# **A BOLD VISION** TO CHANGE WINNIPEG'S INNER CITY 2012 – 2013 ANNUAL REPORT



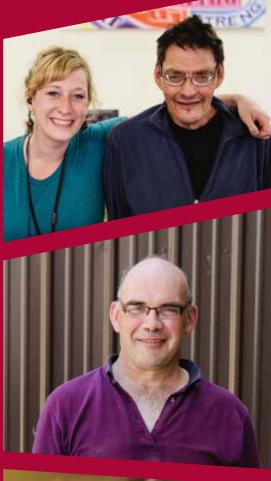














"The first night at The Madison was really comfortable. It was nice to wake up in my own room. It's just a fun environment. It's structure and the people are nice and it's pleasant and it's enjoyable. I like the fact that there are support workers to help me work on some goals. The biggest thing is I'm not homeless anymore. I have a home."

- ROBERT, THE MADISON RESIDENT

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

A connecting point between the compassionate and Winnipeg's less fortunate, Siloam Mission is a Christian humanitarian organization that alleviates hardships and provides opportunities for change for those affected by homelessness.

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Whenever the Board of Directors meet to consider the present and the future of Siloam Mission, we are faced with the questions, "What is poverty? How do we define it? What causes poverty? Can it ever be eliminated?"

Our deliberations and discussions always include reference to one or all of these questions as we consider what God would be pleased to do through the ministry of Siloam.

Here is a definition of poverty that I thought was fairly inclusive: "Poverty is the condition where people's basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter are not being met. Poverty is generally of two types:

(1) Absolute poverty is synonymous with destitution and occurs when people cannot obtain adequate resources (measured in terms of calories or nutrition) to support a minimum level of physical health...

(2) Relative poverty occurs when people do not enjoy a certain minimum level of living standards as determined by a government (and enjoyed by the bulk of the population). Relative poverty occurs everywhere, and is said to be increasing."

(from BusinessDictionary.com).

Our mission at Siloam is to address the issues of poverty among Winnipeg's less fortunate – food, clothing and shelter – in a way that honours people and creates the opportunity for people to improve their life situation.



We are so very grateful for those who join with us in donating time and resources in helping us to fulfill our mission.

As we grow and develop our ministry in the next few years, we will be adding to our ability to provide food, clothing and (especially) shelter to hundreds of people who live in need of these basic amenities.

May God bring rich blessing and abundant grace to you as you generously support those who need a helping hand.

> DR. RILEY COULTER CHAIR, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It has been a tremendous privilege to be a part of Siloam's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. There were many events and plenty of celebrating the countless hours of contribution of volunteers and staff that have made Siloam what is today. We are thankful for the Lieutenant Governor's reception last summer to celebrate the anniversary milestone.

Other milestones were achieved this year as well. We completed the renovation of The Madison supportive housing project and 85 people now live there rebuilding their lives. The \$1.5 million investment will provide a dignified and safe community for hundreds for many years to come.

We also officially launched our Vision 500 – our vision to alter the landscape of Winnipeg's inner city by creating 500 homes and 500 jobs in the next five years.

The Madison was the first step in that vision. In July of 2012 we purchased more property just behind our Princess Street location where we hope to build new housing within the next few years. This new property will also allow us to relocate our basics services to a larger location where no one will have to stand outside in the cold or rain to receive services.

Buildings and services are important but seeing lives changed makes it all worthwhile. We have worked hard at building relationships with all stakeholders and there have been many stories that show me that we are on the right path. It is a blessing to see what most would deem miracles in the lives of those that come through our doors from clients, volunteers, donors and staff.

Yes, our future will include significant growth and change and I do pray and hope that who we are becoming as a community will lead everything we do. We talk about our mantra being relationships, relationships, relationships.

It is our community that has brought us this far and we need everyone to help get to the next stage.

I certainly want to recognize and thank God for his blessing on Siloam's ministry in the inner city. We are blessed with great staff, volunteers, donors and those who come for services. In such blessings the impossible become possible and I am excited to see what the future holds for us.

