

No One Dreams of This...

A childhood picture of three little girls sits on my entertainment unit at home. I remember that picture of my cousins and me as though it were taken yesterday. It was a beautiful summer day and we had been playing in the backyard sprinkler. We posed in our bathing suits together on the patio; I was in the middle with my arms around my cousins' shoulders. We were best friends.

My aunt and uncle had adopted these adorable little girls with dark hair, dark eyes, and olive skin. It would take a decade and a half for the family to learn of more complex issues in their lives, including mental and physical health.

Far from that day of us playing in the sprinkler, these girls now live a very different life on the streets. As I walk through Siloam Mission, I often see

these two girls, my cousins, who are now grown women. I see them in our drop-in centre and in line for clothing and meals. It breaks my heart. I know the dreams they had as little girls – this is not it; this is far from it.

They look much older than they are. They are thin and their skin looks leathery. There are times when I do not see them for several days and I worry, has something happened? Are they okay? Then I see them again, and I feel relieved.

Without Siloam, I'm not sure where my cousins would be. Fortunately, Siloam Mission is here to help people who struggle to meet their everyday needs – people like my cousins.

Written by a Siloam Mission Employee

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Siloam Mission Crystal Gala

Thank you to our sponsors!

The gala was a tremendous success, drawing 279 guests and raising more than \$47,000 to be used toward programs and services for the city's less fortunate.

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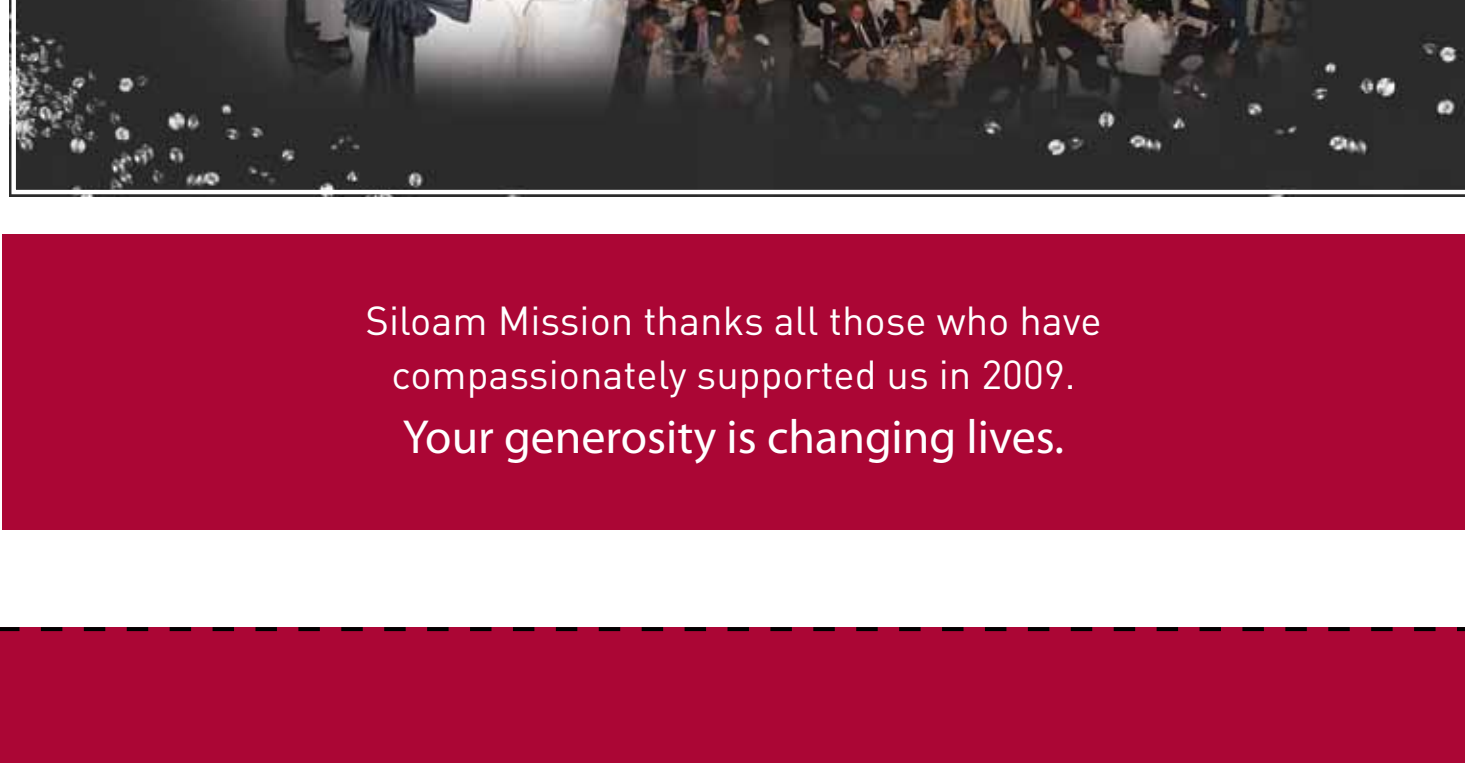
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Siloam Mission thanks all those who have compassionately supported us in 2009. Your generosity is changing lives.

