



Your Re-New Creation St. Luke's Leeds Thrift Shop Proceeds at Work!

Where did Re-New Creation Thrift Shop donations go in 2023?

Rent & Utilities

**St. Luke's Leeds – supports Worship, Christian Education, Pastoral Care, Stewardship,
and Truth & Reconciliation**

Outreach of \$34,469.43 in 2023:

Response to devastating earthquake in Turkey

**Primate's World Relief & Development Fund (Pakistan, Canada, International
Emergency Response, Gaza hospital, Sudan & Congo)**

Kids' Fishing Derby Seeleys Bay

Westport Ecofest

Gananoque Pride Alliance

Frontenac Arch Biosphere Nature Camps for Children (Bursaries)

Elgin Food Bank

Lanark County Interval House (including eco friendly menstrual supplies)

Rideau District High School Nutrition Program

Sweets Corners Public School Library

Country Roads Community Health Care Social Prescribing Fund

Migrant Agricultural Worker Needs

Sisterhood of St. John the Divine Retreat Centre

Wenjack Walk at South Crosby Public School

Christmas Boxes for deployed Canadian Armed Forces Members

(through RCL Branch 491 Seeleys Bay)

Delta Food Bank

G. Tackaberry & Family Home (Maple View Landings)

Sweet's Corners Public School Hot Lunch Program

Elgin Community Garden

Meals-to-Go

Brown Bag Lunches-to-Go

Helping Hands (Medical appointment & other transportation)

Clergy Discretionary (Helping neighbours in difficult financial times)

Coalition of Angels

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Financial assistance to families recovering from devastation of February 2023 earthquake in Turkey.



In the early morning of February 6, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake happened near the Turkish/Syrian border. More than 5,000 people were killed and thousands more injured, trapped beneath the rubble.

Excerpt from PWRDF Media Release February 7, 2023
pwrdf.org/pwrdf-supporting-act-alliance-response-to-earthquake-accepting-donations/



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Donations to Primate's World Relief & Development Fund

PWRDF supporting food assistance in flood ravaged Pakistan

pwrdf.org/pwrdf-supporting-food-assistance-in-flood-ravaged-pakistan/

September 1, 2022



Since monsoon season began in mid-June, Pakistan has received more than 60% of its normal rainfall, leading to flash floods and landslides. Eight consecutive weeks of torrential rainfall has left a third of Pakistan underwater. As of August 20, more than 1.3 million people – or 310,000 households – have been affected in Sindh province, which was particularly hard hit. Locals claim these rains as “more intense than anything they have ever seen.”

Community Healing in the DRC: PWRDF partners with Maison Dorcas and PANZI Foundation to support SGBV victims

pwrdf.org/community-healing-in-the-drc-pwrdf-partners-maison-dorcas-and-panzi-foundation-to-support-sgbv-victims/

February 27, 2024



In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, ongoing war has created a deeply unstable and unsafe environment for hundreds of thousands of women across the country. Rape and sexual assault are often used by soldiers as a tactic of war against women in their home villages and communities. With nowhere to go, Maison Dorcas – part of the PANZI Foundation – provides services and support to survivors of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) so they can heal and safely reintegrate into their communities.

PWRDF launches in-Canada Emergency Response Fund

pwrdf.org/pwrdf-launches-in-canada-emergency-response-fund/

August 18, 2023



In this year of unprecedented wildfires from coast to coast, PWRDF is establishing a fund specifically for in-Canada emergency response.



Refugees in South Sudan gather.

South Sudan

In South Sudan, people are returning home following years of conflict. The project “Improving Food Security and Livelihoods of Crisis-Affected People in Yei County, South Sudan” is supporting returnees as well as members of the host community with agricultural training and farming inputs:

PWRDF accepting donations to support Gaza hospital

pwrdf.org/pwrdf-accepting-donations-to-support-gaza-hospital/

October 10, 2023



Supporting Community Activities for Children & Youth

Kids all smiles during Seeley's Bay Ice Fishing Derby

By 99.9 myFM News staff

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It was an early morning this past weekend for the third annual Kids Ice Fishing Derby in Seeley's Bay as part of the annual Frost Fest.

Kids were on the ice at around 6am and the young anglers were looking to make the big catch and even with the cold, fishing derby organizers say the kids were full of excitement, especially during the post derby weigh in.

The event was sponsored by Fisherman's Hardware and to see pictures from the event, look below.

(By: Tim Baltz)





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Supporting Partners in Environmental Sustainability



Doing Better Together June 2 & 3

Friday, June 2 at 7 pm

Lawn B Gone

Join Sean James, professional gardener, for **Lawn B Gone** - a presentation on beautiful alternatives to the "green desert".

