



the frontline

Siloam Mission Winter 2016

Changing lives for over 25 years



The Proof is On the Walls

Recently one of our artists and clients, Louis Vasquez, created an incredible life-size painting displaying the Seven Sacred Teachings. This is a very important and meaningful message that will inspire our community in positive ways! It is located near the Drop In office

by the main double door entrance.

When asked if he would paint a mural on the Saul Sair Health Centre wall in the patient waiting area, Louis also eagerly agreed. He has since painted two murals – one in the waiting room and one in the Clinic hallway.

This October 103.1 Virgin Radio dropped by the mission with 2 van loads of Jeans and Hoodies. This brings our totals to 3341 hoodies and 2420 Jeans, all part of The Ace Burpee/ Virgin Radio #TheHoodieProject in support of Siloam Mission.



Siloam Mission is a connecting point between the compassionate and Winnipeg's less fortunate.

"Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything without weakening."

– 1 Corinthians 13:1

f Add your voice to the conversation on homelessness and poverty.
t **Connect with us online!**



Dental Image Therapy Centres Provide Dental Work to Siloam Clients

In September, staff from the Dental Image Therapy Centres (DITC) spent the evening volunteering at our Saul Sair Health Centre providing dental care to our clients. Their services ranged from treating infected teeth, taking care of cavities to fitting dentures. They even performed extractions.

This is part of a new volunteer partnership between DITC and Siloam Mission, providing clients with dental work, and follow up visits. "I had a fear of the dentist ever since I was a kid, but I'm glad I came. These guys were awesome," said Glen. Thanks to Dr. Roland DeBrouwere, Dr. Patrick McManus, Nicole Dumas, RDA/Lead Administrator and Gary Paige, RDA/GM many of Siloam's clients got much needed relieve from dental ailments.

Because of the generosity of all our dental volunteers, more than 200 patients were able to get oral care and pain relieve last year alone and the need is growing.

Healing Through Creativity



Over the past few months, Siloam's art program has housed many talented artists. Michael Turner is a great example. Turner held his first, solo show at Arts Junction. Another Art Room regular, Ray Flett, had his work displayed at the Millennium Library, and Natalia created several pieces and was able to sell her art in the last year. As well, Joseph, Lyle, Kevin and many other artists who come through this space, have been able to gain recognition and opportunities through their

work. A special acknowledgement goes to Great West Life. Last fall, the company displayed many of our artists' pieces in their office tunnel.

It should be noted in the last fiscal year, volunteers gave around 423 hours in total to the art program, significantly increasing usage and allowing for workshops and group activities.

A GALA Affair

Thank you for joining us November 5, for our annual fundraising dinner at the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg. Special guests included singer/song writer Erin Propp, Emcee's Michelle Lissel and Mitch Rosset from Global TV and the cast of our Fringe Festival play Blink's Garden. Attendees purchased Christmas gifts for those staying in our shelter and residents of the Madison, Siloam's supportive housing building. With the spirit of giving in the air, there is no better time than now to help those in need. Call and donate today **204.956.4344**



Thankful Hearts, Helpful Hands

On Thanksgiving, over 900 people were able to enjoy a home cooked meal, time with loved ones and a chance to come together as a community in celebration. Through your generosity, the Mission was full of laughter, chatter and comradery among family and friends. The Madison, our supportive housing complex, also hosted a celebration with a meal for residents, staff and volunteers. Your donations have helped many of the Madison's resident's transition to having an actual home.



CHVN Radiothon

A special thank you for your generous donations during the CHVN – Change Happens Radiothon at Siloam Mission! We raised \$85,280.67 for an additional 37,732 meals we need to serve this year.



The Cup Half Full — International Coffee Day

Coffee is one of Siloam's biggest expenditures in the kitchen. Thanks to your generosity, we collected 5 months' worth of coffee in just over a day. Over 900 pounds was donated, along with monetary donations. Thanks to all of our sponsors, staff and volunteers, and a big thank you to Virgin Radio 103.1: Ace Burpee, Chrissy Troy and LTI, for bringing such positive energy to this initiative.



Shop for Siloam

Thank you for your support during the Siloam Mission Shop 4 Siloam event at Superstore, Bison Drive, where Siloam staff collected donations for people in need. Siloam Mission serves over 1300 meals per day.

