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# THE PULSE

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#### Dearest Friends,

Spring is a beautiful time of year. Everything is bright, blooming – growing. It is a time of growth and renewal – new beginnings and fresh starts. It is also the Easter season and the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a holy season and a beautiful season as well.

As Christians, we all reach points in our life when we need refreshing, restoring and a renewed time of fellowship with God. There is no better time to realize that need and to meet it than at Easter time. With the blooming of the flowers and the greenness of the grass, we too can bloom and grow into God's ultimate will for our lives.

Through your continued support of the mission, you have provided encouragement and support that renews our strength in the work we do and makes us aware of the many prayers that people offer for us. We are grateful for your friendship, prayers, and support.

Over the next few weeks and months, we have many exciting programs launching such as Plant a Row for our gardens, the Spring It Forward food drive, our Anniversary Dinner, and our Volunteer Appreciation at the Butterfly Conservatory, to name a few. Keep a keen eye out on our social media to see more information as things roll out.

Quite often, the first Bible verse most people learn is John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believes in Him should have everlasting life." What a simple truth for such a loving God.

Thank you for enabling us to continue to serve and to restore our strength in the God we serve. Please pray for us as we continue to spread His love with others during this holy season.

With Grace and Blessings,

## Daniel Harrison



### **This Year**

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

We served 61% more people this past February than in February 2022

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

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# PLANT-A-ROW

Spring is here! Volunteers are needed to help in our "Plant-a-Row project." Can you help with a one time commitment of planting and harvesting? The need is great! If you have a green thumb and are interested in volunteering please contact our Manager of Volunteers, Joyce Penner, at joyce.p@openarmsmissionwelland.com.





Scan to sign up for Plant-A-Row



# COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

We want to acknowledge and show our appreciation to all those who donated to the Coldest Night of the Year! Your response was overwhelming! You raised \$94,000! It was a beautiful day of celebration. We are thankful for all those who walked to support the hungry, hurting and the homeless. This funds were received with such joy. Thank you for all you do! Thank you for continuing to show you are for Welland.

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