Westport United Church, 27 Spring Street

Saturday, June 3 from 10 am to 4 pm

EcoFest

EcoFest has something for the whole family!
Workshops, playshops, speakers, displays and artisans.

Outdoors at 43 Bedford Street rain or shine

Opening ceremony by Mireille Lapointe at 10 am



Come and be inspired!

For the full schedule of events and activities, use the QR code or visit facebook.com/BetterTogetherCircle

Organized by the Better Together Circle

With thanks to our sponsors: Westport Blooms, St. Luke's Leeds Anglican Church and Westport Lions Club and to our partners, supporters, presenters and volunteers.





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Supporting 2SLGBTQIA+ Inclusion Education & Events



Gananoque Pride 2023



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Providing Bursaries for FAB Nature Camps





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Feeding the Hungry: Donating to Local Food Banks





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Supporting Local Organizations Working to End Violence Against Women



“Lanark County Interval House and Community Support offers emergency and on-going programs to women and children living in or escaping from domestic violence. We were founded in 1979 by a number of brave and determined feminists who saw the need in Lanark County for a safe place for women experiencing violence at home and in their relationships.”

Proceeds from Re-New Creation Thrift Shop supported the work of Lanark County Interval in addition to the providing menstrual cups to their clients.



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Feeding the Hungry: Support School Food Programs: Rideau District High School Sweet's Corners Elementary School





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Encouraging Children to Grow and Learn: Donation to Sweets Corners Elementary School Library



Encouraging Children & Youth Indigenous Truth & Reconciliation Education & Action



South Crosby Public School - UCDSB

October 20, 2023 · 🌐

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Today was our third annual Walk for Wenjack. Thank you to the Better Together Circle for joining us....To Rideau Lakes public Library for making an awesome story board for us all to read...To Mrs. Thompson for organizing....To all those who made a donation (shout out to St Luke's Church)...to Mr. Bill Montgomery for your wise words and story sharing and to all the Panthers for your part in making this a day of reflection and learning. And as Mr Montgomery said " for your reconcili ...

See more





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Helping our Partners Support Deployed CAF Members

There will be Christmas Cards at the Hardware Store and the Legion for everyone to sign, which will be added to the boxes. Or maybe your kids would like to draw pictures we can add as well. Can be handed in to either place. Great Job [Seeley's Bay Legion #491](#) <



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Seeley's Bay Legion creates heartwarming gifts for overseas military - Reid and Ben In The Morning - Sound Bites | iHeart



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Supporting Construction of New G. Tackaberry & Family Home for Seniors





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Donation Towards CRCHC Social Prescribing Fund



Social Prescribing

Social Prescribing is an approach which links clients to non-clinical services crucial to optimal health and wellbeing while building connections and a sense of belonging in their community.

Social prescribing is a new spin on an old idea – that people are healthier when they are connected with social resources and supports in their communities. Social prescribing provides a structured way to address the social determinants of health and wellbeing for people accessing primary care.

Social prescribing is a way of referring people to a range of non-clinical services at the Centre and in the community. It complements medical treatments and seeks to address people's needs in a holistic way. This approach goes beyond treating illness and seeks to reduce social isolation and loneliness and increase overall physical and emotional well-being.

In the U.K., social prescribing shows promising results in achieving positive outcomes for clients, healthcare providers, and communities overall. Clients have improved mental health, are less isolated or lonely, and are more physically active. Communities are also seeing improvements in people's sense of connectedness and belonging.

Participants in the Alliance for Healthier Communities' research pilot
Rx: Community reported:

49% decrease in loneliness **12%** increase in mental health **19%** increase in social activities

The impacts of social prescribing from programs in the UK (2017 -2019) meant that from social prescribing, the healthcare system saw a:

14% decrease in emergency room visits **40%** decrease general physician visits **20.8%** reduction in costs to the health care system



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Helping Our Neighbours: Financial Assistance for Families at Christmas & Clergy Discretionary Fund



Rev. Canon Nancy MacLeod and Rev. Trish Miller respond confidentially to individual and family needs within the communities of Seeley's Bay, Elgin, Lyndhurst and area.

Coalition of Angels provides struggling families and individuals with financial assistance at Christmas time.



