

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US...

On October 20, a community of supporters enjoyed a catered breakfast and listened to one of Canada's most recognized names in journalism.

Anna Maria Tremonti challenged and inspired us, touching on her own experience of domestic abuse, and reminded us that "shame is no match for kindness."

She wove her story into an encouragement for us to take time to listen to vulnerable people around us, saying "perpetuated myths allow us to ignore them. We can say this about survivors of homelessness and addiction," she said. "They are stronger than they know and stronger than we give them credit for."



Tremonti and breakfast guests



Anna Maria Tremonti challenged and inspired a full house.

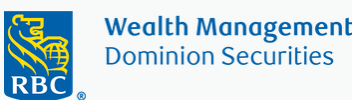
We also heard from one of our clients who, through the support she received at Brunswick Street Mission, was able to say, "I forgot that I was homeless."

Thank you to Mayor Mike Savage and MLA Suzy Hansen for your words, to Kate Milton for hosting, and to our sponsors and supporters for this year's success.

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Front Photo: A breakfast guest enjoys a hot meal in the morning.



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A STORY OF HOPE

We met a young lady over the summer. She spent most of her day around Brunswick Street Mission, sometimes chatting with our staff and volunteers while she did her laundry or waited for the food bank, and other times outside our doors with others in the community.

A few times, while talking with us, she revealed how much she needed to find a place to live, because she knew herself. She knew that if she didn't have a place to live, to spend the day instead of walking along the streets of Halifax, that she would end up in a bad situation. She was on a waiting list for housing, but so were so many others.

Then she disappeared for a couple of weeks. Her community — her friends — didn't know where she was. And when she did return, she had a large bandage covering her entire lower arm.

Like she had predicted for herself, she ended up in a bad situation and spent a week recovering in the hospital.

And she came back to Brunswick Street Mission. One Friday in early August, our Outreach

Coordinator was informed that the young lady was finally off the waiting list and had her own place to live.

We immediately told her.

The news had barely reached her ears, and her eyes quickly filled with tears.

Through a shaky voice—think about the kind of reaction you might have if you've been anticipating something for so long—she simply asked..."Really?"

She finally had a place to live. For many folks like her, a permanent, safe place to live is just a start towards a better quality of life.



HOW CAN I HELP?

According to the Affordable Housing Association of Nova Scotia, there are 690 unhoused folks in Halifax. Two thirds are chronically homeless, meaning they have been unhoused for more than 6 months.

Homelessness in Halifax has doubled in the last year. More and more tents are popping up in parks and in the hidden corners of the city. Housing prices continue to rise. Rent prices, groceries, gas, all impact people in our community.

ADVOCACY

Our Advocacy Committee is focused on the challenges experienced by the people we serve.

We are meeting with other non-profit organizations working in the North End to discuss how we can collaborate to fill gaps in services and more effectively advocate around the crisis in housing, the increasing number of unhoused people, and the escalation of food insecurity.

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Families, couples, and individuals simply cannot make ends meet any more.

Brunswick Street Mission supports unhoused folks in our Food Bank, Breakfast Program, Laundry Services, and through our Outreach Program and advocacy.

Over the past six months our food bank has served over 200 unhoused folks in our community and laundry services were used by over 95 unique individuals. These services are essential in our community.

We are continuing discussions on the reduction of poverty and considering support of a guaranteed annual income or alternatively, advocating to raise income above the poverty level.

Advocacy is an essential part of the work of the Mission. WE welcome your thoughts on how we can increase the strength of our voice.

Margaret Casey, Chair, Advocacy Committee