



**SUPPORTING & EMPOWERING
FAMILIES IN LONDON**

Spring 2018

A Family Affair!

This winter at the chaplaincy we started hosting family dinner nights, a weekly gathering of 3-4 families over a common meal. What a joy this has been to come together as neighbours and enjoy the gift of community around a shared table and fabulous food provided by a host of different volunteer groups. After dinner we often linger, enjoy tea and family games. One resident told me "This has been so nice, as a single mom I can't remember the last time we got to eat with anyone". Another said to me "This was a such a gift, to enjoy a chance to relax and have a break".

These dinners have reminded me what makes the chaplaincy so unique. More than a resource centre, we are a place of welcome and friendship. We are a place where community is created and family is expanded. As the chaplain I have the opportunity to participate in these meals each week, building friendship, sharing and laughing, enjoying a host of ages and stages of life. There is

no official "program", no desired outcome, no statistic keeping, there is simply warmth, food, friendship and family. As we share together the funny memories from our days and at times the challenges of the week to come, hope is present, as we are reminded that we are not alone. There is room at our table! Please drop me a line if you would like to join in for a meal, either as a guest or as a volunteer cook.

Rev. Pam Cullen, Chaplain

Take a Look!



We have updated our website and are excited to share it with you!

www.londoncommunitychaplaincy.com



The LCC...is the acronym we use for the London Community Chaplaincy. It also perfectly reflects the backbone of our ministry... Local Compassionate Citizens!

We are so grateful for the faithful donations of food, program supplies, finances and volunteer hours that local Londoners invest in the work of the Chaplaincy! Together we are impacting our city for positive change.

"The measure of our compassion lies not in our service of those on the margins... but only in our willingness to see ourselves in kinship with them"

Father Gregory Boyle



One season ends another begins!

Perhaps you felt like winter was never going to end but at the chaplaincy it was a great season! Both sites were very busy with creative energy during our afterschool programs... art, music, dance, violin, piano lessons and youth nights! We are grateful to our funders: Westminster College Foundation, Cantorian Choir and the London Community Foundation for making this a reality. Each week we engage almost 100 children and youth in our afterschool programs. We are blessed with a dedicated team of afterschool program staff and volunteers who love the children and make so many memories with them. A highlight in these programs is our own Jr leaders, teens from within the communities that serve as helpers and role models. Our teens shine in these roles and at the Christmas parties and March break events our teens served as the backbone for these programs. For the adults we were busy this winter with our weekly breakfast drop ins, seasonal cooking classes and learn to sew or quilt programs. One special highlight was a resident created and led luncheon with corn soup and fry bread, a celebration of indigenous flavours. Each week we are open 20-25 hours for personal support and advocacy, offering a welcoming presence and a place to feel connected and at home. Social inclusion and community building are essential parts of our ministry and together we are helping to make London a caring and welcoming city. Mother nature seems to have skipped spring and we are headed fast toward summer. We are ready and gearing up for a fabulous summer of camp, literacy programs, evening recreation and seasonal celebrations. We look forward to sharing with you our summer memories in the fall!

Save the date:

Come see what our talented community kids have been up to!

Spring Talent Show Case and Volunteer appreciation nights:

May 22nd: Limberlost Celebration! 6:30 PM, Trinity Activity Centre

May 29th: Southdale Celebration! 6:30 PM, 977 Southdale Rd E

Connect with Us!

@Southdale



975/977 Southdale Rd. East



519-685-2771



southdale@londoncommunitychaplaincy.com

@Limerlost



1481 Limberlost Rd. Unit #136



519-472-2459



limberlost@londoncommunitychaplaincy.com



Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 37085, 900 Adelaide St., London, ON N6E 3T3

Visit our Website:



www.londoncommunitychaplaincy.com



Like us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/londoncommunitychaplaincy



Connect with the Chaplaincy

chaplain@londoncommunitychaplaincy.com



A Summer to Thrive...

Summer is a critical ministry time for us. We work hard to ensure that the children and youth are offered a vast array of opportunities. All our summer programs work to nurture self esteem, social skills, increased literacy skills and self confidence. Without meaningful summer programming these children and youth are at risk of engaging in negative behaviour and beginning the school year behind their peers. Studies have shown that at risk communities often begin the school year in September with a decrease in literacy and social skills. We are grateful for the many donors, partners and volunteers that intentionally invest in these communities over the summer months.

Summer Volunteers are needed

Can you partner with us in this work? Will you consider volunteering in a summer program, becoming a camp driver, donating to our financial campaign or attending our fundraising events?

LCC's Gone Country Fundraiser

IN SUPPORT OF SUMMER
CHILD AND YOUTH WORK

A family event that includes:
kids activities, square dance,
live DJ, silent auction, bonfire,
meal (hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, side dish)

June 16th, 4pm - 8pm
4404 Westchester Bourne, London

Rain Date Location:
Lambeth United Church
4268 Colonel Talbot Road

For tickets call:
The Chaplaincy at 519-685-2771
or Anne Jeffery at 519-808-0473
or Betty Poole at 519-659-5457

Tickets: Adults: \$15, Children (3-10): \$10, 2 & under: free

Please bring your cowboy hat, lawn chair
and ticket with you!

Spring Raffle

Call the Chaplaincy office for tickets!

Supporting our "Summer to Thrive" Campaign
(Child and Youth Work)

Win this
great prize!

Work
& Relax



Prize 1: Wheelbarrow of wine (value \$1600), a wheel barrow loaded with 52 bottles of wine

Prize 2: Bucket of Beer (value \$200) an amazing assortment of craft beer

Prize 3: Weekend in a Wagon (value \$200) one night B and B at Texas Longhorn Ranch

Draw takes place on **June 16th - 6pm**
977 Southdale Rd East, London, ON N6E 1B3
must be 19 years of age to purchase

Summer to Thrive Campaign

Please make cheques payable to the London Community Chaplaincy.



I would like to donate \$ _____ to help support child and youth work at the Chaplaincy.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please send this form to:

The London Community Chaplaincy, P.O. Box 37085, 900 Adelaide St, London, ON N6E 3T3

To donate online visit Canada Helps:

www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/london-community-chaplaincy/

The needs of the Chaplaincy are on-going. Please consider becoming a monthly donor.

What's new at the LCC?

This winter we were able to launch a new after school program. In keeping with the Canadian Olympics Spirit we called this program the "True North Outdoor Play Program". A grant from the city and the Healthy Kids Community Challenge Fund allowed us to purchase a host of winter gear- sleds, snow shoes, skates, ringette, broomball, goalie equipment, snow shapers and more! Each week we worked to engage the children in active outdoor play so that more than surviving winter we would grow a LOVE of winter and all the things this means in Canada!



The children warmed up post play with a variety of warm and healthy snacks, oven fresh muffins, oatmeal, soup and more. We are grateful to friends from Calvary United Church for a donation of hats and mitts that made their way to many of our participants. The program was a great success and we look forward to launching it again next January!

Prayer Needed:

We are asking for friends to pray for a much loved community member in this next season. Taylor is a young resident of Southdale and is a wonderful girl with a big heart, a beautiful smile and a creative spirit! She is battling liver cancer and we are praying for courage, healing and the need of a B negative liver donor. We are also asking for prayers for her mom Becky, especially for strength to care well for Taylor through this challenging time.

