food, milk, eggs, and hygiene kits for families.

**\$1,500** – Transit Sponsor: Supply bus passes to help families access services.

**\$1,000** – Arts & Crafts Provider: Support creative activities that encourage bonding and well-being.

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## OUTREACH SERVICES

WYC's one-on-one outreach services help youth navigate housing, employment, income assistance, education, and mental health resources.

### How can you contribute?

**\$8,500** – Program Sponsor: Fund the program for one month

**\$5,000** – Housing & Employment Partner: Help youth secure stable housing and job placements.

**\$2,500** – Professional Development Sponsor: Cover costs for job training and career readiness.

**\$1,000** – Financial Literacy Sponsor: Fund financial planning workshops for youth.

## EVENTS

**Summer Backyard BBQ** – Outdoor games, activities, and a shared meal.

**Christmas Gift Sponsorship & Party** – Donors provide gifts for children, celebrated with a holiday event.

**Tecumseh Mall Black Friday Giveaway** – Donors receive a Swag Bag for contributions.

**Tecumseh Mall Gift Wrapping** – Holiday fundraiser offering gift-wrapping services.

**Lights of Hope** – A memorial event honouring those lost to addiction and mental health struggles.

**Open Streets Windsor** – WYC engages the community at a city-wide event.

**Coldest Night of the Year** – A winter walk raising funds for youth experiencing homelessness.

**Bench Talks** – A 24-hour event raising awareness and funds for youth homelessness.



# Contact Us

The cost to provide Windsor Youth Centre programs and services is \$450,000 annually. As other organizations cut youth programs, the Downtown Mission is working diligently on finding new funding opportunities to save the well renowned program from cuts due increased costs and increased demand due to current economic challenges

We'd love to connect with you! Whether you're looking to sponsor a program, support an event, or explore partnership opportunities, reach out today.

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