Message from the Board

Dear Friends,

Reflecting on 2009, we see a year of growth, change, and dedication. The work done at Siloam Mission has surpassed previous years, meaning more help was provided to those in need and therefore, more lives changed.

In 2009, Siloam Mission served more than 200,000 meals to those who were hungry, provided 36,000 stays in our emergency shelter for people without homes, and received 6,300 visits to our health centre from patrons who needed medical attention. Our volunteers gave 53,000 hours of their time to help make all this happen.

In addition to growth, we have experienced transition. After eight years of leadership at Siloam Mission, Chief Executive Officer John Mohan resigned in November. Questions surrounding his departure – and the board's decision to respond, rather than issue a news release on the matter – have been the subject of media coverage. Let me be clear: Our only intention in taking this approach was to protect the people affected, and to allow them time to heal with privacy and dignity, and to protect the people we serve.



Siloam Mission thanks John for his dedication, guidance, compassion, and advocacy over his years of invaluable service. We miss John and wish him all the best in the future. Please join us in praying for him and his family during this time.

The board of directors has appointed Sherwood Ambruster, who left a top job with the City of Winnipeg, as Siloam Mission's Acting Chief Executive Officer.

There is a very strong sense of mission among the board, staff, donors, and volunteers; His work is moving and we continue His work with more focus than ever. We remain dedicated to fulfilling our mandate of connecting the compassionate with Winnipeg's less fortunate.

In closing, I would like to thank the community of volunteers and donors for their ongoing generosity. It is overwhelming to see the consideration of those who support us. Thank you for joining with Siloam Mission to help make change happen in Winnipeg.

Sincerely,
Dr. Riley Coulter
Chair of the Board of Directors
Siloam Mission

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*To see a more detailed report of our statistics, along with an audited financial report, please visit our website at siloam.ca.

Save the Date April 16th

Hope for Spring Breakfast

Join Siloam Mission for the second annual Hope for Spring Breakfast at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. The guest speaker for this event will be Pat Nixon, founder and CEO of The Mustard Seed Street Ministry in Calgary, Alberta.

Call 204.956.4344 for more information.

Siloam Mission: More Than a Soup Kitchen

Come for a tour and see for yourself

Maybe you've heard of Siloam Mission, but you're not sure what we do. Maybe you've read about what we do, but haven't seen it for yourself. Maybe, as you've driven past our four-storey building at 300 Princess St., you've noticed the long line-ups and wondered what's going on inside.

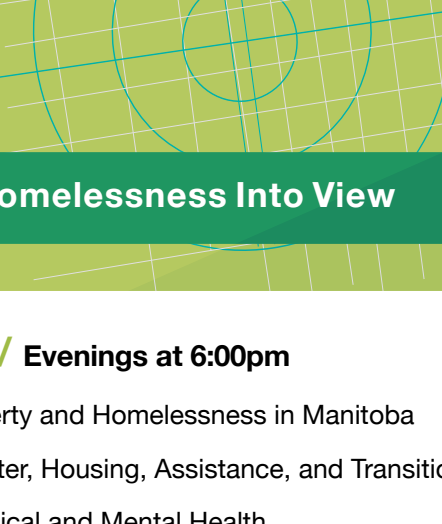
Siloam Mission is so much more than a soup kitchen. Since we opened our doors in 1987, Siloam has grown into one of Canada's leading agencies serving the less fortunate. Come in for a tour so you can see, firsthand, the difference we are making in Winnipeg's inner city.

Your tour will start on the first floor. Check out the drop-in centre and our kitchen, where we prepare and serve

up to 900 meals a day. Take a walk through Saul Sair Health Centre, which provides comprehensive healthcare to those in need. Visit our clothing room, where patrons can choose from a variety of donated clothing and toiletries.

