

THE SECOND CHANCE FOUNDATION

(A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION)

NEWSLETTER

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DECEMBER 14TH, 2024 SAW US ONCE AGAIN CELEBRATING THE CLOSING OF ANOTHER YEAR. AS WE CLOSE, REMEMBER:

**EVERY TEST IN OUR LIFE MAKES US BITTER OR BETTER,
EVERY PROBLEM COMES TO MAKE US OR BREAK US.
THE CHOICE IS OURS WHETHER WE BECOME VICTIMS OR VICTORS.**

As we end the year 2024, I want to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude and thanks to all the Volunteers who have worked tirelessly for our clientele and its members. Our supporters old and new, who believe in our vision and choose to assist us with this mission through their financial support, we thank you; this support was and is still much needed.

I would like to say a special thank you to Daria Kotova, a recent addition to TSCF family. Daria has brought her much needed digital and technical skills to the Foundation. The wonderful work that she has done in recreating our website, is truly amazing. Daria, who is also a whiz with social media, has transformed our social media presence, more than we thought possible.

Jerome Art and Photography for their generous donation towards our year end Gala.

Artage Portraits for their generous donation towards our year end Gala.

Stacy Yip, for her generous donation towards our year end Gala.

The Visitation order of nuns for their continued financial support to us. This support was so well needed.

A TRULY GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.

THE VARIOUS PERFORMERS:

CASIUS RICHARDS, CARL HENRY, ABENA SAMM, IMI OTO, DJ HARRY, AND OUR MC WHO KEPT THINGS MOVING, MARK DWYER. OUR VOLUNTEERS AIYANA AND FIONA WHO MANNED THE FRONT RECEPTION, WELCOMING ALL OF OUR GUESTS AS THEY ARRIVED. CHAR, WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RAFFLES AND AUCTION ITEMS, AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, LISA, FOR KEEPING EVERYONE HYDRATED WITH OUR SORREL MOCKTAIL. OUR EVENT WAS HELD AT THE QSISS BANKQUET HALL. THEY WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR US. I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL THE WINNERS THAT EVENING. WE WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER FABULOUS EVENT NEXT YEAR. SEE BELOW FOR MORE PICTURES OF OUR EVENT: CHECK OUT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA @THESECONDCHANCEFOUNDATION FOR MORE PICTURES OF THAT NIGHT.





OUR COMMUNITY OFFICERS FROM 43 DIVISION GIVING US THEIR SUPPORT, ONCE AGAIN. THIS PICTURE IS OF THEIR CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE AT METRO SUPERMARKET, MARKHAM ROAD & KINGSTON ROAD, ON BEHALF OF THE FOUNDATION. THEY ALSO DID A SIMILAR FOOD DRIVE FOR US AT FRESHCO, FOR THANKSGIVING, ALONG WITH GIFT CARDS THAT WERE HANDED OUT TO SOME OF OUR CLIENTS. THESE GUYS, ALONG WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF 43 DIVISION HAVE BEEN WORKING IN THE COMMUNITY WITH OTHER NON-PROFITS AND YOUTHS, TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



December 20th, the final day of our Food Bank before closing for the holidays, these beautiful angels, Ms. Harley and Mr. Kyriazis (the Principal), from George P. Mackie Junior Public School, swooped down and donated all that you see in the picture. We were running on almost empty, with 4 more hours to go when they arrived. This is the 2nd year in a row that the children from this school and their parents, generously donated to our Food Bank. We at TSCF is extremely grateful for their support.



OUR COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE, SUPPORTS THE COMMUNITY WITH THE ITEMS DONATED TO US. AS THE WINTER MONTHS GETS COLDER, OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN NEED ARE WELCOMED TO VISIT US FOR SOME WARM CLOTHING. WE SUPPORT WOMEN TRANSITIONING FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY. IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW, MEETS THESE CRITERIA, PLEASE GIVE OUR OFFICE A CALL AT 416-792-6702 EXT. 11, OR EMAIL US AT INFO@THESECONDCHANCEFOUNDATION.CA FOR MORE DETAILS, OR HOW YOU CAN OFFER YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE.





REBEKAH GILLILAND, THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR AT TOYS FOR TOTS, CAME THROUGH FOR US, ONCE AGAIN. DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF THIS WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION, WE WERE ABLE TO RECEIVE 200 TOYS TO PROVIDE TO NEEDY CHILDREN.



This year, The Second Chance Foundation was fortunate to receive Donations from The Balanced Company, and what a bounty that was. The Balanced Company provide various types of self care gift boxes, offering “self-care in a box”. Please visit them at <https://ca.thebalancedcompanyinc.com/> and give them your support. They provide Hair Care, Body Care, Skin Care, and so much more. Thanks to them, TSCF were able to provide personal care items to the women leaving Vanier Institute in Milton. We provided packaged items to the women and family, we serve, and made a number of residents very happy at Bendale acres.

See a few pictures below of the institution from our visit after delivery was made.



Women's self-defense Boxing Program is scheduled to resume in February of 2025. For those interested in taking part in this fabulous exercise program, please contact the office at 416-792-6702 ext. 11; or email us at: info@thesecondchancefoundation.ca, for more information.



IN OTHER NEWS:

- **The Tax Season is once again upon us. This year, we will start the processing of Taxes on February 27th, 2025. We are adding 2 new features this year: virtual processing, walk-ins, on a first come first serve basis. We will continue to book appointments, please note, booked appointments for in house and virtual, will take precedent over walk-ins.**
- **We will continue to do our Valentine's Day raffle again for 2025. Tickets will go on sale January 27th, ending at 5 PM on February 12th. The draw for the winner will be announced the next day, on Wednesday February 13th, via email and or telephone. If you are purchasing a ticket, please make sure that we have your correct contact info on file.**
- **Effective February 01st, 2025, there will be new changes to our appointment scheduling at our food bank. The office will be contacting each of our Food Bank client to update them of the changes. We are moving forward to make your experience at the food bank, a more dignified shopping experience.**

- **Family day is on February 17th of this year.....enjoy a fabulous day together with the family.**
- **Daylight saving time starts on Sunday March 9th, this year. Don't forget to spring forward with your clock after Midnight Saturday, March 8th.**
- **Our membership drive is now in full effect. TSCF has always been a place where community members can come together and enjoy a variety of activities, meet new friends, learn new skills, and share some laughter and even tears. We are hoping that you will show your love and commitment to us, by supporting us with the purchase of an annual membership in our Foundation. Seniors 55+, \$50 per year, Adults under 55, \$60.00 per year, Family (includes parents and maximum of 4 children), \$100 per year. Give us a call to find out about the benefits of membership in TSCF.**

THE FINAL WORD

TO UNDERSTAND WHAT LIFE IS, YOU HAVE TO VISIT THREE LOCATIONS:....

1. The Hospital,
2. The Prison, and
3. The Cemetery.

AT THE HOSPITAL,

You will understand that there is nothing more beautiful than health.

IN PRISON,

You will understand that nothing is more beautiful than health.

AT THE CEMETERY,

You will realize that life is worth nothing, the ground we walk today will be our roof tomorrow.

Let us therefore remain humble, by having the fear of God and respect for each other

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