

Thanksgiving

This past October, with COVID restrictions in place, we decided it would be important to offer people a chance to get out and safely grab a holiday meal, no matter their circumstances or need.

Thanks to Scanway Catering, a crew of amazing volunteers and Feed Nova Scotia over 1,000lbs of turkey and hundreds of pounds of potatoes, vegetables, stuffing, gravy and pumpkin pie were cooked, packaged and served on Thanksgiving Saturday.

Here are the final numbers:

- 4 staff
- 15 volunteers
- 6 hours
- 280 meals served

What a great day. Thanks to everyone who helped make this Thanksgiving successful.



Christmas

Christmas can be a hard time for many, COVID has made it harder for some, so it was essential that we run our Christmas Programming, no matter what. With safety for all concerned at the forefront, we were able to offer children's gifts, adult stockings and food hampers to 207 households.

And with the help of the Fader family, Feed Nova Scotia and Scanway Catering we served a hot take-away Christmas lunch on December 24th to over 180 people.



Welcome Darrin

Darrin had been a solid consistent volunteer with the Breakfast Program for years. We were very happy when the opportunity for a new Kitchen Coordinator opened up and were able to offer him the position.

Darrin now manages the Breakfast Program, works with volunteers while maintaining the menu and food supplies.

If you want to learn more about Darrin, please check out the

Learn About Darrin video on our Facebook page.



Welcome Cassie

Cassie joined us in late 2020 as a part-time Outreach Program Coordinator. Cassie used her experience and knowledge to define a new Outreach Program. Newly launched, the program offers a collection of supports and services to people struggling with low income.

To learn more about the program please visit www.brunswickstreetmission.org.


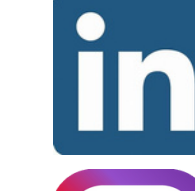


We are excited to see this program grow, increasing the number of people we are able to help each year.

To learn more about Cassie check out the ***Learn About Cassie*** video on our Facebook page.



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2021 Newsletter

Mission Breakfast Fundraiser

What a year! What an October! What an event! Thank you to everyone who joined us for our 14th Annual Mission Breakfast, our 1st virtual event. Together, from our homes, and with special guest Ron James, over \$41,000 was raised to support our programs.

We would also like to thank Brunswick Street Mission client Leonard for sharing his story as well as Mayor Savage, Premier McNeil and all our sponsors for sharing a message of hope and thanks.

October's event was held on the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. We hope that, while sitting with your family or friends, you took the opportunity to start talking about poverty, how COVID has begun to affect people in ways they were not prepared for, how we can work together to address it and, what roles we can play in supporting people struggling at this very challenging time.

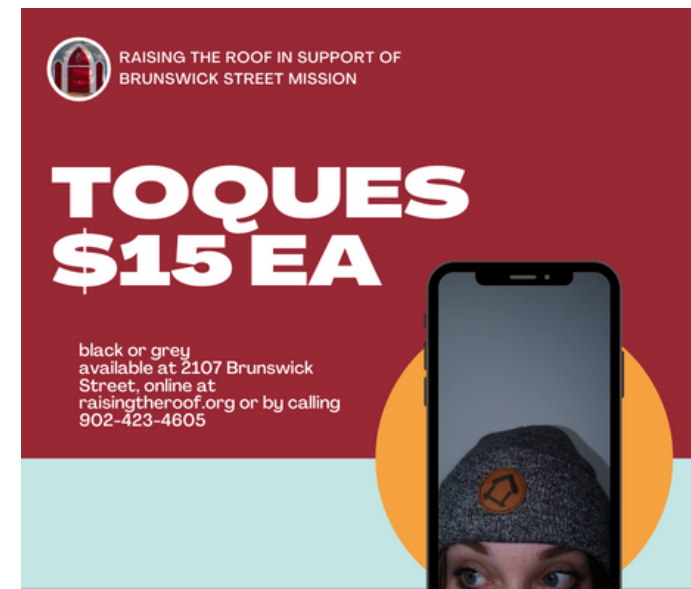


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Events that Supported Us

Raising the Roof's 24th Annual Toque Campaign supports Brunswick Street Mission. 50% of all funds raised in Nova Scotia (both by local purchase or online purchase) during the campaign will support our programs with the remaining proceeds (after campaign costs) supporting Raising the Roof's national homelessness prevention initiatives. Raising the Roof's Toque Campaign is a way to help those in need from our homes! You can still get involved by purchasing a toque or mask! Call us to purchase your items or shop on line at www.raisingtheroof.org.



Thank you Coats for Kids
And everyone who donated their gentle used jackets.
FX101.9, Maritime Fuels, Canadian Tire, Atlantic Fabrics, Olympic Laundromat & Dry Cleaners

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- Olympic Laundromat & Dry Cleaners
- Canadian Tire
- O'Reagan's
- Atlantic Fabrics

FX 101.9 held their **28th Annual Coats for Kids Coat Drive!** Running October and November, people donated gently used winter coats, hats, scarves and mittens. As a recipients of the Coats for Kids program we would like to thank all the amazing donors and sponsors of the program:

Throughout 2020 and into 2021 Brunswick Street Mission has worked with some incredible volunteers. Volunteers working to keep our kitchen up and running, serving breakfast as well as meals to local shelters. Volunteers working to keep essential services like our food bank and clothing centre open.