The second floor houses our 110-bed emergency shelter, which consistently provides warm, safe shelter to those without homes. Our third floor's behind-the-scenes action keeps Siloam running. This floor includes administrative offices, volunteer services, donation processing, and development and communications.

Up on the fourth floor, you'll find the headquarters of MOST (Mission: Off the Street Team) and hear about Building Futures, our two



employment-training programs, as well as our transitional support services. In the basement, you'll see where clothing is sorted and food and supplies are stored.

There is more to Siloam Mission than you might think. A tour will help open your eyes to the complex needs of those who are experiencing poverty and homelessness, what Siloam is doing to meet those needs, and how you can help.

To book a tour or contact us at 204.956.4344 or info@siloam.ca.

under the RADAR

Bringing Homelessness Into View

Under the Radar is a threefold program of youth summer camps, mission teams, and workshops for adults, bringing more awareness to the issues surrounding poverty and homelessness in Winnipeg.

Under the Radar is designed to change the way you view domestic poverty and to help you understand that there is something you can do to make a difference. You will become more aware of the hurt in our city and be motivated to help make change happen.

We are bringing homelessness to the forefront by encouraging participants to learn more about related topics and by allowing them to serve in the places, and with the people, which are often under the radar of our society.

For more information or to book with us, call 204.956.4344 or visit siloam.ca.

Workshops / Evenings at 6:00pm

- January 13** Poverty and Homelessness in Manitoba
- February 10** Shelter, Housing, Assistance, and Transition
- March 10** Physical and Mental Health
- April 12** Addictions, Youth, and Cyclical Poverty
- May 14** Crime, Gangs, and Prostitution
- June 9** Domestic Poverty in the Arts and Media

Youth Camps

A four-day, three-night summer camp running the first, second, and third weeks of July 2010.

Mission Teams

A multi-day inner-city experience catered to your group, which is focused on service with an educational component.

Donation Station

An easy way to get involved and help make change happen in Winnipeg is through donating.

Bring donated items to Siloam Mission - 300 Princess Street. All financial donations are tax-receiptable. Donate online or make cheques payable to Siloam Mission. Thank you for your support!

Suggestions

Kitchen: milk, juice, bread, Coffee-Mate, oatmeal, rice, condiments, cold cereal, pasta sauce, cheese, frozen or canned vegetables, chicken/beef soup base, lasagna noodles, seasonings (cinnamon, poultry, oregano, Italian blend, chili)

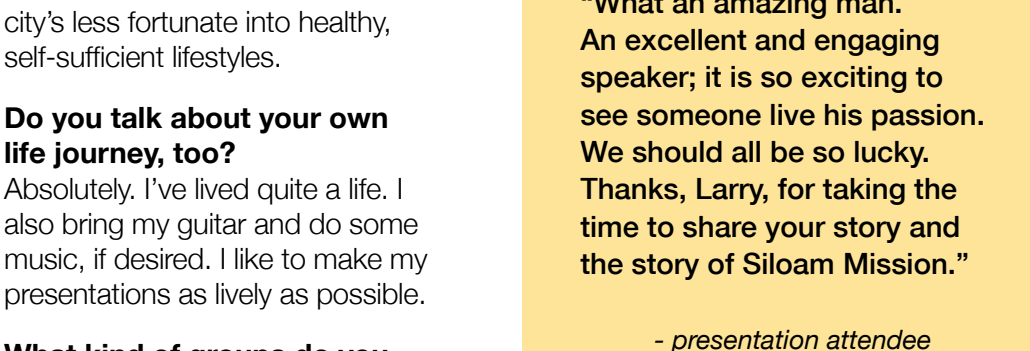
Clothing: winter boots, men's steel-toe boots, long underwear, small men's jeans, winter gloves, men's jackets

Building: extension cords, power bars, paint brushes and rollers, disinfectant sprays, cleaners

Did you know...

you can book Larry Updike to speak at your event?

After 33 years in the broadcasting industry, Larry Updike had a change of heart. Learn what brought Larry to Siloam Mission and what he is doing now.



Larry, you've been at Siloam Mission for four and a half months now; any regrets?
None. As a matter of fact, this period of time has only validated my decision to come here. The working atmosphere is fantastic. It really is connecting to the issues surrounding the compassionate and the less fortunate – with lots of energy tossed in!

