



The Scott Mission  
A Christian Ministry of Mercy and Love

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## 2020 ANNUAL MINISTRY REPORT

THANK YOU for delivering meals, help,  
and hope to Toronto's hungry, hurting, and  
homeless during the difficult days of 2020

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# OUR VISION PRAYER

Poverty in full retreat, flourishing for all, in Toronto and beyond.

## MARKS OF THE MISSION

We're a community that continually seeks to be:

- centred in and dependent on Jesus Christ
- gracious, generous and collaborative in our relationships
- servant-hearted, innovative and professional in our work
- rooted in God's rescuing work in history

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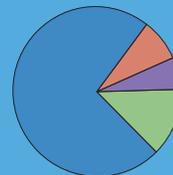
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# OUR 2020 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

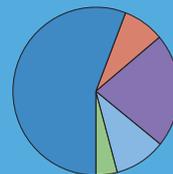
### How funds are used . . .

- Programs and Ministry: 73%
- Administration: 8%
- Public Awareness: 6%
- Fundraising: 13%



### Where support comes from . . .

- General Donations: 56%
- Bequests: 8%
- Gifts-in-Kind: 22%
- Grants: 10%
- Other: 4%



For our detailed financial statements, please visit [www.ScottMission.com](http://www.ScottMission.com) or call 416.923.2400.

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Thank you for answering the call to help neighbours in need in 2020!

Dear Friend,

This is an annual report unlike any we've previously prepared . . . because 2020 was a year unlike any other in all of our lives.

Before COVID-19, there were families and individuals among us facing hunger and other challenges. But, once the pandemic closed schools and businesses, a great many more neighbours were plunged into crippling hardship that includes hunger, homelessness, and joblessness.

This report tells the story of a desperate time for many of Toronto's men, women, families, and senior citizens . . . and how caring friends like you gave generously—and often—to meet the incredible need within an ever-changing landscape.

**I am truly thankful to God for you.** Your compassion is touching our neighbours in need through food, shelter, hope, and more. It is a privilege to partner with you in sharing Christ's mercy and love during these difficult days.

For our neighbours in need,



Peter Duraisami  
Chief Executive Officer  
The Scott Mission

*I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers  
—Ephesians 1:16 ESV*



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# “It’s a blessing to come and receive a bag of food!”



Hunger presents a huge challenge for Toronto’s homeless. But, with the onset of COVID-19, many families and individuals who were already struggling to make ends meet suddenly found themselves facing hunger for the first time.

Fortunately, support from caring friends and donors made it possible for The Scott Mission to quickly adapt and step up to meet the growing needs in innovative new ways—and to do it safely!

**In a time of great fear and uncertainty, our neighbours in need found help with meals and groceries. And, just as important, they found a ministry partner to share prayer, counselling, and encouragement. Thank you for making ours a community that truly cares for others.**

# THANK YOU for Feeding the Hungry

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink —Matthew 25:35 ESV*



To protect the safety of our staff and guests, hot and fresh to-go meals were made available to our hungry neighbours via a laneway window, and breakfast was added to ensure the needs of all were met.

**Your support  
helped provide  
6,418 meals  
each month!**



Some of Toronto's food banks were forced to close during the first weeks of the pandemic, so The Scott Mission was truly a lifeline for hundreds of people each day! At our main location, we relocated our food bank from the basement to the first floor and reconfigured the layout for safety and maximum efficiency to better serve our clients. Furthermore, we continued to support more than 300 families in need at our O'Connor location.

**On average, we  
served more than  
1,833 families  
facing hunger  
each month — with  
grocery help,  
including fresh  
produce.**



Social distancing requirements brought many changes to serving meals to the hungry. We worked closely with public health authorities to ensure proper health and safety measures were in place so we could open our dining room to the hungry and homeless before cold weather rolled in.

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## **“I lost my house and became homeless . . .”**

The homeless are among the most vulnerable to the threat of COVID-19, having no means to stay at home. The Scott Mission swiftly adapted to extend life-saving, life-changing services to the homeless in our community—while also protecting the health of staff at work on the front lines.

The Scott Mission’s donors gave generously, providing the emergency support needed to procure resources and make the renovations that saved lives, helped to prevent the spread of the virus, and gave enormous comfort to people in despair.

