

WHAT IS FAITHWORKS?

Faithworks is the name given to the outpouring of the Anglican community in Toronto who put into ACTION, God's love, justice, compassion, and liberation. Faithworks supports 14 community ministries and 3 partner agencies providing services to those most in need across the Diocese of Toronto. These ministries and partners offer friendship to the stranger, shelter to the homeless, support for the refugee, the widow and the orphan, and fellowship to the imprisoned. Together with the Anglican Appeal, LOFT Community Houses and the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, they care for needs at home and around the world. As hard economic times take a bite from the jobs and incomes of Ontario's citizens it is important that people still have a place to turn to in difficult times.

FaithWorks agencies stand ready to help. For them, the poor are anything but abstract – they're the men, women, and children who are part of our community, who turn to us week in and week out, seeking food, shelter, clothing and companionship. Your generous support helps provide for these needs.

Currently funded projects provide:

- *Services* and programs geared towards the low-income, under housed or homeless
- *Service* to inmates, ex-inmates and their families to rebuild their lives
- *Transitional* supported living for vulnerable women and children; an alternative to life on the streets for teens
- *A refuge* from the streets
- *A storefront mission* supporting a multicultural community
- *An employment* training program for disadvantaged adult and youths
- *Support* and services to churches and refugees seeking effective resettlement.

- *Support* for church partners in other parts of the Anglican communion
- *Housing*, community support and street outreach for thousands
- *International* development, emergency relief, refugee protection, human rights and global education.

We, at St. Bride's have chosen to support 4 of the ministries funded by Faithworks:

1. The DAM, a youth drop-in centre and training program here in Mississauga, called "The Dam" because the drop-in is a dam that stops the flow of teens from running away and becoming homeless street youth downtown. The programs offered include a drop-in/community centre, housing (short and long-term placements), a young-mother's program, job skills and alternative education

2. Anglican Appeal, supporting our Anglican friends in Northern Canada as well as overseas partners especially education and leadership in churches overseas. The Anglican Appeal supported the catechists program at All Saints in Tanzania in 2008.

3. The David Busby Street Centre, Barrie – Community centre and food bank that serves the community in Barrie much as The Compass serves the disadvantaged in our neighbourhood.

4. Downsview Youth Covenant, an outreach ministry of St. Stephens Anglican in the Jane and Finch area of Toronto. This youth outreach program runs homework clubs, a Saturday morning drop-in, summer camps, a youth choir and regular youth group activities.

Each year we give between \$1000-2000 in support of Faithworks, with a further \$6000-8000 going to The Compass and Caring and Sharing- local organizations that we at St. Brides initiated and or strongly support to help our neighbours who are in need.