

NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

October was a very busy month for the Club, with Fall Distribution and the Annual General Meeting.

At the two meetings several community organizations joined us to share how our blankets are used and the impact the blankets make in the lives of the people they serve. We were joined by:

- Cross Cultural Learner Centre: The leading newcomer agency in London, blankets are provided to individuals from diverse backgrounds particularly refugees and vulnerable newcomers.
- LifeSpin: Low-income family empowerment, blankets are shared with those in need.
- LHSC Palliative and Sub Acute Medical Unit: Lap blankets are provided to patients on Christmas morning, and baby blankets are used in doll therapy. A recent silent auction blanket was very popular in their raffle, and helped raise \$1700, the most ever.
- VON Home at Last Program: Blankets help settle patients back into their homes after a hospital stay.

Each organization expressed their gratitude and thanks for the work we do.

NIGHT MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday November 26, 7 pm

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

DAY MEETING

WHEN: Thursday November 27, 10 am

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

October Attendance: Day Meeting 25 / Night Meeting 32

NEXT MONTH'S MEETINGS

(One week earlier in December due to the holidays)

Wednesday, December 17 and Thursday December 18

NEXT CLUBHOUSE DROP IN DAYS

There will be no December drop in. The next drop in will be in the early part of January.

TEDDY BEAR TOSS – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Thanks to all of you for volunteering to help at the Teddy Bear Toss this year. We have had an overwhelming response! Full details for all volunteers will be sent out soon.

RED SCARVES—Final Count

The final tally for red scarves is 75 – great work members! Fran McKeown passes along heartfelt gratitude and thanks on behalf of the Regional HIV/AIDS Connection.

LAMBETH LEGION POPPY PROJECT

An update from the Legion, 7,308 poppies were collected, and they sent their thanks for all our help.



FOURTH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN “Threads of Warmth”

In October, the Club received cash donations from individuals of \$785 towards our annual goal of \$10,000. We received in-kind donations of \$241.

At the October morning meeting, we were joined by Matthew Hickling from Canada Life Reinsurance Corporate Social Responsibility Committee who presented a donation to Sian of \$2000. The Club also received \$2207 from the Wilf and Jean Bell Foundation.



BLANKETS

The ‘before and after’ shelf of lap blankets at the Clubhouse and bagged blankets lining the hallway waiting for pickup. See the incredible number of blankets that were given out in the chart below.



| Blankets Collected in October | |
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| Baby | 19 |
| Lap | 68 |
| Full | 61 |
| Blankets Distributed | |
| Atlohsa | 20 Full |
| Vanier Childrens Services | 10 Baby, 10 Lap, 10 Full |
| Inviva | 20 Lap |
| HIV AIDS Connection | 25 Full |
| Cross Cultural Learner Centre | 20 Baby, 20 Lap, 32 Full |
| Extendicare | 50 Lap |
| Victims Services | 20 Lap |
| Nshwasnongong Child & Family Centre | 20 Baby |
| Mount Hope | 50 Lap |

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| CPRI | 12 Lap, 18 Full |
| LifeSpin | 30 Lap, 30 Full |
| VON London | 30 Lap |
| LHSC | 5 Baby |

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