



NEWSLETTER

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The Sycamore Centre is a safe, welcoming place where anyone can rest, receive practical help, and experience the love of Christ through genuine community. Every week, lives are touched through simple acts of compassion, dignity, and connection. Since the Sycamore Centre opened its doors on August 6, 2025, we have now provided over 2,773 meals, more than 579 showers, and nearly 343 loads of laundry to individuals and families in need. Each meal served, each shower offered, and each moment of care reflects our mission to walk alongside people with hope, respect, and steady support.



Sycamore transitional home; coming soon

Updates This Month

Even in the summer heat, Sycamore continued to be a lifeline for those who needed us. Throughout July, we served roughly 337 meals, offered 57 showers, and completed 20 loads of laundry. These services may seem simple, to our they restore dignity, confidence, and the sense of being cared for, things that matter deeply when someone is rebuilding their life.

This month, we are excited to welcome Jennifer to the Sycamore Centre team as our new part-time Community Support Worker. Jennifer has a heart for meeting people in their hardest moments with compassion, consistency, and hope — and we are grateful to have her alongside our clients as they take steps toward stability and healing.

As we continue to grow, we are also expanding our team. Sycamore is currently looking to hire a Fundraising & Marketing Manager to help us tell our story, build partnerships, and secure the resources that sustain the work of the Sycamore Centre, as well as our new residential facility. We are also looking for a second Community Support Worker to join Jennifer on the front lines of care.

If you or someone you know feels called to this work, we would love to hear from you. Resumes can be sent to office@sycamorecentre.ca. Every new team member is another set of hands helping us walk with people from crisis toward transformation.



Upcoming Events

Courtland Gardens Golf tournament

Courtland Gardens has generously dedicated part of their fundraiser to the Sycamore Centre!

If you are interested in enjoying a great afternoon of golfing, fun, and fundraising, please email trevor@courtland.biz for more information

Victorian Tea - Saturday, November 14, 2026

You are invited to a cozy evening of Victorian-style tea, live music, photos, and plenty of nostalgic charm. Come dressed in your favorite Victorian look and enjoy a night that celebrates tradition, community, and a touch of whimsy.

Meet Jennifer! The Newest Addition to our Team

GOD CAN MAKE A WAY

(when there seems to be no way)

Jennifer Fitzpatrick

I was in an extremely abusive situation in British Columbia. God made a way of escape for me.

After suffering a stress-induced cardiomyopathy I threw what I could in my vehicle and came back to Ontario where I discovered there was "No room at the inn" with my family; I ended up homeless in a campground. I was tormented for 4 months by recurring infestations of head lice and various other insects, including hordes of mosquitoes, who used me as their banqueting table. I discovered the terrible social cost of being homeless. I was viewed with a combination of scorn and pity, and they turned away from me because they saw me as a burden to them...I cried out to God in misery and desperation, went looking for an apartment I could afford and again...

God made a way for me: I got an apartment I could afford. It was half the going rate at the time plus all utilities included so I was able to pursue getting ID again. Then, the terrible cost of what I had been through took its toll on my physical body and also my mental state. I became pretty much bedridden the next two years, which used up what little savings I had left.

It took tremendous effort to do anything and mentally and emotionally tremendous effort to interact with anyone, so I hid and wanted to be unalive. At this time some awesome people from Crossroads Bible Church came alongside me, providing counselling to remind me of who God said I was, as opposed to who my abusers had pretty much accused me of being. Some awesome people from this church met my physical needs.

As strength returned to my mind, spirit, and body, I became aware of the Sycamore Centre and felt I could contribute with compassion as I had experienced much of what they face and I could with complete conviction tell them that IF they believe, God is well able to make a way for them as well.

The way Levi looked at me, listened to me, valued and validated my existence completed my healing. So of course, I had to check out the "Oxford Church" that produced such a wonderful and caring young man, and I pray that I can facilitate that same healing in others.

How can you help?

DONATE:



Donate

Your generosity will help provide food, basic necessities, practical support and opportunities for growth for those who need it most.

Volunteer

Welcome people into the Sycamore Centre. Build relationships, provide compassion and serve those walking through difficult seasons in their lives.

Pray

Please pray for the individuals and families we serve, our volunteers, our staff, and the ongoing mission God has entrusted to us.

WEBSITE:



Also Via E-transfers:

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