FLOYD PERRAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SILOAM MISSION

#### **EXECUTIVE STAFF**

Floyd Perras – Executive Director Dan Maxson – Director of Operations Judy Richichi – Director of Development & Finance Lindsay Poggemiller-Smith – Director of Volunteer Services





## THE MADISON

After two years of renovations and remodeling, funders, community members, volunteers and staff of Siloam Mission cut the ribbon at the official grand opening of The Madison on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Since purchasing The Madison, Siloam has been steadily moving residents out of its emergency shelter and into the building as rooms were renovated.

Today, the Wolseley housing complex provides its 85 residents with a supportive environment to pursue self-sufficient lifestyles and a dignified place to call "home."

Far more than just four walls and a roof, rent at The Madison also includes three meals a day, free access to laundry machines, 24/7 on-site support, as well as engaging programming and recreational activities to help residents integrate into the community and build self-esteem.

As residents moved in, they quickly started forming their own incredible community. Now they take care of each other just like a family would.



#### Special thanks to the following partners for financially supporting The Madison renovation:

The Madison renovation: MREA - Manitoba Real Estate Association – Shelter Foundation Home Depot The Winnipeg Foundation Government of Canada **City of Winnipeg** Province of Manitoba -**Community Places Program** Thank you to the following community leaders for their generous support towards The Madison renovation: A Rocha Accurate Doorwin Barkman Concrete **Behr Paints Credit Union Central** Dave Siemens & Co. Di-Tech Hewlett Packard Ignite 107 & Crew (DJs Demolition) Intersteel Kornerstone Masonry Lowe Mechanical Mona Lisa Restorante Mr. Garbage Patal Vocational Training School **Quality Air Reimer Soils** SAE Engineering Scandia Welding Security Decorating Security Glass St. Margaret's Anglican Church Strome Sales University of Manitoba - Come Alive Winnipeg Air Testing

#### **BECAUSE OF YOU**



796 VOLUNTEER HOURS BY THE MADISON RESIDENTS

13,303 VOLUNTEERS HOURS AT THE MADISON BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

55,086 MEALS SERVED AT THE MADISON \$1.6 MILLION SPENT ON RENOVATING THE MADISON TO MAKE

IT A HOME

### **KEVIN'S STORY**

Kevin is well-spoken, intelligent and has a great sense of humour. He has never had a problem with drugs or alcohol. His story starts in Ontario where a sluggish economy and a back injury left him laid off. When he came to Winnipeg on the promises of a job offer, he ended up homeless.

"The job fell through. It backfired, and here I was with no job and nowhere to go," he recalls. "I had to carry my stuff around. I started to panic because I couldn't find a place. I had been homeless before in Toronto, and I didn't want to go down that path again."

Staying in Siloam Mission's emergency shelter, Kevin enrolled in Siloam's employment-training program Building Futures. There, Kevin gained work experience in shipping and receiving, cleaning the streets of Winnipeg's downtown, and working on some small renovation projects at Siloam.

Recently, Kevin graduated from Siloam's employment training program and got a job working as a driver for a local printing company. He credits the Building Futures program with giving him the skills he needed to find employment again.

"The Building Futures program helped me get more confidence and provided me with skills like how to write a resume and how to perform during an interview. It helped me out great. I asked the right questions to get the job I have now. "

Kevin has also moved out of Siloam's shelter and into his own room at The Madison, Siloam's supportive housing project in Wolseley. "It worked out very well. I could have been on the streets but I was lucky enough to be able to get into the shelter at Siloam after waiting just one night. And then I was able to get into The Madison – a newly renovated building, the rooms are awesome, the services are great, the staff are wonderful."

Once he is more established in his new job, Kevin is planning on moving out of The Madison and into his own apartment. He looks forward to the opportunity to get his own place and feels ready now to be on his own.

"I had some problems in the past with depression and I didn't think anyone could help me. Siloam's Transition Services have done a great deal helping me. It's time to move on and look after myself."



## **EMPLOYMENT TRAINING**

Men and women experiencing homelessness often struggle with obtaining and sustaining meaningful employment due to lack of resources, skills and opportunity.

Employment training is often a first step for those looking to move forward.

