

## 2022 Holiday Drive is here! Drive runs November 1st to December 3rd.

### GOAL: 1,000 SHOEBOX GIFTS

Shoeboxes are back and we need your help. There is a request for over 1000 Shoebox gifts for women in need in Niagara this holiday. We have a variety of ways big and small that you can help women right here in your community.

#### Here's how you can help Shoebox Project Niagara right now:

- Make a Shoebox (and drop it off to one of out drop off locations)
- Create a Virtual Shoebox
- Make a Donation to our Local Chapter
- Get your Company Involved
- Fundraise for our Local Chapter
- Host a "Shoebox-raiser"
- Participate in our Online Auction (Nov 11 to 28th)
- Grab a box of greeting cards and write kind messages

100% of your donation will go toward purchasing gifs and essentials for Niagara women impacted or at risk of homelessness.

## Shoebox Drop-off Locations (open November 1st to 30th)

#### CAA St. Catharines

76 Lake Street St. Catharines ON L2R 5X4

#### CAA Niagara Falls

6788 Thorold Stone Road Niagara Falls ON L2J 1B4

### **CAA** Thorold

3271 Schmon Pkwy, Thorold ON L2V 4Y6

#### CAA Grimsby

155 Main Street East Grimsby ON L3M 1P2

#### CAA Welland

800 Niagara Street Welland ON L3C 5Z4

#### Events

- All November: Buy a Charcuterie box in the month of November from CHZ PLZ and \$2 will be donated to Shoebox Project Niagara
- November 11th to 28th: Online Auction
- December 3rd: Last call for shoebox drop-offs. Bring your shoebox gifts to Giant Shoe Creative Agency between 12pm 2pm. Located at 45 James Street, St. Catharines.
- December 10th: Shoebox Project is at the Ice Dogs Game, stop by and make a donation!

#### **Local Coordinators**

### Jess Boulay, Jess L, Antonietta, Amy, Jackie, Carrie and Grace

2022 Holiday drive this year is a collaborative effort this year! Jess Boulay (Local Coordinator) is happy to be welcoming aboard Jess L, Antonietta, Amy, Jackie, Carrie and Grace to the core team. This year The Shoebox Project Niagara hopes to provide gifts to ALL 1000 women accessing programs through their supported shelters a gift this year. With the help of the people and businesses in Niagara we believe we can do it! Reach out today to find out how you can help!

Contact This Chapter niagara@shoeboxproject.com

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## We need greeting cards and letters



Join us in writing letters! Every one of our gifts is accompanied with a letter of encouragement and support. You can make a difference with just one letter. Please contact us if you would like to send us an encouraging letter that will be given to a woman in our community that would really be touched to know you care.

## Our Gifts Go to Women At the Following Agencies...

Gillian's Place

YWCA

Abbey's House

Women's Place "Serenity" and "Nova"

Southridge Shelter

The Raft

Education Foundation of Niagara

Start Me Up Niagara

Community Care

Bethlehem Housing

ABC Program

Niagara Region Native Centre -Homeward Bound Program

Niagara Region Native Centre - Justice Outreach Program

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# Homelessness in Niagara & St. Catharines



#### 80%

At any one time, approximately 80% of residents living in Bethlehem transitional housing have been former victims of abuse.



#### 6.016

There were 6,016 households on St. Catharines' affordable housing wait list as of December 31, 2013. Wait times range from 1.5 years to 10 years.



#### 130%

There has been a 130% increase in homelessness in Niagara Region over the last 5 years.

## In the News...

#### The Standard

November 26, 2021

Care and compassion in a shoebox: Campaign helps Niagara women living in shelters over holidays

#### YourTV Niagara

November 20, 2020

Interview with Mike Balson and Jess Boulay

## The Standard

November 15, 2020

Shoebox Project thinks outside the box

### Niagara Falls Review

June 5, 2020

Humanity and love in a shoebox

## The Standard

June 4, 2020

Shoebox gifts: A little thing that means a lot

#### St. Catharines

May 13, 2020

Community heroes celebrated with 2020 Volunteer Recognition Awards

### Niagara This Week

December 4, 2019

Little boxes pack a lot of love for south Niagara women in need

#### Niagara Falls Review

November 18, 2019

Fill a shoebox and send some love this Christmas

The Standard

December 10, 2017

Care packages assembled for Christmas

Niagara This Week

November 6, 2017

Bringing little luxuries to women in need in St. Catharines

Niagara This Week

December 5, 2013

Shoeboxes a gesture of kindness

Niagara This Week

Thursday, November 28, 2013

Boxes to bring Christmas cheer

# Thank You to Our Supporters

# Keep in touch with our community



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