Catholic Charities of the Month

Romero House

Romero House welcomes refugees from all over the world – men, women and children, families or parts of families. It respects and welcomes all regardless of race, religion, political opinion, gender, sexual orientation or membership in a particular social group. At Romero House differences are seen as a source of strength rather than a reason for division.

Volunteers can join Romero House in a variety of ways:

Be an English conversation partner to help residents practice what they learn in English as a Second Language (ESL) classes
Tutor children in school subjects and literacy. Tutors meet with students weekly or biweekly
Mentor children through playing games and spending time with them
Help with special events and projects as needed
Help fix bicycles and play sports with the kids (summer only)
Help with numerous other activities in the office! e.g. reception, office help, second harvest

If you are interested in volunteering part-time, please call or stop by our office to request an application form. After you have filled out the form our volunteer coordinator will contact you to set up an interview.

Donations of many kinds are gladly accepted:

Financial
Clothing boutique
Furniture

Visit the website for more specific information www.romerohouse.org
Street Patrol

If you wish to help the homeless during the winter months, please contact the “OUT OF THE COLD” program: http://www.ootc.ca/volunteers.htm

Join the many volunteers who feed and befriend the homeless.

Contact;
inmylife@rogers.com

Office located at: 131 McCaul Street (in the building immediately to the right of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Toronto, Ont.)

“Hunger is not only for a piece of bread but for love.

Homelessness is not only not having a home, but also about being rejected and unwanted.

Loneliness is a greater burden than hunger.”

*St. Mother Teresa*
Get Involved and Make A Difference!

Co-operative Planting – Stewards of the Earth
Create “Solidarity” class posters that have been created in co-operation with paired grades/classes
Create care packages for homeless children/teens: toiletries, blankets, socks, gift cards to Tim Horton/Chapters. If this project is done at school, decide which classes would be responsible for the advertisement (class to class presentations to raise awareness). Have boxes in each classroom and send flyers home to include parent engagement.
Evangelize Gospel Values anchoring parent engagement through school events.
Days of Discovery: sponsored by BMO

BE THE CHANGE!!
Simple Everyday Acts of Kindness

Use Less Plastic

Our environment deserves our charity too! Plastic is so commonly used in packaging food and beverages, it seems nearly impossible to avoid it. But consider the effects it has on the environment, and even our communities around the world.

Since plastic isn’t biodegradable, it often ends up in the ocean, or sits in our landfills, where it releases toxic chemicals into our soil – the same soil that is used to grow our food.

By cutting down on the amount of plastic we use on a daily basis, we’ll be protecting our environment as well as our communities. It means less plastic going into landfills and less pollution in the oceans. Since the materials used to make plastic come from petroleum and natural gas, using less plastic also means wasting less of these precious resources.

Eat Locally

There are health, environmental, and social benefits to eating locally. Locally grown foods often don’t need the added preservatives to elongate shelf-life as they don’t travel far to get to you. Eating locally benefits the environment as less fuel is needed to transport the food. And socially you are helping your community and your local economy. In some cases you will literally meet the farmers you are helping to support. Try new fruits and vegetables as they come into season and freeze or preserve fresh produce for consumption of local foods throughout the year. In a lot of areas if you wait for the right season you can even pick your own fruits and vegetables: apples, peaches, blueberries, strawberries, pumpkins, etc. If you are not able to commit to going 100% local, take small steps in that direction. Summer is the easiest time to eat locally with so many fruits and vegetables produced in that season. When you are at the grocery store, take note of the "grown locally" or "local pride" signs that may appear in the produce section. Whenever possible, choose the local apple or orange as opposed to the one grown on the other side of