



HOPE COTTAGE

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Thank you for helping us raise a NET amount of just over \$70,000 at our 15th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Auction for Hope Cottage! Donations are still trickling in.

Did you know that this is entirely a volunteer and community supported event? Our only expenses are the food at the dinner and service charges from credit cards paying for auction items, for a total of \$3279.91. That is, for every dollar raised it only cost 4.5 cents. We are extra appreciative of your support as we all navigate the unique challenges that have arisen during the recent Covid pandemic. Hope Cottage is so proud that they were able to share meals with our community without missing a single day during all this unprecedented time!

With your incredibly generous contributions over the past 15 years, our annual dinners have raised over \$750,000 for Hope Cottage. The Halifax Employers Association (HEA), our valued community partner, has coordinated the Drive for Hope golf tournament, raising \$20,000 this year at their 13th annual event in September, for a total of over \$440,000 to date. Last year, all the sponsors of that golf tournament "left their money on the table". They donated for a round of golf they never got to play. In addition, CN donated \$25,000 last year.

In total, the funds raised through our Thanksgiving Dinner, the HEA Drive for Hope and the Christmas Turkey Dinner Drive are estimated to be over \$1.25 million! This does not include any in-kind contributions and the Friends have also provided a walk-in freezer, windows, Christmas goodies, hygiene product packages and foods to fill that freezer. This support helps Hope Cottage continue their good works without any government funding of any kind. It costs about \$1,250 per day to operate Hope Cottage. We have come such a long way from our humble beginnings back on July 1, 1970. Together, for over half a century, we have been taking care of our neighbours in their times of need. We are so grateful for your continued support.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! We absolutely couldn't do it without you! ...continued on the next page...

An extra special thanks goes to our corporate Guardian Angels - The Hotel Halifax and The Barrington Hotel. The Hotel Halifax hosted us for only the actual cost of the food. For more than 28 years, they have been instrumental in making this all possible. Sean Doucet and his dedicated staff partner with us to make certain the less fortunate segment of our population do not go hungry.

They are a team with very big hearts!

We also thank Crombie REIT for supplying free parking for these many years.

Visit us at www.hopecottage.ca to see the many pictures of the evening and to learn more about Hope Cottage. Receipted donations can be made on the site and funds go directly to Hope Cottage.

Thank you again for your generous support – together, we are making a difference!

Yours truly,

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