Helping participants transition from the streets toward more self-sufficient lifestyles, Siloam's Building Futures employment training program provides an opportunity for trainees to earn a fair wage, gain valuable job experience and learn life skills.





## NEW BUGGY DONATION

Thanks to the generous support of Brian Scharfstein of Canadian Footwear Ltd. and help from River City Equipment we were able to replace our aging buggy used by MOST (Mission: Off the Streets Team).

The new buggy will allow Siloam Mission's employment program participants to continue to work on downtown beautification projects, such as collecting litter, clearing debris, sweeping streets, and shoveling snow.

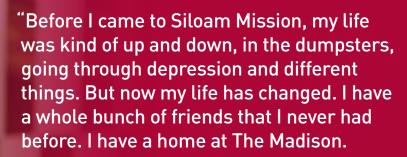
Special thanks to the Downtown BIZ, Boeing and RBC Financial for supporting this program.

#### **BECAUSE OF YOU**

16 PARTICIPANTS HAD EMPLOYMENT

**1,160** KILOMETERS OF SIDEWALK CLEANED

878 BAGS OF GARBAGE CLEANED FROM THE STREET



I've gone through the transition services program, and was able to take a course in administration skills. I graduated from that program and I've achieved two certificates. Hopefully in the next little while I'll be able to move up further and be able to use some of those skills as an administrative assistant."

-TRACEY, TRANSITION SERVICES PARTICIPANT AND THE MADISON RESIDENT



### **BECAUSE OF YOU**

PEOPLE ENROLLED IN SCHOOLING OR TRAINING



66 PEOPLE MOVED

ON TO HOUSING

## **TRANSITION SERVICES**

The transition services programs helps guests of Siloam Mission move forward in their lives through goal setting, weekly meetings, support and accountability.

Through a team of support workers, participants work to regain their confidence and take positive steps in their lives, knowing that they have a support system in place to encourage them and hold them accountable.

This year, transition services staff interviewed 47 participants who reflected on their first four months of being in the program.

They found that:

53% reported improvement in their housing situation

- 67% reported that their addiction situation has improved
- 66% reported improvements in their self-confidence

75% reported that their outlook on life is more positive than before



## **FRONTLINE SUPPORT SERVICES**

#### **DROP-IN CENTRE**

Siloam Mission's drop-in centre has never been busier, acting as a community hub for hundreds of men and women experiencing homelessness every day.

Since that much foot traffic started to take a toll on the building, we invested a significant amount into renovating the common space to provide people a dignified place to eat and enjoy each other's company.

The renovated drop-in centre has more space to accommodate for more tables and chairs, air conditioning and low-flush urinals and toilets.

A kitchen makeover has also made it easier for our volunteers to serve more than 1,000 meals every day.



#### EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT SHELTER

Through the transition services program, more than 27 long-term guests of our overnight emergency shelter have now transitioned into The Madison, creating space for Siloam to offer a true "emergency" shelter again.

To help people move forward, every person staying in the shelter on a regular basis is now required to come up with a plan on how to improve their housing situation.

Thanks to a generous donation from E-Care Contact Centres, we were able to replace the older beds and mattresses.

#### SPIRITUAL CARE

Because addressing homelessness is not just about meeting physical needs but also spiritual ones, our spiritual care program helps people connect with faith congregations they feel comfortable with.

This year, Siloam Mission held 49 church services and 29 bible studies open to anybody who was interested. Volunteers also conducted 19 hospital visits.

Unfortunately, the realities of the street also mean that we hosted 7 memorial services to say farewell to good friends.

#### **BECAUSE OF YOU**



**9,976** BAGGED LUNCHES FOR SHELTER GUESTS WHO WORK

4,469 EMERGENCY FOOD HAMPERS

**38,996** EMERGENCY SHELTER STAYS

**1,162** INDIVIDUALS WHO USED THE EMERGENCY SHELTER



#### **BECAUSE OF YOU**

2,402 PATIENT VISITS 447 HEALTH CENTRE VOLUNTEER VISITS

UNDERED

3,027 HEALTH CENTRE VOLUNTEER HOURS

## SAUL SAIR HEALTH CENTRE

The Saul Sair Health Centre provides holistic healthcare to men and women using Siloam Mission's services, with dignity and without discrimination.