The groceries you donated will help the men and women in our community who need it most. www.siloam.ca/donate

Call and donate today **204.956.4344**

Hoodie Drive

Thanks to Virgin Radio's Ace Burpee and you, The Hoodie Project, has been an overwhelming success, reaching totals of 2590 hoodies and 1855 pairs of jeans in just the first 2 weeks. We also received support from students at Sisler High School, who recently dropped off a truck load of hoodies. If you would like to donate some urgent need items visit www.siloam.ca and click on Fill A Need.

Donations can be dropped off at **300 Princess Street**



H el ene has been volunteering in the gym/fitness area on the 4th floor since April. She supervises workouts and helps people in our community strengthen weak or injured muscles and avoid re-injuries. H el ene has her MBA and felt inspired to help people when she saw others getting ill, sitting and unable to do very much. She wanted them up and moving. She says it is amazing to see that in a manner of weeks how someone goes from being unsure about their physical capabilities to becoming healthier and happier people.



Food Truck Day

On September 28, 9 food trucks served hundreds of hungry clients from Siloam

Mission and our Madison Supportive Housing Residence. Thank you to the food truck alliance for kindly donating their lunch hour to serve free food to shelter clients, staff, and volunteers outside Siloam. Clients had the chance to do something they rarely get to do – choose their own lunch. They had an opportunity to enjoy chicken wings, wood fired pizza, sausages, and dessert crepes to name but a few. This event also allowed the food trucks to give back the best way they know how – by serving up their delectable curbside cuisine.

Volunteer Spotlight

This family has been volunteering for 3 years! Victoria is a

student in Grade 12 while Greg and Patricia are retired. They just want to give back to their community so they are here Fridays at lunch. They are in the kitchen regularly and sometimes in the drop in. They say everyone is amazing and there is a family/team dynamic. When they are not helping out at Siloam, this dynamic trio can be found traveling to parts of Asia including Japan and Korea. They have also been on a cruise where they took a tour of Australia!



The Round-Up

Brothers in Arms – A VERY sweet little boy, Noah (4), and his brother Ethan (7) passed out flyers in their area to collect clothing/footwear for our guests, after seeing a man eating out of a garbage can. Noah came with his mom to drop off a van FULL of donations the boys collected.



various items to be delivered to Siloam Mission.



Wonderful West Central – Thank you to the youth from West Central Community Program for raising money by hosting a lemonade stand and dropping it off at the Mission!! You guys rock!



Pennies from Heaven – Dear Siloam Mission. Thank you for meeting with our son, Randy Emms when he donated the money he raised with his Penny Drive. Randy attends Rosser School. Students and teachers tried to give him other change, but he would only accept pennies. We are very proud of him! Love, Randy's family.



Kids These Days – The youth group from New Apostolic Church held a fund raiser in June a goal of supporting “the homeless.” Here in Winnipeg, they decided to support Siloam Mission and purchased urgently needed items.



Accolades for Altona – A Big thank you to Victory Family Church, Ted and Sandra Penner and the Altona community. Over a two month period, they collected clothing and

Beat the Heat – Three very special young ladies came to visit us with the proceeds from their lemonade stand! Abby, Molly, and Emma took it upon themselves to raise money to help those in need by selling delicious cold drinks to passers-by during a rather oppressive heat-wave.



Top Notch – Thank you to Matt and Ben from TOP & DERBY, for dropping off 10 canes at Siloam Mission, In support of the cane drive, put on by the Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Service.



Generally Awesome – Thank you also to the kids at General Vanier, for being busy bees and collecting hoodies, jeans, and socks for Siloam Mission. You Rock!!



Neighbourly Visit – We had a wonderful visit from the Salvation Army Emergency Response team on their way out to bring water to the city's most vulnerable who are less mobile and far from our centres. This great crew have such a wonderful spirit.



Thank you to the Faculty of Social Work at the U of M for dropping by with donations and for a tour of the Mission. Your generosity and partnership in placing your students with Siloam is very much appreciated!

Wakeup Call – Thank you to Brookfield Global Integrated Solution's ‘Wake up, It's Fall’ urgent need drive in support of Siloam Mission. What a success! We are incredibly touched by their kindness.



Message from the Chief Executive Officer

For many, Christmas is the most joyous time of the year. It is a time when the mundane cares of day to day life give way to the wonders of lights, caroling, gift giving, and being with family and friends.

But for others this season, it is just another cold dreary time of the year. They are alone, hungry and exposed to the ravages of another Winnipeg winter. For them, Christmas is a time when the realities of their struggles becomes even more stark.

However, thanks to Siloam's Partners and Donors, what can be a sad, depressing Christmas for our community, becomes one where they feel loved and gain optimism for the year to come. Your generosity makes all the difference in the world.

