

**From the desk of Sister Nancy Sullivan, Executive Director**



Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, marked the beginning of our 15<sup>th</sup> year of Out of the Cold. It is not a good thing that our society needs programs like ours but we are so glad that we are able to help.

Our mandate is to offer nutritious and delicious breakfasts and dinners

6 days a week served by our phenomenal team of volunteers.

For any organization to be well run it needs to have a dedicated Board of Directors and we have a great Board!

This season we bid a fond farewell with gratitude to our Chair of the

Board – Simon Geoghegan and welcome Gail Wilkinson as our new Chair. Julian D’Angela replaced Gail as the Secretary of the Board.

Our Board members are valuable members of our team as are our Coordinators...

**Listen now to what some of our Coordinators had to say about our 2011-2012 season:**

*“Several evenings we were entertained by John, our constant guest, who is legally blind and hard of hearing, who played the piano, to the enjoyment of both guests and volunteers, many of whom added to the joy by singing along.”*

*“The high point of our season was on the last night when we were approached by Robert, a quiet, regular guest. He wanted to thank us personally for the work we do. He explained that he had been using our services for ten years and told us that having his meals at HOOTC allowed him to save enough money to return to his home town. He had family there and had rented an apartment in a duplex. That night was to be his last in Hamilton. He was grateful and happy. It was a heart-warming moment for us all and proof that we do make a difference.”*

*“A tall, lean, man perhaps in his 30’s stood up and, with paper in hand, spoke about the meaningful assistance Out of the Cold provided to him. He stressed that it was not just the food served, but more so, it was the dignity and respect*

*provided that made everyone feel full of worth and importance.”*

*“Other guests easily share their insights on life and OOTC. To one man, I suggested that he eat his vegetables. He replied, “Healthy food makes me sick!” Another lady remarked that our meals were visually appealing, “First I eat with my eyes.” Another woman quickly and quietly entered and exited the church, forcing \$40 into the hand of our security man. She explained that her friend dines at OOTC all the time. Her friend will not take money from her, so she insisted on helping us help her.”*

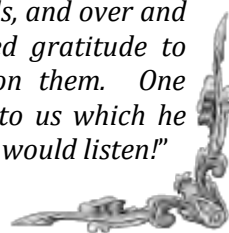
*“Our guests are terrific individuals who for a variety of reasons find themselves in circumstances not of their choosing. The manner in which they keep going through all of life’s difficulties is inspiring to all of us breakfast volunteers. Although I know it is an over utilized saying I truly believe that we get more out of the experience than they do. God Bless all of our guests as they continue to deal with their challenging lives. May we always be there to give them a*

*hearty meal, a sense of encouragement and hope.”*

*“The last night this year we had a kitchen fire. Large oven mitts had at some time fallen behind the stove and when the ovens were lit they smoldered and caught fire. The kitchen filled with smoke and the alarms went off. The Fire Department arrived and got things under control and called the Health Department.*

*The Health Department telephoned and advised us what to do and then the inspector arrived to check things out and was satisfied with how we had handled things. We were about to serve dinner when this happened and couldn’t use the kitchen so we had to carry all the food into the hall and serve there and sterilize everything in the kitchen. When we were ready to serve dinner (about an hour late) the guests gave us a standing ovation.”*

*“Our guests consistently remarked on the amazing meals, and over and over, many expressed gratitude to those who waited on them. One even wrote a poem to us which he declaimed to all who would listen!”*



## The following are our Spirited Organizers...

### ☞ Mondays

#### @ MacNab Presbyterian Church

Nanette Hynes, *Coordinator*

Janet MacCullouch, *Coordinator of Volunteers*

Jane Mulholland, *Coordinator of Volunteers*

### ☞ Mondays

#### @ James St. Baptist Church

Margaret Firth, *Coordinator*

Gerda Biro, *Coordinator of Volunteers*

Paul Simpson, *Margaret's right hand man*

### ☞ Mondays to Saturday

#### Breakfast @ Wesley Centre

Paul Sullivan-*Coordinator*

### ☞ Tuesdays

#### @ St. Stephen's RC Hungarian Church

Ariel Rogers, *Coordinator*

Marta Dixon, *Coordinator of Volunteers*

### ☞ Tuesdays

#### @ James St. Baptist (Beth Jacob)

Cindy Richter, *Coordinator*

Lila Strub, *Coordinator of Volunteers*

Behrad Garmsiri, *Coordinator of Volunteers*

### ☞ Wednesdays

#### @ Erskine Presbyterian

Tom Weinstein, *Coordinator*

### ☞ Thursdays

#### @ Central Presbyterian Church

Johanna deBruin-*Coordinator*

Mary Smith- *Coordinator of Volunteers*

### ☞ Thursdays

#### @ Central Presbyterian Church

Once a month the Ismaili Muslim Community under the direction of Diamond Jiwani, prepare and serve the evening meal.

