



House of Lazarus

Building Community...Sharing Hope

House of Lazarus is a non-profit organization that works with the community to ensure that people have the basics of life. Our food bank and many outreach programs offer food, clothing, household goods, furniture and housing supports to those in need. Our Linking Hands program is a voice for people living in poverty. House of Lazarus strives to fill in the gaps of services and resources. We are “building community and sharing hope.”

House of Lazarus' food bank offers several unique programs in addition to supplementing families' food supply each month. Crockpot Cuisine offers a new crockpot to foodbank clients as well as a recipe and ingredients to complete the recipe monthly. The Birthday Club provides a cake mix, icing, party supplies and a gift for our children annually. Gift cards are given to our clients to use to purchase clothing in our thrift stores several times a year.

Our outreach encompasses many programs that assist people with their many needs. Many of our outreach programs have started with grassroots ideas. Our Handyman Heroes program provides urgent housing and vehicle repairs through volunteer tradespeople. Our Heat for the Holidays program provides firewood at Christmas time to families who heat their homes with wood. HOL completes income tax forms annually. Our Neighbours Helping Neighbours program uses donations to help maintain stability in the lives of those in need. Operation Backpack provides students with 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 snacks to eat over the weekend. This program is offered in nine schools in our community.

House of Lazarus' Linking Hands is an initiative created to reduce poverty in Dundas County by listening to and addressing the needs of the people throughout the county's many communities. Linking Hands offers a voice for people living in poverty. Linking Hands has several functions: it educates the public on poverty – its definition, the many forms it can take, the unique way it makes itself known in rural communities, and more; it provides opportunities for people and communities to work, play, and 'be' together, encouraging connection and neighbourliness; it creates activities, programs, events, and projects to help resolve issues of poverty in the county; and it strives to provide a comprehensive summary of the information (available services, programs, events, etc.) the community wants and needs.

House of Lazarus depends on revenue from its social enterprise thrift store business, donations, grants and fundraising to operate its foodbank, outreach, and Linking Hands programs. HOL employs 16 fulltime people and has over 50 volunteers working together to ensure that there are resources and programs for those in need in our community. Together we make a difference.