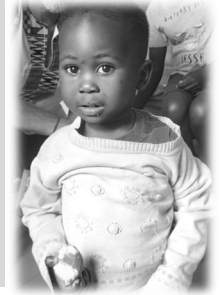


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(Chatham-Kent)



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Reaching Out & Making a Difference

As we approach the season of Christmas, we are grateful for the many donations that you generously share with those we serve. Our warehouse fills and empties quickly, thanks to all of you! To date we have sent 17 transport trucks to the Mississauga warehouse this year.

The Mississauga warehouse has sent 225 container shipments to Angola, Cameroon, El Salvador, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Liberia, Malawi, Peru, Sierra Leone, and Zambia, a total of 3,427,062 kgs (7,556,672 lbs) as of mid October.

News from co-founder, Dr. Andrew Simone



Chris Simone with young Immanuel.

Toronto.” He had frozen the bread prior to the trip. “The response of the children when they saw the bread overwhelmed me. All of the children held out their hands and asked for a slice of bread. The toys, candies, stuffed animals and other things in the suitcase became irrelevant to them. They were so happy and only wanted a piece of bread. As they received their slice they immediately started to eat it. I thought of the words “give us this day our daily bread” from the Lord’s prayer. I have a new understanding of the deep meaning of bread.

When Dr. Simone travels he likes to meet the poor, especially children. He encountered many children and their families while visiting a hospital near Lacor, Uganda. The hospital was very clean, however it does not provide food for patients. The family members have to stay close by, often sleeping outside in the hospital courtyard.

Dr. Simone wants to make sure he has a small gift for each of the people he meets. “On one occasion when I opened the suitcase in front of the patients in the children’s ward, there was a loaf of sliced Italian bread that had been donated to CFFC by our friends at Madonna House in



A patient in one of the children’s critical care wards, enjoying his visit with Dr. Simone.

“Thank you for helping us feed poor children around the world.”

Donations come from Near and Far

Once a year Tom and Claudette Daamen travel to the East Coast and meet with a group of women who prepare save items for CFFC all year long. The groups are from St. Leonard's, Kedgwick, and St Quenton, New Brunswick. Your Generosity is much appreciated!



The workers in St. Leonard's New Brunswick



Receiving milk bag mats from Alymer.

Youth Serving Others



Dante and Brendan were great helpers this summer. Their many tasks included stacking pallets, sorting items and here they are loading a truck. We were so grateful to have many other students help as well.

Pictured: Dante & Brendan helping to load the truck going to the Mississauga warehouse and unloading cars with donations.



Alora Dunlop and Zaveri Bos worked on a project through the month of March called the Kingdom Assignment at George P Vanier School. The goal of this project was to raise money and donate it to a charity of their choice. Alora and Zaveri decided to make t-shirts with inspirational quotes on the back, like "created for a purpose", "this is just a chapter not the whole story" and "tomorrow needs you". They raised \$800 and split the money for each of their charities; Zaveri's— Music for Minds and Alora's—CFFC-CK.

Pictured: Alora Dunlop & Zaveri Bos with Cindy Waddick in the middle, receiving the cheque.

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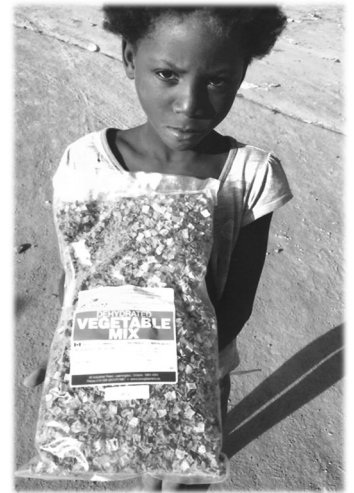
Coordinating our efforts: Thankfully we live in a community where everyone works together! Thanks to NewLife, Value Village, Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, Loads of Love and Ashley's Place (Tilbury), we combine our efforts to serve those in our community and in our world.



Southwestern Ontario Gleaners, once again, donated 12 pallets of dried soup mix to help feed the poor. They also send to Ukraine and other areas in need including Canada.



Faygo Detroit donated 3 transport trucks full of product. The generosity of both groups is overwhelming!



YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK!



Marilyn St. Pierre and Marg Roest are ready to sort and pack the over 2500 pairs of Flip Flops that were purchased from Walmart in late September. Our volunteers watch for the sales and stretch our donated dollars as far as we can - \$1/pair! These are so valuable as they keep feet off the ground, providing protection from parasites.



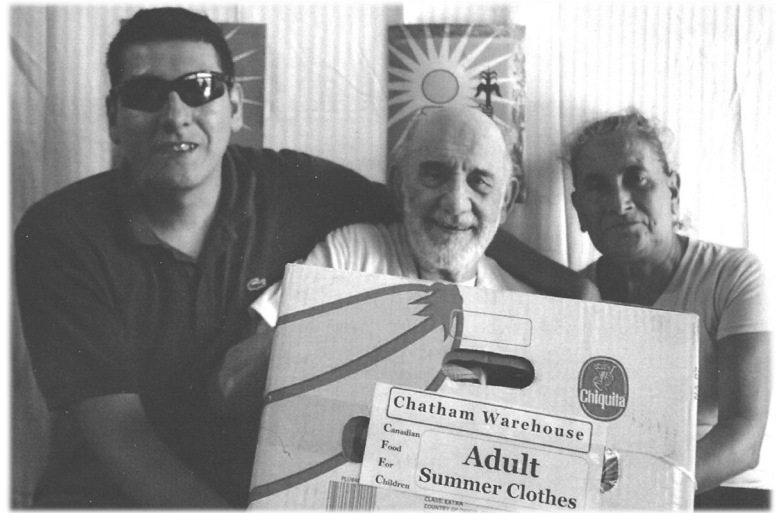
Food items were purchased from "The Anderson's" (formerly Thompson's in Blenheim) and the Bulk Barn when funds were available. Bulgar, beans, skim milk powder, rice, salt and peanut butter are sent to assist with nutrition.



Nothing could be simpler for you, our donor, and helpful for our volunteer office staff. Donate once or set up a monthly donation. CanadaHelps takes all kinds and types of payments as well as securities. They take care of the paperwork for us.

CFFC-CK can now accept **e-transfers!**

Our volunteer office staff is working very hard to help make it easy for everyone.



CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN-CK wishes everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



Words from our Co-Foundress - St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Peace begins with a smile.

Smile five times a day at someone you don't really want to smile at; do it for peace.
Let us radiate the peace of God.