**Thank you for your prayers and financial support, which allowed The Scott Mission to share Christ’s infinite mercy and love with Toronto’s most desperate individuals during an unprecedented crisis.**



# THANK YOU for Sheltering the Homeless

*I was a stranger and you welcomed me –Matthew 25:35 ESV*



Renovations and modifications were swiftly made to our men's shelter to fully comply with public health requirements and allow for physical distancing to ensure elevated health and safety.

With these adaptations, **16,886 nights of safe shelter** were provided to homeless neighbours!



In addition to the purchase of life-saving personal protective equipment for staff working on the front lines, cleaning equipment, and other supplies, the Mission added a nurse to our staff from March to October to help with health screening and to provide extra support and care to our clients.



Our Welcome Centre also met swift renovation to safely and efficiently welcome the homeless and others entering The Scott Mission. Wellness checks were immediately introduced, including temperature checking and a hand-washing station at our entrance.

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# Our Children Are Our Greatest Gifts

Toronto's disadvantaged children and youth faced many additional hardships in 2020. The pandemic closed schools, the place where many boys and girls receive meals. While their parents lost jobs and missed paycheques, our youth were isolated from friends and missed the chance to attend Scott Mission Camp, our after-school programs, and other social activities.

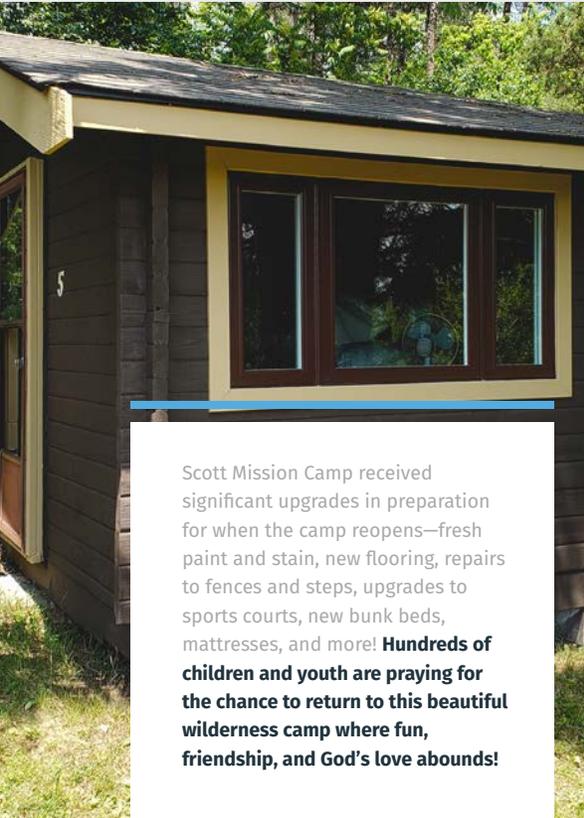
The Scott Mission worked to engage youth on social media with contests, memory posts, and updates, and often got everyone together virtually to nurture friendships and encourage the children to stay positive and close to God.

**Your support allowed The Scott Mission to engage important outreach and make renovations that will enrich the lives of Toronto's disadvantaged children today and in the days ahead. Thank you for investing in young lives through your prayers and partnership.**

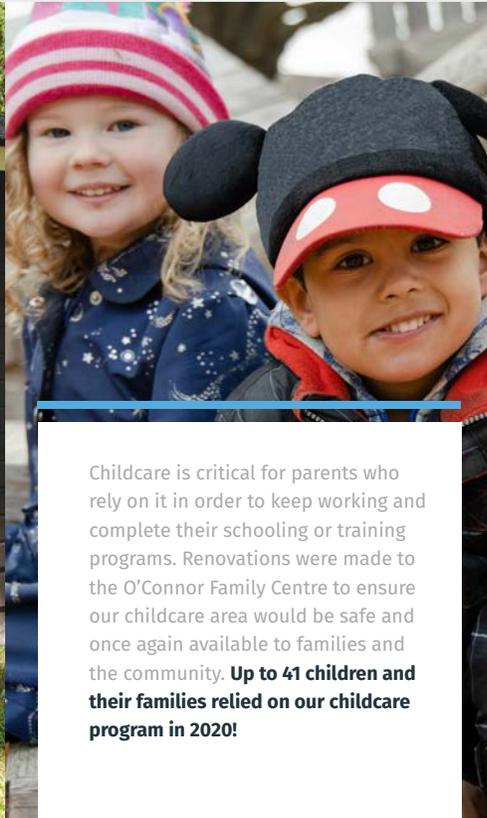


# THANK YOU for Enriching the Lives of Toronto's Children and Families

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me . . ." —Matthew 19:14 ESV*



