

# SANCTUARY LONDON

Finding Home. Together.



We had an amazing time at our Annual Christmas Party this past Wednesday! 450+ meals eaten, 406 gifts handed out, tons of desserts dropped off by our neighbours, and a great time had by all!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to help make this a special and memorable event for all our community members!





# Caring over the Long Haul...

Every year at Christmas time, we celebrate on Sunday evenings as a community by lighting the Advent candles together, and we talk about such things as Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. It was hard to experience these sentiments back in first century Palestine when Jesus was born. And it's still hard for so many folks today. Too many of our community members are still being told "sorry, there's no room for you in the Inn".



While it is hard to experience the goodness of life on our own, more often than not, we begin to find it in one another. This is what being a community of belonging and mutual care is all about. When we look at the faces of our community members, especially those who are unsheltered, we see the face of Jesus. I have not seen pain and hurt, nor generosity and care so abundant as with our community members.



Our Sunday evening worshipping community continues to grow, especially at this time of year, with the last few weeks seeing over 50 folks join us. Perhaps some are simply looking for a warm place to rest for a few hours, and we welcome them wholeheartedly. A few of our community members, whom we have known for many, many years, are just starting to open up and really connect with us. It is absolutely beautiful to see.

God's story of redemption is a long one. 2000 years have passed since Christ's birth, and we are still searching for Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Community development is about the long term. Relationships need to be built over the long haul. And we're not giving up. **Thank you** for helping us to create spaces and opportunities to care well for one another... together.





# Connect with us!



Sanctuary is growing. We've got more people joining our community than ever before. This means we've got some big challenges, and some very exciting opportunities in store for 2024. But we can't do it on it our own.

We have both staff and volunteer positions to fill, and we especially need help in raising financial support in order to maintain the growth that is happening.

Would you like to hear more? We would love the opportunity to share more about all of this with you. Please contact us... We want to hear from you!

## Please remember Sanctuary with your year-end giving!

All donations must be received or post-dated by December 31, 2024, in order to be receipted for the 2024 tax year. Sanctuary London is a Registered Canadian Charity, and therefore all donations are eligible for a charitable receipt for income tax purposes. E-transfers are so easy! Please send to: [giving@sanctuarylondon.ca](mailto:giving@sanctuarylondon.ca)

Thank you!

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