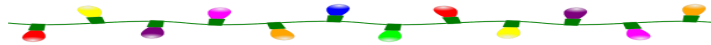


DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



As we wrap up another year filled with meaningful service and dedication, the Board would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering commitment. Your hard work and passion have made a significant impact in our community, and it is your efforts that inspire others to join in our mission. As we celebrate the holidays, let us reflect on the positive changes we've created together and look forward to new opportunities in the coming year. Thank you for being an essential part of our club!

Wishing you and your loved ones a warm and joyful holiday season!

MEETINGS:

NIGHT MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday December 18, 7 pm

WHERE: **Salvation Army London Citadel** (555 Springbank Drive – the corner of Springbank Drive and Wonderland Road)

DAY MEETING

WHEN: Thursday December 19, 10 am

WHERE: **Eastern Star Temple** (800 Fanshawe Park Road East, London)

HUMANA COMMUNITY SERVICES

Dawn from Humana spoke at last month's evening meeting. Humana has 200 staff members and can be serving any number of clients on any given day. They provide blankets placed on beds for the medically fragile adults in group homes (typically lap blankets). They assist 25-35 adults on average. Blankets are given to youth/young adults when entering the mental health programs. They are allowed to keep their blankets that comforted them in the unsure moments of entering Humana's services.

Humana has 15 sites (located in Exeter, Chatham, London, Strathroy and Parkhill). Humana exists on government funds, grants and community support.

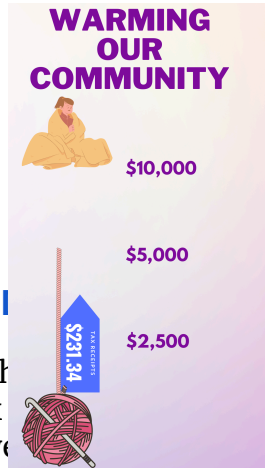
NEXT CLUBHOUSE DROP IN DAY:

Saturday January 11th (2025) 10 am - 1 pm @ the Clubhouse (111 Waterloo Street, Lower Level) volunteersignup.org/KXQWP -> Please click on the web link (or copy it into your web browser) to go to the sign up sheet.

Please ensure to sign up via the links to show us your intention to drop in, to sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

3rd ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN *Warming Our Community* has

continued to climb. We are well on our way to our \$10,000 goal. As of November 30th the campaign results are cash donations \$4,875 and in kind donations \$136.24 = total donations \$5,011.24. Year to Date (YTD) \$5,106.34.



LONDON KNIGHTS TED

It was a fun Wednesday night at the London Life Place ahead of the London Knights game. Lots of work was done to get the bears, so thank you to anyone who took on the challenge this year. We sold around 250 bears. We sold furiously for just over an hour and SOLD OUT of our bears!! A record breaking 15,926 bears were collected off the ice. That is amazing!! We raised \$2,200. Thanks to our volunteers who were on their feet waving bears to all they greeted at the gates and our table.

SILENT AUCTION BLANKET UPDATES

Merrymount raised \$60 for their Anniversary Party event.

LHSC Foundation raised \$120 for the two blankets we donated for their Country Classic Auction.

97 pet blankets were given to Heavenly Hills just in time for the holidays.



BLANKETS COLLECTED:

At our last meetings we had the following # of blankets turned in:

- Full:** 45
- Lap:** 61
- Baby:** 43

Blankets Donated last month:

Full	Lap	Baby	Agency

		40	Childreach
	15		Mount Hope
50		20	Highview London
	20		Highview Kitchener
35			John Gordon Home
10	10		Vanier Part2
10	10		Emily Murphy Centre
15			Oak Crossing
	25		Palliative Care
	5		Sub Acute Care
60	6		Humana
10	10		Women's Rural Resource Centre
		40	Power of Hope
	5		VON Middlesex Part 2
20	10		SWIM
40	15		My Sister's Place

So far from the Fall Distribution we have fulfilled requests for 400 Full, 462 Lap & 200 Baby. There are a few new requests to fill so Marion will update the numbers at the meetings this month.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have had a good response to the volunteer duties & opportunities. We are still looking for a few more people to take on at least one volunteer activity.

SNOWFLAKE BLANKET PATTERN

With the abundance of snow we have received, I was inspired to look up a fitting blanket pattern, Attached is a free Snowflake blanket pattern found on Yarnspirations

https://www.yarnspirations.com/en-ca/products/red-heart-dusty-snowflake-throw?srltid=AfmBOoo-1Mmj8ssy94yZ8qQmHmqQX2YTOpC0eP0oO--GCwu_0YGm6z6o

If you have completed any seasonal or festive blankets, stockings or scarves feel free to send a picture to our email and we will spotlight them on socials and the website.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact crochetcluboflondon@gmail.com

