







SERVING THE COMMUNITY WITH GRATITUDE

In 2023 our residents completed a combined total of **1544** hours of service work for our community partners.

ADDICTION TO CONNECTION



In 2023 our blessings were many, and the acts of transformation were undeniable, here are just a few.

- Our community farm has once again proven to be a valuable asset, generously providing over 800 lbs. of fresh produce this year to our partner organizations and local food banks.
- We were able to expand our staff with a full-time D2 staff member (Discipleship House Supervisor)
- Renovations to the Community and Arts room were fully completed.
- Our Family Support Workshop had 23 attendees, and continues to grow.
- We had **7 residents graduate** the 9-month program at the Discipleship House.

However, the need for support persists in our community.

- Our homes maintained a 96% occupancy rate.
- We had **158 applications** to the Discipleship House.
- Out of the 158 applications, we were able to accommodate **21 new clients**.

Thanks you to all those in our community who support us!

THE IMPACT OF DESIRE Michael D.

Michael used, and dealt substance on and off for 15 years. Despite finding recovery 10 years ago through a faith-based 12-step group, he struggled to stay clean as the busyness of his life took over. His first introduction to recovery came after finding God at Woodvale church here in Ottawa. After leaving the 12-step group — his only recovery support system at the time — he found himself using drugs again, and back in the cycle of active addiction for another 4 years.

The chaos of active addiction is unparalleled. During that time, he lost his neighbour due to a fatal car crash, his sisterin-law died of an overdose, and he was actively buying and using substances with his biological father.



Yet, Michael never gave up his relationship with God and continued to pray for a solution. When he was finally ready to make those changes, he reached out to his spiritual mentor, who happened to be a friend of Jericho Road. Through his mentor's suggestion, Michael contacted detox but was told to wait 3-5 days for a bed. Fortunately, a spot was open at Jericho for him, and after mentioning this to detox he was able to fast-track his time with them to start our program.

Arriving at Jericho Road during the critical moments of his decision provided Michael with an opportunity for a new way of life. Had Michael had not made it to detox in those first few hours, a very different situation could have occurred.

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