



# 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 2,200 meals, more than 475 showers, and nearly 300 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.



Big thank you to United Steel Workers Union for their donation this month!

## Updates This Month

This month has been a season of steady growth, renewed hope, and deep community partnership at the Sycamore Centre. We welcomed 11 new individuals and families seeking safety, stability, and a place where they could rest without fear. Each person arrived carrying their own story — some navigating the aftermath of crisis, others rebuilding after loss, and many simply needing a moment to breathe. Because of your generosity, we were able to meet each one with warmth, dignity, and the assurance that they are not alone.

Together, we provided 213 meals, each one representing more than food — it represented care, consistency, and a reminder that someone sees them. Our team also offered over 150 hours of direct services, from emotional support and crisis intervention to practical help like clothing, hygiene supplies, and guidance toward long-term stability. These hours reflect the heart of our mission: walking alongside people as they take courageous steps toward healing and hope.

We've witnessed powerful moments this month. Guests beginning recovery with new determination. Individuals regaining strength after long seasons of instability. Families finding peace and safety after incredibly difficult circumstances. These stories remind us that transformation often begins with small, faithful steps — and your support makes those steps possible.

We're also celebrating a significant new partnership: Courtland Landscape and Grounds, a large and respected company that recently stepped forward to support our mission. Their generosity and willingness to invest in our community has already made a meaningful impact. Partnerships like this strengthen our ability to expand services, improve our facilities, and ensure that every person who walks through our doors experiences dignity and care. We are deeply grateful for their commitment to standing with us.

As needs continue to grow, we have expanded our hours, deepened our programs, and continued working toward the long-term vision of opening additional centres. These steps are not just operational decisions — they are acts of faith. We believe God is leading us forward, inviting us to serve more people, offer more hope, and create more spaces where healing can begin. Thank you for walking this journey with us. Your prayers, your giving, and your partnership are shaping lives every single day.

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## Upcoming Events

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### Mothers Day Market Booth - May 9<sup>th</sup>

We'll be at the Mother's Day Market at Purple Hill Country Hall in Thorndale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop by our table to explore antique jewellery, charming small items, and other one-of-a-kind finds, among many other marketers. It's the perfect outing for Mother's Day weekend.

### Golf Tournament Coming August - Stay Tuned for more information!

### Victorian Tea - November 14<sup>th</sup>

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

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## Why I Volunteer

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"I Think what first drew me to the Sycamore Centre was the opportunity to build community in Ingersoll – in love – the way Jesus would.

Every day at the centre is a unique gift to me, I leave with a profound sense of purpose and blessing. God is working to grow me and my heart as I serve this beautiful community.

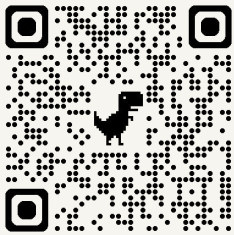
Sycamore provides community to all who seek it, with genuine concern and care for our neighbors, one cup of coffee, one load of laundry and one conversation at a time."

– Grace Marie Russles (Volunteer)

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## 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.

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