Your title is "Senior Communications and Advocacy Spokesperson." What does it mean?
It means I have a marvelous opportunity to publicly explain what we do! I talk about programs and services that alleviate the hardships of poverty and homelessness and about our efforts to transition our city's less fortunate into healthy, self-sufficient lifestyles.

Do you have any final words?
I have a life story to tell and a message of hope to bring. I deliver passion and energy with every presentation. (Trust me, it's not dull!) I believe in Siloam Mission's objectives right down to my toes and I'm always grateful for any opportunity to spread the word.

A perfect fit? How so?
Well, many of the listeners from my rock or talk radio days don't know that I was a young minister and radio before I got into broadcasting. Radio was an accident that became a successful career. In a way, my arrival at Siloam Mission is like coming full circle; coming back to a form of ministry. Only this time, my efforts are directed specifically to serving the less fortunate.

Do you talk about your own life journey, too?
Absolutely. I've lived quite a life. I also bring my guitar and do some music, if desired. I like to make my presentations as lively as possible.

"What an amazing man. An excellent and engaging speaker; it is so exciting to see someone live his passion. We should all be so lucky. Thanks, Larry, for taking the time to share your story and the story of Siloam Mission."
- presentation attendee

In what other ways has your life changed since coming to Siloam?
It's like a new beginning. I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to start fresh in a completely new

What kind of questions do you speak to?
I'll give presentations to any group, anywhere, and of any background. That includes churches, clubs, colleges, concerts, dinners... you name it. I speak any day of the

To book Larry Updike, please email larry.updike@siloam.ca or call 204.956.4344.

Hope for the Future

Building Futures - A Participant's Story

Joe has experienced homelessness and life on the streets. He was a man filled with anger and regret, but he knew he wanted to change. Joe came to Siloam Mission to make this positive change through the Building Futures program. Now, he is rebuilding his life.

Volunteer Opportunities

Siloam Mission connects the compassionate with the less fortunate through volunteering. It's a great way to get involved and help make a difference in the lives of those experiencing poverty and homelessness.

Joe came to Siloam every day to find out more about Building Futures. He felt that if he were to be accepted into this program, his life would improve. Joe has previous experience in carpentry and he knew he could use this talent. There was no doubt in his mind that he would be accepted. "I knew I would get it," said Joe. "One day, I was on my knees and said, 'Lord, what do I do?' Help me!" I just opened the Bible and what it said to me was to go and live a quiet life and work with [my] hands, and that's what I knew I had to do."

Ways you can help:

Meal Program, Clothing Program, Administrative Support, Event Assistance, Health Centre, & much more!

Building Futures is more than just a job to Joe – it's a support system. He knows he can talk about his problems and be heard. Joe says he's beginning to trust and that he feels open to talking, which helps lessen the burdens of his past and allows him to continue to heal.

Each area is important to our organization and we appreciate all of our volunteers.

Positive changes have been happening in Joe's life since starting with the program. He has been reunited with his sons, whom he had not seen for more than four years. At the end of every week, his sons come to pick him up from the Building Futures location to spend the weekend with him. Despite Joe's challenges, he has raised two sons very well, and they care deeply for him.

For individual or group volunteer opportunities, please call 204.956.4344.

Joe has great dreams and plans for his life. He wants to start working with a construction company or even go back to school to advance his skills. In addition, Joe is expecting a child with his partner and is very excited for the arrival of his first daughter. Siloam Mission is helping Joe make change happen in his own life and he is looking forward to a great future!

Volunteer applications can be submitted online at siloam.ca

Thank You for Making Siloam's Christmas Dinner a Success!

We would like to thank all our volunteers and donors who helped ensure a memorable Christmas for hundreds of Winnipeg's less fortunate.



In our 2008/2009 fiscal year: 222,861 meals served, 2,618 emergency hampers provided, 36,416 shelter stays, 6,366 health centre visits, 2,177 arts program participants, 14,926 clothing room visits, 53,006 hours of volunteered time

We had a successful year

Your generosity helped make this possible

Siloam Mission is a Winnipeg-based organization. Your support is used locally to provide programs and services for those experiencing poverty and homelessness in our city. Your generosity is helping make change happen in Winnipeg.

- Nutritious Meals
- Healthcare
- Warm Clothing
- Safe Shelter

Giving helps make change happen in Winnipeg. To donate, please call 204.956.4344 or visit siloam.ca. 300 Princess Street Winnipeg, MB R3B 1M3