



Dear Community Friend,

As announced in the March /April 2011 News Letter (cover copy enclosed) we are presently developing plans to enlarge our Open Arms Mission ministry space. For several years the Board of Directors has focused on and evaluated the existing need for increased ministry space to continue to be a relevant arm of compassion in the Niagara Region at 2011 and for the future. After considerable study and work a ten year mission action plan has been established.

Open Arms Mission's Board of Directors, Management Staff and other concerned individuals have determined that a fund raising capital campaign should be launched to achieve the project vision. For this we have retained an experienced professional capital campaign consulting company to guide and coach us in our "Growing to Serve" journey. As we advance, we will continue to seek input from our donor constituency and community leaders. We are thankful that you are part of the Open Arms Mission support constituency. We desire to keep you informed of current developments at OAM and request your ideas and continued support as we advance toward achieving the project vision.

This letter is to invite you to participate in our survey phase. We need you to complete the enclosed survey form and return it to us by March 31, 2011. The survey will provide us with community views, opinions, comments and information that will allow us to establish a manageable business plan to achieve our vision. The survey is also posted on Open Arms Mission website to allow you to print it and bring it with you to your interview.

One-on-one interviews will be conducted with our capital campaign team at the Farm House on Forks Road in Welland during March 31 – April 15. During this time we want to share with you how God is working through OAM in Welland and the rest of the region. God is, and has been using the services and ministries of OAM to transform lives for His glory. To establish a 30 minute interview time that will work for you please contact Jerry at the mission, Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at (905) 788-3800. A team member will contact you to confirm your interview time. Please complete the attached survey and bring it with you.

Your personal input is vital to the clarification and success of OAM's "Growing to Serve" project. The interview data and survey data is confidential. Please accept our gratitude for all you do for Open Arms Mission.

Above all, we continue to ask for your prayerful support, expressed vision opinion, faithfulness, and generosity in this "next step." Our prayer is that the Lord continues to make His way clear to us and bless our work as we seize the opportunity to love more people in the way of Jesus.

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