

Freedom Centre News

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Tim is an army veteran, who has traveled the world and experienced many highs but also experienced divorce, incarceration, and depression. At his bottom, he sought Jesus and established a strong personal relationship with Jesus. He strives to be salt and light in his workplace where he is a crew leader and chief union steward. He is passionate to be of help to make the Freedom Centre as loving and impactful for the community and veterans in need.

A WORD FROM CPL.(Retired)TIM RILEY

I was encouraged to hear about the plans to build the Freedom Centre, a supportive transitional housing project to help wounded veterans integrate successfully back into general society, and was eager to share my experience to be of assistance! I experienced some traumatic and unsettling experiences as a veteran myself, and I was not adequately assessed for mine. I struggled for many years, left for the most part on my own devices, which I was not successfully prepared for, nor informed of possible options for help. I was incarcerated and through my sentencing, the judge saw the need for me to get real help and offered me an opportunity to be sent to a treatment centre, which was a Godsend, as I know I needed it. The treatment centre I see as being similar to how the Freedom Centre would be, a small safe community, where you are able to take all the programming with the love and support of volunteers and professionals. For the veterans, just the fact that someone is willing to

meet you where you are at, offer you a safe and supportive environment, with some structure and freedoms would mean a great deal. Not everyone will have the same journey or challenges, but the fact that they will all have the desire to overcome them knowing that people care about them, will give them a new start and help them land back on their feet. The fact that they know others love them and are praying for them, and helping them in this extraordinary way will be life-changing for them.



OUR STUDENTS

Hello, my name is Kennedy Miller, I am a 23 years old married woman living in Brantford, ON. Ever since I was fourteen, I have had a passion for ministry and have been actively serving ever since. As a result of that passion, I recently graduated from Moody Bible Institute and will be serving as the Camp Director for Summer Discovery Camp this year. I am looking forward to leading the campers through their summer of discovery over the next 8 weeks!

LUKA PEJICIC: I am a 3rd year Brock University student in the Bachelors of Business Administration program concentrating in Finance.

My task was to help Freedom Centre create a fundraising plan to help bring its new vision to life. I also helped create the marketing plan to help get the attention of potential donors and volunteers.

I'll always look back on my experience at the Freedom Centre team with a lot of fondness.



Hired as the preliminary designer for the Freedom Centre; Catherine has a Bachelor's degree in Architecture and will be entering into her Master's in the fall. Catherine has been welcomed into the team this summer and created a deep and meaningful design for the project. Responsible for producing the needed drawings to bring the Freedom Centre from a dream to reality. Her work will WOW you!





My name is Madeleine and I am a Neuroscience student completing a Social Work placement with Freedom Centre Canada. My experience with this organization has been very inspiring, as I get to work towards making a real difference in the lives of Veterans and the Cambridge community. I have worked to develop a Canada-wide database for service members/Veterans to access information about Housing, Financial Services, Counselling, and Mental Health, etc. I have also developed a Volunteer Handbook and worked directly in establishing some of the amazing programs that Freedom Centre Canada will be offering. It has truly been a great experience, and I am so excited to see the organization's next steps!

Jennifer O'Connor pauses in front of our Community Gardens. A big hug to all our donors in finances, supplies, and plants, who allowed our garden to grow and extend our reach to more families in need.



We were honoured to have M.P. Brian May join our students as his first meet and greet for this summer! He was impressed with the calibre of our students and the experience they were receiving through their responsibilities.

UPCOMING...

Next PRAYER date **Saturday, July 17th** 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

DISMAS BBQ date **Monday, July 19th** 6:00 pm - 8:00

Next CLOTHING SALE dates **August 13th** 6 - 8 and **14th** 9 - 12



Town Hall Meeting
Saturday, September 25th
10-11:30 a.m.

We are looking for people who will be prayer partners. Some things we are praying for now are:

ESL program
Our Final Site Application
Freedom Centre Board
Program Development
Business Plan
Favour with City of Cambridge
Favour with Neighbourhood
Favour with Energy +
Provision of Funding for the vision

If you would like to join our prayer team and receive updates of needs, please email Rosemary at rosemary@freedomcentre.ca

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