



Compassion Ministries

Furniture Centre:

1120 West 5th Street • Hamilton • Ontario

Clothing Store and Mailing Address:

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Our Vision

Our vision is to assist families in the city of Hamilton live their daily lives through providing clothes, basic furniture, and household items.

Our Core Values

1. People are primary. We exist to serve people by helping to rebuild their lives.
2. All people, regardless of race, colour, religion, beliefs, or their past lives are equally important and deserving of our respect.
3. Real needs are met. People need the basic necessities of food, shelter, and clothing before their other needs can be satisfied. Where possible, we want to address these primary needs first.

Our History

Compassion Ministries was started in 2002 to distribute new and good quality used clothing to needy families in the Hamilton community.

In 2004, the ministry was expanded to include toys, furniture, and household items (dishes, pots & pans, lamps, etc.).

In 2008, we began distributing a small quantity of basic food items. While we are not trying to be a food bank, we are able to provide a small amount of food to families when they pick up clothes or furniture from us.

In 2008, we also began a volunteer income tax clinic. Basic tax returns are completed for free for those individuals who cannot afford to pay to have their tax returns completed.

Who We Help

We help anyone in Hamilton and the surrounding communities who truly need help.

Our number one priority has always been women in and women who are leaving women's shelters. However, many others benefit from our program: low income individuals, families, and seniors; recent immigrants; pregnant teens and teenage moms; people coming out of jail, long-term, and addiction treatment programs; homeless and those living in marginal housing who are trying to get into government housing or setup their own homes. We have also helped a number of families who have lost everything through no fault of their own: flood, fire, bed bugs, cockroaches, fleas, etc.

We get referrals from the Neighbour to Neighbour food bank, the women's shelters in Hamilton, the Native Indian Centre, Community Care Access Centre (CCAC), the Jewish Centre, North Hamilton Medical Clinic, Adolescent Care Child Program (ACCP), St. Joseph's Women's Immigration Centre, and many others.

At times we will receive more donations than we can actually give away. We then give away our excess to help a number of other social service agencies and food banks.

In the past, organizations such as the Good Shepherd, Mission Services, Eva Rothwell Community Centre, Feed the Children Canada, Dress For Success, The Olive Branch have received our excess donations.

Corporate Sponsors

We have received a grant from United Way. We have received donations of mattresses from Sleep Country and Ultramatic. We have received food donations from Fortinos and furniture from Stoney Creek Furniture.

Facts and Figures

Last year we helped over 1,000 families with clothing, furniture, and/or household items. A typical family needing furniture and clothing needs approximately 66 items, plus food.

We estimate we give away 50,000 items every year (not including food items which are given away).

Costs of Compassion Ministries:

While the clothing and furniture are donated items, there are other costs for operating the ministry which are over and above our church operating costs.

Building & utilities	\$ 5,590
Program expense	17,825
Administration	<u>2,515</u>
Total expense	\$25,930

The average cost for each family that is helped is \$25. We don't ask the families for money; we rely on donations.

All donations marked *Compassion Ministries* are only used in the operation of Compassion Ministries.

Yes! I would like to help Compassion Ministries!

___ families @ \$25 per family \$ _____

Other amount \$ _____

Mail your cheque made payable to ***Parkview Church*** to:
Parkview Church
1136 West 5th Street
Hamilton, ON L9B 1J6

Please indicate *Compassion Ministries* on the memo line of your cheque.