



Save the date!
Open Arms Mission Gala is on November 27!

The Pulse

Open arms Mission's newsletter September-October 2020

Gala 2020: Virtual Edition

For many years, Open Arms Mission has held an annual Christmas Banquet (Christmas Gala). It was a time where people could gather together, have a meal, and learn more about what has happened over the year and what will be happening in the coming year. The restrictions brought about due to COVID have altered these plans, and this year will look a little different.

Rather than gathering as one large group, there will be 10 different satellite sites where people can gather in smaller groups. We ask those wishing to attend to register online through the Christmas Gala page (trellis.org/oamchristmasbanquet). People can also have mini galas at their own homes and watch it via the Open Arms Mission of Welland Facebook page or the Open Arms Mission Youtube channel.

The annual Gala is the largest fundraiser of the year. I genuinely look forward to sharing with everyone the good things that have occurred this year and share what will be happening in 2021. You can sign up today by visiting the event page listed above

Snapshot of September and October

In the month of September:

- ◆ 599 individuals came to the Mission Centre for food and hygiene
- ◆ 126 were children under 12 while 48 were teenagers
- ◆ 14459 lbs of food was given out

In the month of October:

- ◆ Over 17000 lbs of food given out
- ◆ As of October 29, 576 people visited the Mission Centre for food and hygiene

Christmas Gala 2020: Virtual Edition

November 27, 2020

Visit

trellis.org/oamchristmasbanquet

Wide Open Arms Mission Project

Open Arms Mission welcomes many people who come to serve and help. Some of them come to volunteer with their church, while others come as part of a school course to learn more about social services. A few months back, I began to dream with Marty, our Executive Director, about how we could be more intentional about mentoring and disciplining the people who come to the Mission Centre.

These discussions led to the *Wide Open Arms Mission* project, an immersive learning experience. This program invites those participating to think about issues they will encounter at the Mission before coming. As they serve, the participants will reflect each day about what they have seen, what challenges were faced, and how they saw God at work. This project aims to help remove stigmas and deepen their views about the issues faced by those who come to the Mission Center. If you wish to know more, please contact Carol Hand at carolhand.oam@gmail.com.



Fresh Food Hub

The Fresh Food Hub is complete! We can now gather, sort, and distribute more perishable food items because of the generous support that we have received for this project. There were some large donations; however, it was smaller donations from many people that truly made the difference. Thank you once again to all who gave to this project. Now more food can be saved from the landfill, stored safely, and sent out to families who need it.

"I came to volunteer at Open Arms Mission and found a family instead. A family who looks after their volunteers.....clients are given kindness, respect and dignity. When I am at Open Arms Mission, I see the hand of God working in each and every person..."

Quote from Open Arms Mission Center Volunteer

MISSION CENTRE

22 FIFTH STREET, WELLAND
905-788-3800

Food bank:

Tuesday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm

Personal Care bank:

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am to 4:00pm

Office/donation drop off:

Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm



MINISTRY CAMPUS

933 FORKS ROAD WEST, WAINFLEET
905-732-8260

Furniture sales by appointment:

Tuesday to Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm

Please call for donation pick up or to make an appointment.

Donation drop off:

Tuesday to Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm

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