We have also had the opportunity to work with local businesses, those who saw the need to support people affected by the restrictions and shut downs of a global pandemic.

We are proud to be partnering with those that believe in our mission. Thank you!

Program Update

Since March 2020 each program has evolved, adapting to accommodate restrictions and ensure the safety of all. Our mission remains clear; to keep our services, essential to people in need, running.

We understand that people are staying home, protecting themselves and their families but our services are still needed, perhaps now more than ever.

To keep you up to date, here is what is happening with each program now:

Our **Main Office** is open from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Clients can book appointments or drop by to access our tax program or request clothing. We would like to expand our hours and are recruiting for new volunteers to help.

The **Breakfast Program** never closed its doors but instead moved to a take-away meal. We continue to offer a hot meal to any person in need Monday to Saturday between the hours of 7:15am and 8:30am.

The **Food Bank** adjusted immediately to offer food hampers and pick-up times to ensure that people, struggling with food security, would have continued access. Food hampers are available for pickup each Thursday from 9:30am to 12:30am.

The Clothing Bank closed but our **Clothing Centre** continues to offer donated clothing to people in need. Clients can call or visit us in person to request items. Donors should check our website for our clothing needs before donating.

Our **Tax Return Program** reopened in June of 2020 and has consistently booked appointments. People looking to have their tax returns completed are able to come into our office with their paperwork. We will be hosting our 2020 Tax Clinic starting March 1st and are now booking appointments.

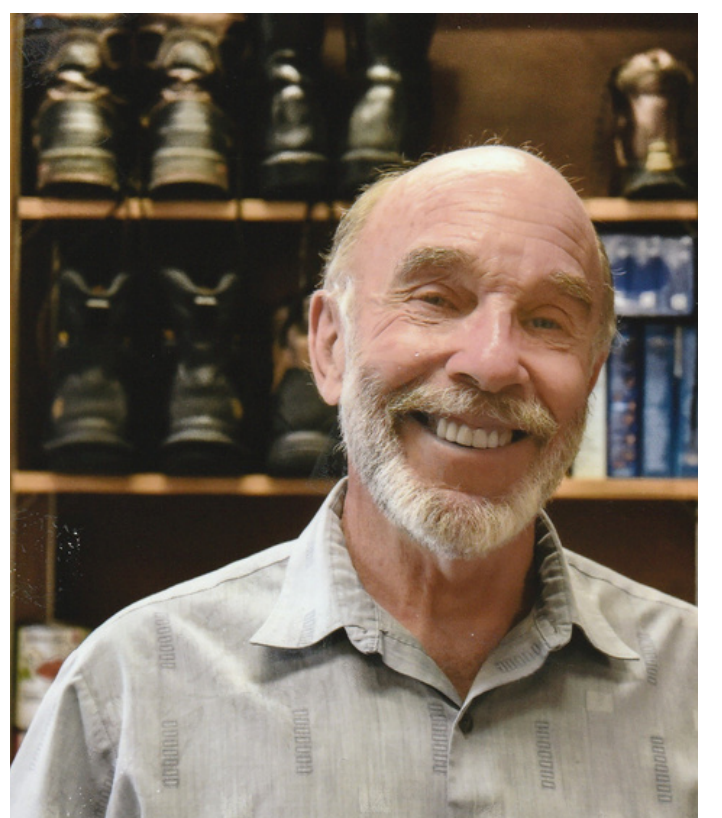
The newly launched **Outreach Program** is a collection of sub-programs to provide various interventions to community members struggling with low income. You can learn more on our website.

The **Trusteeship Program** continued with minor changes.

Goodbye Agar Smith

20 years ago Agar Smith was asked, by Brunswick Street United Church, to help them manage funds to help homeless men transition out of shelter life. Over time the program changed and, prior to COVID19, offered support to people experiencing a financial crisis.

Agar has been a dedicated volunteer, running the Benevolent Program, giving his all to do everything he could for each of his referrals, including helping people find their passion. The contributions he made over the years were instrumental in developing the new Outreach Program and for that we are honoured to have worked with him.



It was a sad day when Agar decided to retire but we know that he is looking forward to time in his garden and exploring what this change might bring.

Volunteers Wanted

"A bee, in their lifetime, makes only 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey. The most remarkable thing isn't that she does the work, it's that she doesn't do it for herself" - Marianne Gee. The bee doesn't benefit from the honey but still, they make it to allow others to thrive. We are looking for some amazing, lovely, incredible honeybees to help with the programs at Brunswick Street Mission.

We are looking for passionate volunteers looking to make a meaningful contribution to our community. Positions are available in the following programs:

- Support Navigator (first point of client contact)
- Breakfast Program
- Food Bank
- Clothing Centre

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