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Helping Seasonal Agricultural Workers at Local Farms



Mensen Farm

September 24, 2023 · 🌐



This year one of our workers 7 year old daughter needs surgery in Mexico. Unfortunately the people in Mexico are extremely poor and that is the reason for working in Canada. This surgery cost \$22000.00. Now can you imagine having no money and getting that bill thrown at you. Immediately we asked our church parishioners for help, we placed a box for help at the farm and tried the best to try to help Vicente's daughter. I thought if we could make half that, I would be so happy. Presently we are sitting \$8,000. I am overwhelmed with every one who donated. We thank everyone so much. Vicente is extremely grateful to everyone who helped out his daughter. From the bottom of our hearts thank you so much ❤️

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Seasonal Agricultural Workers Facts & Stats

Fruits, vegetables and migrant workers in Ontario



Quick facts about fruit and vegetable production in Ontario

3,500 fruit and vegetable farmers

Nearly 100,000 jobs on farm and along the fruit and vegetable value chain

Over \$4.2 billion in annual economic activity in Ontario

More than 125 different crops grown in fields, orchards and greenhouses across the province:

- These include many long-time favourites from apples, peaches, pears, blueberries, strawberries and grapes to carrots, peppers, onions, lettuce, potatoes, asparagus, cabbage, cucumbers and tomatoes.
- Ontario farmers also grow ginseng, cranberries, garlic, cauliflower, cherries, apricots, hazelnuts, haskap berries and many more crops

Ontario is Canada's vegetable king: home to almost 70% of Canada's production of greenhouse vegetables and the national leader in the production of field vegetables (those grown outdoors instead of in greenhouses).

Ontario has the most vegetable greenhouses in Canada, covering almost 3,100 acres - or about 7,750 Canadian hockey rinks.

Ontario is Canada's largest apple-producing province, growing about 35% of the country's apples.

Through research and innovation, plant breeders are constantly developing new fruit and vegetable varieties that will grow well in the Canadian climate. Here are some examples:

- Radiance, a new sweet potato variety that is ready for harvest sooner and can tolerate cooler temperatures than varieties from the United States
- Cold Snap, a winter-hardy and tasty new pear variety developed by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada breeders
- More flavourful greenhouse tomatoes designed for specifically for Ontario growers and consumers

Contribution towards SSJE Guest House

The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine

A HOME FOR THE HEART



A Case for Support for a Renewed Guest House



The Guest House at St. John's Convent offers a sacred place where people can come and find a place of rest and renewal, and open their hearts to the peace, love, and guidance of God.

The Guest House is not an ordinary building but a spiritual home for people of all faiths and none, as well as members of the Anglican Communion from across Canada and beyond. Many have found peace and solace within these walls. It is simply a loving place for personal growth and inner light.

The hospitality offered in the Guest House is powerful in its very simplicity. *Reflect – refresh – reconnect* are words often mentioned by guests, precisely the gifts that the Sisters offer their guests whether in a day or overnight stay on their own private retreat – or in one of the many group retreats and workshops offered by the Sisters.



The Guest House is also open to family members of patients at St. John Rehab, hospital staff overnight during storms, refugee families, and others who need temporary accommodation. The Sisters also offer meeting/retreat space for groups of all faiths and denominations.



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Donation towards the Elgin Community Garden





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**Feeding the Hungry:
St. Luke's Leeds Brown Bag Lunch-to-Go
St. Luke's Leeds Frozen Meals-to-Go**



**St. Luke's Leeds
Anglican Church**

**Elgin, Seeleys Bay, Lyndhurst
and area**

**Brown Bag Lunch to Go
& Meals to Go**



St. Luke's Leeds offers a free brown bag **Lunch-2-Go** at our Re-New Creation Thrift Shop at 18 Main St, Elgin every day that the shop is open. Lunches include a sandwich, juice box, fruit and veggie sticks.



We also offer hearty soups to go (frozen or dehydrated) - an easy meal to reheat and enjoy.

The Thrift Shop is open Wed-Sat from 10am-2pm.

Drop in to say hi and pick one up!



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In 2023 we provided material donations to the following:

- **Brockville Cooperative Care Centre – backpacks, clothing, bedding, and toiletries**
- **Rideau Lakes Early Learning Centre – books, puzzles, toys, and clothing**
- **Kingston Mission – clothing and bedding**
- **Sleeping bags were provided to several individuals in the community**
- **Donations of clothing and other items to individuals in need**
- **United Way – donations for auction**
- **Elgin United Church - donations for auction**
- **Morton Community Hall – dishes, craft supplies**
- **South Crosby Public School – donation to Christmas gift table, water bottles, clothing**
- **Seeley's Bay Retirement Home – Depends and pillows**
- **Undie Sunday at Holy Trinity Lombardy**
- **Elgin Lions Club – items for yard sale**
- **Seeley's Bay Frost Fest – winter clothing**
- **Thousand Island Playhouse – winter coats**



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Helping Hands: Support for Volunteer Drivers and More



Donations from Thrift Shop proceeds provide volunteer drivers with gas gift cards for longer distance drives (for example Kingston, Brockville). Priority is given for driving local residents to medical appointments.