



House of Compassion

# COMPASSION CHRONICLES

HOUSE OF COMPASSION OF TORONTO

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*"I've never felt luckier to live in a house full of friends than I do right now"*

- Resident of House of Compassion

It was Yousuf Karsh who once said **"Character, like a photograph, develops in darkness"**. For all of us here at House of Compassion these are words that help to define our collective experiences over this past year. While we will not be sad to say our goodbyes to 2020, we acknowledge that this has been a year that has taught us many lessons. Most importantly, it has been a year that has reinforced why House of Compassion is so special and so needed. Every day we see and feel the difference that the House of Compassion community makes in the lives of all who are a part of it and our love and appreciation for this community multiplies. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to all who make this community possible, and we invite you to join us as we reflect on a year of unpredictability, perseverance, transformation and solidarity here at House of Compassion.



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# COPING THRO



**"I'm continuing my on-line education. I'm taking an art course."**



**"Staff taught me how to order Skip the Dishes, so I don't have to go out. I also help my friend and I order for him too."**



**"Isolation was hard, but I also like spending time alone."**

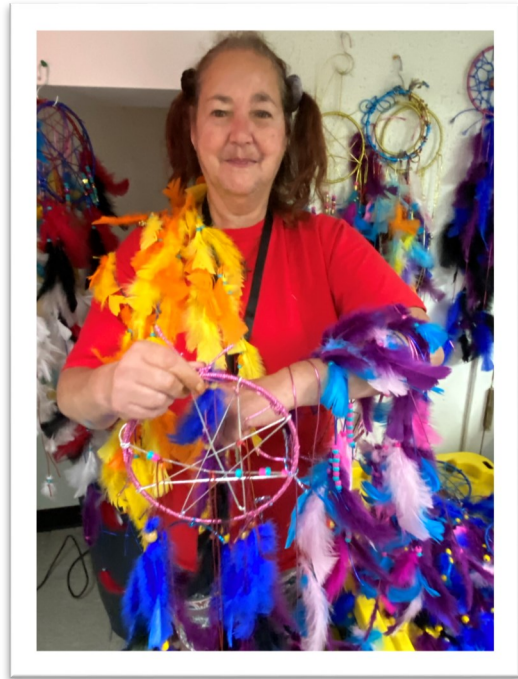


**"During this Covid, I try to keep in the community, I can't keep inside all day. I walk in the park and talk to people. I keep my distance. I talk to all kinds of people. There are special constables who remind people to keep safe."**

# TOUGH COVID



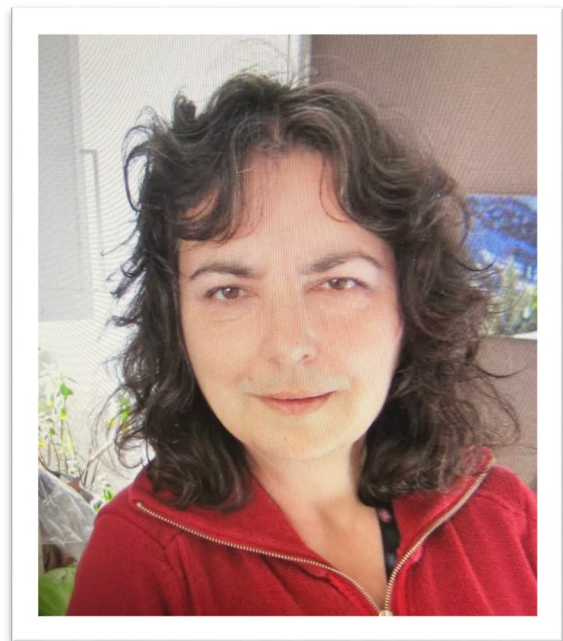
**"I feel lucky I kept safe during Covid. I bought my own masks and I keep my routine by checking the house is safe from any trouble."**



**"Making dream catchers are a passionate love of mine. They have helped manage being stuck at home during the Corona."**



**"I call my brother, I worry. I listen to my favourite Chinese singer on YouTube. I also go buy a diet coke and go for a very short walk. I help with the dishes and I study vocabulary. I also have a thirty minute nap."**



**"I just try my best, I wear a mask when I'm out and wash my hands. I follow all the rules. Sometimes I think I'm not doing enough at home, but I am safe."**

## Celebrating Partnership: Second Harvest



House of Compassion and Second Harvest began partnering in 2019. Since the formation of this exciting partnership a year ago Second Harvest has delivered 7,145 pounds of food to House of Compassion in support of our residential meal program, helping to avert 14,070 kg of green house gases. We are looking forward to another year of partnership - and terrific food!

## "It Won't Last Forever"

Yes, the Covid is here,  
But please do not fear,  
Because the Lord is near.  
Just to wear a mask,  
That's not a big task.  
Try to always wash your hands,  
Just try the best you can,  
And then try to watch where you stand.  
We're all in this together,  
And it won't last forever.  
Of course there's good in this world too,  
Let's all be good, me and you.

- House of Compassion Resident

## Making A Donation

You can donate securely to House of Compassion online by visiting [www.hoc-toronto.com](http://www.hoc-toronto.com) and clicking 'Donate Now'.

We are also able to accept cheques or cash directed to our administrative offices at: 169 Shaw Street Toronto, Ontario M6J 2W6

**Estate Planning:** Talk to us about how you can integrate House of Compassion into your estate planning

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All donations made to House of Compassion are provided with an official tax receipt.

Charity Registration Number:  
**118964196RR001**



## House of Compassion's Strategic Planning Kickoff

We are excited to announce that House of Compassion will be launching a new Strategic Plan in 2021!

Over these past few months we have been engaging with a wide array of stakeholders and, through these engagements, we have gained invaluable insights that are now helping to drive positive change as we chart the course for House of Compassion for the coming years.

We would sincerely like to thank all who have supported this process. Please stay tuned for more exciting announcements!

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