### ☞ Fridays

#### @ Wentworth Baptist Church

Russ & Vyvyan Reilly *Co-Coordinator*

Barbara Adamson- *Coordinator of Volunteers*

### ☞ Saturdays

#### @ Christ's Church Cathedral

Sherry Wendling *Coordinator*

Kevin Baglole *Coordinator of Volunteers*

### ☞ Saturdays

#### @ MacNab Presbyterian Church

Sister Nancy Sullivan *Coordinator*

Pauline Chang *Coordinator of Volunteers*



## OUR BOARD

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Cindy Richter

Ariel Rogers

Sr. Nancy Sullivan

Paul Sullivan

Tom Weinstein

Sherry Wendling

### AUDITOR

Brad Perco

*Only when we give joyfully, without hesitation or thought of gain, can we truly know what love means.- Author Unknown*

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

*"The ultimate expression of generosity is not in giving of what you have, but in giving of who you are." Johnnetta B. Cole*

It's so very difficult to say enough about our fabulous volunteers. How do you adequately thank individuals so that they understand the impact each of their individual roles has on the guests we serve in our program? Out of the Cold is very proud of their 400+ dedicated individuals. *"Shoppers, choppers, breakfast makers, soup cooks, dinner cooks, servers, pot scrubbers, setter uppers and taker downers, coordinators, board members, etc.,...!"* You name a job position to be filled and you can bet our volunteers can fill it and will do so exceptionally and without hesitation. Our guests are so very appreciative of the hospitality they derive from Out of the Cold. None of which would be possible without our devoted and enthusiastic volunteers.

In order to show some of the appreciation felt, we held our 15<sup>th</sup> annual Appreciation Night Dinner on Wednesday, April 17, 2012. It was a wonderful night of gathering to enjoy the

company of all the volunteers from each of our locations and reflect on the endeavors of the season we had just finished. It is a night we gather to thank them in a small way for their major contributions.

Sister Nancy welcomed everyone who was able to attend. In all we had about 250 of our volunteers enjoying the evening together. Jeff Goodes graciously accepted (once again) the role of Master of Ceremonies, individuals and groups kindly donated items for our Appreciation Night Raffle and Diamond Jiwani and his faithful group led the raffle which helped to raise over \$1,300. The dinner was delicious as Luigi and Anna catered a delightful meal.

At the end of the evening we said our farewells, looked forward to a little time off and also perhaps a little eagerly to the time when we would be together and serving once again.

## THANK YOU HOOTC VOLUNTEERS!

*The following individuals donated items for our Appreciation Night Raffle ... They were gratefully received.*

Mary Smith *Knitted Afghan, Scarf*  
Nasim Jiwani *Outdoor Clock*  
Brenda Davis *Platter, BBQ Set*  
Marie Davies *Master Cut 2*  
Nora & Brian Southon *Music Set Up*

Luigi's Catering *Gift Certificates*  
Cargill - Howard Low *10lbs. Chocolate*  
Elizabeth McIntyre *Bell Certificate*  
Wrights Cleaners *Gift Certificate*  
Laurenzo's School Hair Design *Gift Certificates*

Royal Touch Auto Service *Gift Certificates*  
Dylan Mitha *Coat, Shirt, Games*  
Shamima Vellani *Shawls, Dolls*  
One Stop Auto *Gift Certificates*  
Sherry Wendling *Gift Certificates*



## A Few Words from **Design Hope**

We had hoped to ramp up efforts again at Design Hope in 2012 and hold an art and music event, but will instead focus our efforts solely on the release of a new CD. The songs have been recorded and have been sent off for mastering. While we are experiencing a delay in the final stages of the project you will hear more at a later date.

We are very grateful for the volunteers, past and present, for all of the financial and in-kind support we continue to receive from generous individuals, organizations and businesses, and for all of the talented artists, musicians and designers who donate their works.

While our planned contribution for 2012 is modest compared to past years, Design Hope is still dedicated to supporting HOOTC and the very important role they play caring for those in need.

*Sincerely, George Hampson  
Design Hope Chair*

### ANCASTER FILM FEST



Hamilton Out of the Cold is very blessed to have the support of the Ancaster Film Fest. AFF is a nonprofit organization which donates proceeds from their screenings to local charities including the Hamilton Out of the Cold program.

Over the years Julian and Mariclaire D'Angela and their AFF team of volunteers have worked tirelessly to bring the best of intriguing films to discriminating patrons all the while reaching out to people in need.

THANK YOU!

Please visit [www.ancasterfilmfest.ca](http://www.ancasterfilmfest.ca) and or their **Facebook** page for more details.

*Janice Ormond*



THANK YOU to the **Ontario Trillium Foundation** for their assistance in helping us to serve our guests in various ways.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario.

For further information check out their website:  
[www.trilliumfoundation.org](http://www.trilliumfoundation.org)

#### **Air Miles**

Not saving Air Miles for yourself? Then could you save them for OUT OF THE COLD?

