BUSBY CENTRE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER





January / February 2023

MARCH 1 MARKS 30 YEARS! Visit <u>busbycentre.ca/30years</u> to learn more



Homeless to housed!

We are thrilled to announce that we successfully housed 5 individuals in Barrie and 3 individuals in South Georgian Bay in January.

Volunteers returned! Volunteers play a big role in what we do at Busby! Here is what one volunteer had to say;

I feel strongly that volunteering is a great way to contribute back to the community. The Busby Centre was top of my list since I wanted to help the cause of homelessness, even if it is in some small way. Everyone deserves kindness, respect and compassion, and I see this exemplified every time I go to the centre. I make coffee, clean the kitchen, make sandwiches, sort donations, do laundry, greet people at the door and generally just try to be a friendly face. The clients at the centre (with very few exceptions) are polite and appreciative. Despite our "substantial" age difference, I find the staff welcoming and friendly. I think it's a great place to volunteer - Barb



Visit <u>busbycentre.ca/volunteer</u>

2022 Statistics

In 2022, the Busby Centre helped over 850 unique individuals.

In Collingwood, we assisted over 150 people - *28% female, *72% male, 6% youth aged 16-24, 70% aged 25-54 and 22% aged 55+.

In Barrie, we assisted over 700 people - *17% female, *82% male, 3% were aged 0-15, 7% aged 16-24, 71% aged 25-54, 19% aged 55+, and *1% anonymous.

• Includes self identified, undisclosed, prefer not to say, etc.

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EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY

EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY at the Busby Centre! We are very appreciative of the support we receive from our communities, and so are the people that access our services daily. Here is what somebody had to say:

"The Busby Centre has helped me and my wife a lot the last month and a bit since staying at the centre. They have taken us in and made sure we have a safe place to stay at night and somewhere to come during the day also. Since we have been here my wife has been 29 days clean! Thank you to the Busby Centre, you are always in my heart.

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY

Final tax receipts are mailed out by February 28th.

MARCH

March 1 - 30-year anniversary

March 3 - Hockey Helps the Homeless (Barrie - Peggy Hill Team CC - 7am-7pm)

March 24 - Iron Chef Barrie - Details to come



BUSBY WISH LIST

- Mugs, disposable coffee cups
- Cutlery (plastic and kitchen)
- Socks and Underwear
- Kleenex
- Powder milk, sugar
- Coffee

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