Thanks to your generosity, Bob did not go hungry tonight. He was able to receive a healthy and nutritious meal at

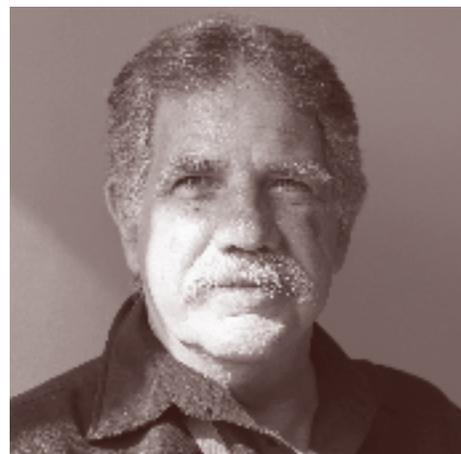
Siloam Mission. His meal was one of the over 450,000 served this past year.

Thanks to your generosity Sally didn't have to sleep under the bridge tonight. She was one of 110 individuals who had a warm, safe bed to stay in the emergency shelter.

Thanks to your generosity George didn't have to wear the same clothes for the second week in a row. He was one of the hundreds of individuals who were able to get warm and clean clothing from our clothing department.

Thanks to your generosity Joan didn't have to suffer another day in pain. She was one of many who were able to see the volunteer medical professionals in our Health Clinic.

Thanks to your generosity Tyler didn't have to couch-surf tonight. He was one of more than 80 individuals who has his own apartment at the Madison.



This is the time of year where we celebrate the birth of Christ. It is also a time where we are reminded that we are all children of God. These men and women who you have provided for are your brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, son and daughters. As Jesus said: "When you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!"

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Garry Corbett".

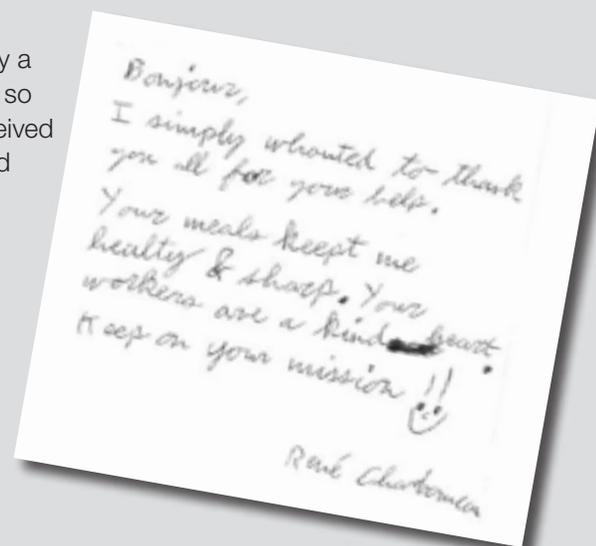
Dr. Garry Corbett
Chief Executive Officer, Siloam Mission

Did you know?

Did you know that nearly 2,000 youth in our city participated in a survey last year to identify big social issues as priorities that need to be addressed in Winnipeg? Of all the issues they looked at, they ranked poverty as the most important issue and housing and homelessness as a close second. As a concrete action from this report the Youth Vital Signs Response Grants empowered a committee of youth to award \$10,000 grants to programs in our city addressing these high priority issues. Exit Up!, Siloam's interdependent living program for youth, was one of these critical youth programs and Siloam is so grateful for the support of our city's youth for this award! To find out more about Youth Vital Signs, and to read their full report, check out their website at: <http://www.wpgfdn.org/YoungWinnipegConnect/YouthVitalSigns.aspx>

Monday Pick-Me-Up

Your contributions do make a difference. This note that was left by a former patron at reception. He was so appreciative of the help that he received while he was using our services and wanted to let us know.



Save the date!

Friday, December 11th – One Big Day
– Kildonan Place Shopping Mall

Siloam staff and our friends from QX104 and Fab 94.3 will be collecting Christmas gifts and donations all day long! Be sure to listen in and donate or drop by to see us at the mall.



Siloam Mission and the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service (WFPS) have teamed up in a campaign to collect canes for those in need. WFPS has set up six drop off locations around the city where people can donate new or used canes that will be delivered to the mission once a month. For a list of locations visit www.siloam.ca.

Top 5 Winter Urgent Needs

- 1 new underwear
- 2 running shoes
- 3 deodorant
- 4 towels
- 5 jeans

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