Thank you.

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#### **HALLOWEEN FOR HUNGER**

A big Thank You to the students of St. Mary's High School who donated some of the proceeds from their Halloween for Hunger Food Drive to Out of the Cold. This will really help us in serving our guests this winter.

Did you know that last season we served 8,150 breakfasts and 17,673 dinners?



## OUR BENEFACTORS



We were most fortunate to have received donations from the following individuals/groups.  
 Our program is a registered charity. Tax receipts are available.  
 May God bless you abundantly for helping our less fortunate sisters & brothers.

### Individual Donors

- Anonymous
- Anonymously  
*In Memory of Dr. Herbert Hanson, Mary Ruzyllo, Vincent Colizza, Julius Bruch, Tom Gallagher*
- Frank & Berenice Arnold
- Bob & Cheryl Baldin
- John Becevello
- Rev. Paul Boucher
- Paul & Barbara Clifford  
*In Memory of Jan Lodewyks*
- Joanne Cohen
- Julian & Mariclaire D'Angela
- Mary Ferguson
- Rosalie & Paul Gaffe
- Ellen Gillespie  
*In Memory of Archie Wallman*
- Elise Hall
- Sister Patricia Hanlon
- Levona Hinchey
- John Hynes
- Sharon Baillie Jessop & Ken Smith
- Teresa Kooymans
- Beverly & Jonathon Kordetz  
*In Memory of Cecil Saperson*
- Rebecca & Brian LaFrance
- Emily Helen Laird  
*In Memory of Fredrich Oliver Martin*
- Andy MacDonald
- Jodi & Moish Margolis & Family  
*In Memory of Cecil Saperson*
- Robert & Sharon Marr  
*In Memory of Cecil Saperson*
- Gord & Angie McNulty
- Agnes Morgan
- Jane Mulholland
- Rev. Michael Myroniuk
- Jim & Shaun Price
- Edwin & Mary Jane Reilly
- Dave Roberts
- Joan Seabrook

- Valerie Shanks
- Jeanne Sullivan
- Scott Thomson  
*In Memory of Dr. Cecil Saperson*
- Angelo & Anna Venditti  
*In Memory of Dominic Minicucci*
- George & Leta Vinall
- Bill Wallace
- Gerald & Loretta Ward
- Patricia & Tom Weinstein  
*In Memory of Hedy Ross*
- Michael Wilder
- Vivian Wright

### Churches, Synagogues & Mosques

- Brant Hills Presbyterian Church
- Harmony Baptist Church
- Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton
- St. Ann Parish, Ancaster
- St. David's Presbyterian Church, Burlington

### Groups & Corporations

- Ancaster Film Fest
- Ancaster Film Fest *In Memory of Seymour Lyons Wigle & Noree (nee McFarlane) Wigle*
- City of Hamilton
- Holy Name of Mary Catholic Elementary School – Parent Volunteers
- Incarnation Parish CWL
- McMaster University  
*In Memory of Cecil Saperson*
- OECTA- Hamilton Wentworth Unit
- Regina Mundi CWL
- The School Sisters of Notre Dame
- Spiritual & Social Network
- St. Augustine's Church, CWL

- St. John the Baptist School Staff "Chili Lunch"
- Tarion

### Donations in Kind

- Ancaster Film Fest *Food Drive Donations*
- Ancaster Library *Toiletries*
- Binbrook - Blackheath United Church  
*435 Pairs of Socks*
- Mary Louise Beecroft *Hand-knitted scarves*
- Church of the Nativity *264 Pairs of Socks*
- Dare Foods Ltd. *Snack Food*
- Dermody's Funeral Homes *Hats, Mitts, Scarves*
- ED Smith, Winona *Syrup, Jam*
- ER Group, Andy & Bob *Computer Consulting Services*
- Fortinos Main West *Bread*
- Levona Hinchey *Clothing & Special Treats*
- Hockton Family *Large Food Donations*
- Mr. & Mrs. Doug Jarrett *Socks*
- Kraft Canada *Coffee, Chocolate, Cookies*
- Rose Levie *Canvas bags & stationary*
- Andy MacDonald *Roasts*
- Sister Michaela *Knitted Hats*
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Knitters Club *Handmade Scarves*
- Principal & Staff St. Patrick's School, *Toiletries*
- St. Augustine's, CWL *Underwear, Long Underwear, Socks, Undershirts*
- St. Mary's High School *Food Drive Donations*
- Salt Fleet Library Teen Knitters *Knitted Items*
- Valley Park Library Knit Wits *Scarves, Mitts, Hats*
- Voortmans *200 lbs. cookies*
- Waterdown Dairy Queen *Ice Cream Treats*
- Dr. Alan Zucker *Cases of toothpaste*

*A pessimist, they say, sees a glass of water as being half empty; an optimist sees the same glass as half full. But a giving person sees a glass of water and starts looking for someone who might be thirsty. Leo Buscaglia*

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