Scott Mission Camp received significant upgrades in preparation for when the camp reopens—fresh paint and stain, new flooring, repairs to fences and steps, upgrades to sports courts, new bunk beds, mattresses, and more! **Hundreds of children and youth are praying for the chance to return to this beautiful wilderness camp where fun, friendship, and God's love abounds!**



Childcare is critical for parents who rely on it in order to keep working and complete their schooling or training programs. Renovations were made to the O'Connor Family Centre to ensure our childcare area would be safe and once again available to families and the community. **Up to 41 children and their families relied on our childcare program in 2020!**



Your support provided new toys for boys and girls and gift cards for parents to buy gifts for their older children. For parents really stretching their finances, this outreach is a great blessing! **More than 2,600 families received Christmas help, including food and gifts to celebrate Christ's birth!**

# You are Valued

**More Ways to be Part of the Outreach  
that is Helping Our Neighbours in Need**

## **JOIN THE GOOD SAMARITAN MONTHLY GIVING CIRCLE TO IMPACT EVEN MORE LIVES!**

As part of our Good Samaritan Monthly Giving Circle, your recurring monthly gift provides a foundation of support, streamlining The Scott Mission's ability to help neighbours who are hungry, hurting, and homeless. The Mission offers a convenient and safe way for you to support our ministry through pre-authorized monthly gifts. This provides a steady and reliable source of funding so more people can be reached with the help they need—while also lowering administrative costs—putting more of every dollar received back into life-changing programs!

For more information on our Monthly Giving Circle, please contact:

**Maureen Makohin, Donor Relations**  
**Tel: 416.923.2400**  
**E-mail: [donate@scottmission.com](mailto:donate@scottmission.com)**

## **JOIN THE LEGACY OF MERCY AND LOVE SOCIETY**

You can provide a lasting legacy that will continue to impact your neighbours in need and your community by including The Scott Mission in your will. As a member of our Legacy of Mercy and Love Society, your compassion and generosity will ensure those in need in Toronto will receive food, shelter, spiritual help, and more far into the future.

For more information on The Scott Mission's Legacy Society, please contact:

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## **VOLUNTEER TO HELP SAVE AND CHANGE LIVES**

Each year, thousands of individuals and groups donate many hours of volunteer service at The Scott Mission. The Mission relies on volunteers' gifts of time and energy to truly impact the lives of our neighbours who are in need in Toronto. Policies and procedures are in place to protect volunteers and guests and prevent the spread of COVID-19. If you would like to learn more about volunteering your time and talents, please contact:

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and Community Outreach**  
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**To all who have given the great gift of time to  
The Scott Mission and those we serve, THANK YOU!**

Although the pandemic interrupted and altered our volunteer schedules for a time, we look forward to having all of you back at The Scott Mission when opportunities arise and you are ready. You can trust that we are following the proper health and safety protocols to protect you and our neighbours who are turning to us for help and comfort.

Many of us have had the chance to connect by phone, email, and through virtual meetings. It has been a delight to see and hear how you are doing. Some volunteers rejoined us in time for our Christmas outreach. It was a real blessing to know that despite the pandemic, we can still bring hope to Toronto through hot meals, groceries, warm clothing, shelter, and Christmas help during such a trying time!

All of us at The Scott Mission are so grateful for the steadfast hearts of our faithful volunteers. We can't wait to have you back in 2021! God bless you, friends!

**Trevor Smith,**  
**Manager of Volunteering and Community Outreach**

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help neighbours in need in 2020!  
Your compassion and generosity  
made a huge impact for people in  
need throughout Toronto!**



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