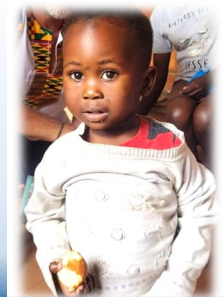


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As Spring and Easter brings new life to the world, we are aware that many are still struggling. Violence, war, poverty, homelessness, and hunger are daily challenges for millions of people.

Every smile, act of kindness, and donation of time, financial support and goods that we can offer makes a difference! Dr. Simone continues to visit the countries that Canadian Food for Children serves. Here is a story that he shared following his most recent trip.

FELIX'S STORY

Felix, a boda boda rider in a rural village in Uganda, made his living transporting passengers on his motorcycle. One evening, after a full day of work, he noticed he was running low on fuel. Gas stations are a rare sight and fuel is typically sold in small quantities by individuals from their home. Felix hurried to a nearby home, but unfortunately the elderly people who sold gas were away, leaving their children in charge.

Under the dim light of a candle, the children began measuring the fuel for Felix. As they poured the fuel from a jerrycan into an old beer bottle a sudden spill occurred. Gasoline splashed across the table and the fuel made contact with the open flame of the candle.

Without a moment's hesitation, Felix rushed to push the children to safety, while the flames engulfed him. He was badly burned. He had saved the children, but he now faced a long journey of healing. The burns covered much of his skin, and although his recovery has been long and painful, Felix's spirit has remained unbroken. His community has rallied around him offering support and prayers.

Upper right picture: Dr. Andrew Simone with Felix in his hospital room. Pictured below: Emmanuel, St. Mary's hospital, Lacor Uganda, Africa, March 2025



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

"Give your hands to serve, and your hearts to love." – St. Teresa of Calcutta

Young Women Reaching Out

The Squirrelettes of Mary from Visitation Parish in Comber visited the CFFC warehouse on Saturday, Feb 22nd. Eight girls (ages 10 – 18), 4 leaders and 1 mom worked hard folding, sorting and packing 2 skids of clothing, as well as preparing hygiene kits.

They learned about the scope of work of CFFC through a presentation and left feeling inspired to help the less fortunate and eager to return and volunteer again in the future. The girls learned that our unwanted or gently used items can make a real difference in the lives of people in developing countries.



Ursuline College Soap Collection 2025

Lenten Collections

Thank you to the parishes of Kent Lambton Catholic Family of parishes and the Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes for collecting all kinds of soap during this Lenten season.

Clean water is scarce and so every type of soap is very helpful and desperately needed. These donations are invaluable and very much appreciated!

Alex Monette and Zach Blonde from St. Anne's School Blenheim participated in the Kingdom Project for grade 8 students.

They were each given \$25 to either donate to a charity or use to invest. They chose to make muffins to sell and in total raised \$225.00. Pictured right is Cindy Waddick receiving the donation on behalf of Canadian Food For Children from Alex and Zach.

Thank you very much on behalf of those we serve.

Great work, Boys!





Picture above left: Lay Missionaries of Charity of St. Teresa, Sarnia, Ontario with two of our volunteers, making their tri-annual trips to bring many donated items.



Picture above: Dr. Simone with a family receiving clothing sent from our area.

Surplus Items from Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes

Following the closure of St. Agnes Parish, CFFC was given tables, chairs, kitchenware (dishes and glasses). These items will be invaluable to those who live in these kinds of conditions as seen below:



Pictured left:

Mike Bonvarlez and Bernie Rivard, preparing pallets of chairs and tables.

Pictured right and below right: houses in Uganda.

Picture bottom left: a family in Central America outside of their home.



Nothing could be simpler for you. Whether you want to donate once or give monthly, give a charitable gift, donate securities, it's easy at CanadaHelps! You get a tax receipt immediately and they take care of the paperwork for us. Now, CFFC-CK accepts **e-transfers!**

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VOLUNTEER FROM YOUR HOME

Although CFFC-CK has over 60 volunteers who regularly work in our warehouse on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, we are also amazed by the work of so many other volunteers in the community who work in their homes knitting, crocheting and sewing to make items to send to those in need.



Theresa is small in stature but has a huge heart for giving!

Theresa Bigras, 89, has been a long-time contributor. She has made over 1000 blankets for CFFC, even while struggling with pain. She is a wonderful ambassador for CFFC as she shares the news of her work with many in her community of Tilbury, and her "good news" encourages others to donate to us as well.

Karen Townsend (Blenheim) another crocheter in Chatham-Kent generously donates her wool, time and talent to create beautiful blankets.



Karen Townsend

Shipment Weights by Country Summary for: Mississauga Warehouse

2024

	# of Shipments	Weight (kgs)	(Metric Tonnes) [=kgs/1000]	(Pounds) [=kgs *2.205]	(Tons) [=Pounds / 2000]
Angola	31	454,444	454	1,002,049	501
Cameroon	1	14,440	14	31,840	16
EL SALVADOR	79	1,223,782	1,224	2,698,439	1,349
HAITI	2	36,622	37	80,752	40
HONDURAS	3	49,028	49	108,107	54
Jamaica	12	189,040	189	416,833	208
Liberia	2	30,708	31	67,711	34
Malawi	1	15,530	16	34,244	17
PERU	34	513,134	513	1,131,460	566
Sierra Leone	60	962,673	963	2,122,694	1,061
Tanzania	3	44,890	45	98,982	49
Total	228	3,534,291	3,534	7,793,112	3,897

Chatham Warehouse

This year, 2025 - 5 transports have already been shipped from our warehouse to the Mississauga warehouse.

In 2024, we were able to send 17 truck loads.

Thank you for your generosity and donations.



Special thanks to Evans wholesale and trucking for transporting all of your donations to Mississauga.