

JULY-SEPT

# THE PULSE

Open Arms Mission  
Gather, Sort & Send

Dear Friends in Christ,

As the leaves begin to change and the air grows cooler, we find ourselves in the heart of the harvest season. It's a time when we witness the fruits of our labour, both in the fields and in the hearts of those we serve at Open Arms Mission.

Psalm 126:5-6 "Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them." In Psalm 126, we are reminded that the act of sowing seeds often comes with tears and sacrifice. It's not always easy to plant the seeds of hope and love, especially in the lives of those facing adversity. But as we continue to serve, we are promised a bountiful harvest of joy.

This year, I am overjoyed to share with you the news that we are projected to serve the same number of people as we did in 2021 and 2022 combined. This is a testament to the dedication and unwavering commitment of the community at Open Arms Mission. It is a reminder that even in challenging times, our mission to serve those in need remains steadfast.

Moreover, I want to invite you all to our upcoming Harvest Social on October 14th at our Fresh Food Hub. This event is a celebration of our collective efforts and a time to come together as a community. Just as the harvest season brings people together to gather the fruits of the land, our Harvest Social unites us in the spirit of giving and gratitude. Let us remember that our work at Open Arms Mission is like sowing seeds of hope and compassion. The people we serve may come to us in times of need, carrying their burdens and challenges, but as we extend our hands in love and support, we are sowing seeds of transformation.

As we embark on this harvest season, let us continue to sow with tears, knowing that our labour is not in vain. We are making a difference in the lives of those we touch, and the harvest of joy and transformation will come. In this season of abundance and thanksgiving, let us continue to serve with open arms, knowing that our work is a reflection of God's love and grace.

With Thanksgiving,

**Daniel Harrison**



**This Year**

3153 children under the age of 12 have received food.

We have served 12134 people this year (as of the end of Aug)

Based on the average month, Open Arms is projected to serve over 20,000 people by the end of the year.

**Donate today**



## HARVEST SOCIAL OCT 14TH 1PM-4PM



On Oct 14th 1pm-4pm we will be hosting our annual Harvest Social at 933 Forks Road, Welland! This year has been a year of challenges for all of us. Inflation and the cost of living continues to impacted so many. Yet, we have continued to be there for people when they are in crisis.

On Saturday, October 14th, 1pm-4pm, you will have the opportunity to watch and hear about 2023. You'll hear testimonies of the lives that have been impacted and connect with our incredible team.

Please join us for an day of fun and inspiration! There will be face painting, dessert table, bbq, bouncy castle, stories, fundraising and more! Consider the part you will play in impacting the lives of people in our own community.

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## TUESDAY'S SOUP TO GO

### A BIG SUCCESS!



We are so excited to announce starting September, every third Tuesday continuing into the winter, Open Arms Mission is supplying delicious soup for its community members. We couldn't do it without all your help! 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.

Your donations are warmly accepted, supporting our mission of community care. Let's come together, inspire our community, share the love, and savour great food.

### Fall/Winter

22 Fifth St, Welland, ON

EVERY THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH 4:30PM-5:30PM OR WHILE SUPPLIES LAST