

MARCH - JUNE

THE PULSE

Open Arms Mission
Gather, Sort & Send

Dear Friends in Christ,

A hymn writer famously wrote, "O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder thy power throughout the universe displayed then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee how great thou art, how great thou art." Have we lost a sense of awe and wonder in this world? For most of us, a normal day of life doesn't leave us in awesome wonder. We pass by trees and grass, and see the sun and moon every day, but they are altogether ordinary, not awesome to us.

The Scriptures teach us that the natural world is not only God's creation, but God's revelation. Psa. 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." In Rom. 1:19-20, "For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made."

Have you ever wondered why God created everything in this world from the smallest ant to the Great Rocky Mountains? The natural world is not merely the result of random, unguided processes, but is the masterpiece of God. As we delve into this glorious season where, we at Open Arms Mission have not only planted our garden but also have instituted a weekly wednesday cookout in the beautiful backyard at the mission. The Bible tells us that every created thing reveals the glory of God. It is a sort of language by which God communicates with people that he exists and that he is glorious. We ought to be moved to worship, seeing God's goodness, grace, power and creativity in the things around us. Nothing is ordinary in God's world. The next time you take a walk in the forest and smell the dead leaves, sink your teeth into a delectable burger from our community bbq, stare out the window at the sparkling lake, play with your dog, or listen to the gentle chirping of crickets in a summer night - stand in awesome wonder and let your soul sing, "How great thou art!".

With Grace and Blessings,
DJ Harrison

Daniel Harrison



This Year

We have served 59% more people so far compared to last year.

Given our monthly average of the people we serve, OAM will serve over 17,000 people

The demographic of Children under 12 has increased 461% so far this year compared to 2022.

OAM 36TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT



Join us in celebrating 36 incredible years of Open Arms Mission's commitment to fighting food insecurity. Your support has helped nourish and inspire countless lives, building a compassionate community. To mark this milestone, we're hosting an Anniversary Celebration at Casa Dante on July 15th. Enjoy heartfelt speeches and delicious food. Each ticket costs \$50, directly benefiting our ongoing efforts to combat food insecurity in Welland. **RSVP to amy.w@openarmsmissionwelland.com by July 6th** to secure your spot. Join us in celebrating 36 years of service with gratitude and hope for the future.

email amy.w@openarmsmissionwelland.com to R.S.V.P by July 6th

WEDNESDAY BBQ'S

A BIG SUCCESS!

Over the past few weeks, we've had the privilege of serving many people at our Wednesdays bbq's. We couldn't do it without all your help! We kindly request your support in making this event a continued success. Whether it's assisting with food preparation, sponsoring a week for \$250, serving our guests, or simply lending a helping hand, your contribution will make a significant impact. Let's show our community the power of unity and compassion. Together, we can ensure that everyone experiences the love and care they deserve.



Summer
2023

Food
Fun
Fellowship