#### **UPGRADED TECHNOLOGY**

In Fall 2012 the health centre was able to implement new software to allow us to begin the migration toward paperless charting.

We also switched from regular dental x-rays to digital imaging. This system greatly improves the picture quality and delivers the added benefit of reducing exposure to harmful x-rays for patients and clinic volunteers and staff by 75%.

#### **INCREASED SERVICE HOURS**

Our new extended hours of operation offer more opportunities for clients to access health professionals, services, and procedures.

#### **ORAL HEALTH PROMOTION AWARD**

In April 2013 the Saul Sair Health Centre was honoured with an Oral Health Promotion Award for 2012 from the Canadian Dental Association for Siloam's work to improve the oral care of men and women experiencing homelessness in Winnipeg.



## **VOLUNTEER SERVICES**

"The little things? The little moments? They aren't little." –Jon Kabat-Zinn

If you ask the thousands of everyday men and women who volunteer their time at Siloam Mission every year, they'll tell you that when it comes to helping others, there are no little things.

They'll tell you that if you concentrate on helping one person, that person may in turn give hope to somebody else and it will spread out.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our city – they infuse Winnipeg's dark places with vibrancy and resilience. The heart of the volunteer brings hope and comfort not only to those they help, but also to society as a whole.

This year, volunteerism was on the rise at Siloam Mission with a record-breaking 7,120 people giving of their time and skills. That's the equivalent to 37 full-time staff! We couldn't do it without them.

#### **BECAUSE OF YOU**



MEN'S

"I volunteer because I want to uplift people and make them feel special. I want to help them feel good about themselves." -LINDA, VOLUNTEER IN THE CLOTHING ROOM

## **SPONSOR THE MEAL PROGRAM**

The Sponsor the Meal program allows local businesses, churches and schools to partner with Siloam Mission to provide meals to Winnipeg's less fortunate every day, giving your organization exposure in the community as a leader committed to bettering our city and society.

#### THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PARTNERS COMMITTED TO CHANGE WHO ARE ALREADY MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR INNER-CITY NEIGHBOURS:

### Champions for Change Alina Schumacher of Schumacher Realty Ltd. CTV Media Subway Restaurants Vickar Auto Group

Gold Partner for Change Danny's Whole Hog BBQ & Smokehouse

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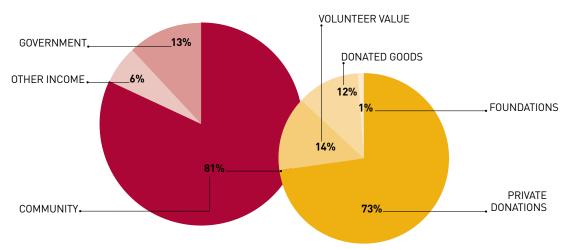
## VICKAR NISSAN HELPS SILOAM GET NEW VAN

#### Remember that Chevrolet slogan in the 1980s: "Chevy makes good things happen?"

Well, when our old Chevy cargo van broke down just before Christmas, Stephen Vickar from the Vickar Auto Group proved that Nissan makes good things happen, too. Transporting thousands of pounds of food and other donations every month, the van needed to be replaced immediately. Following the footsteps of his philanthropic parents, Larry and Tova Vickar, Stephen shifted his good deeds into overdrive to help Siloam Mission get the van of their dreams – a brand new, reliable Nissan that can hold the volume needed to pick up donations with room to grow.

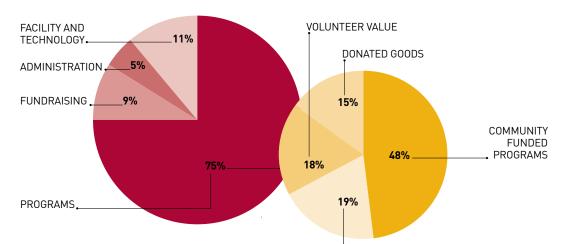


## FINANCIAL SUMMARY MAY 1, 2012 - APRIL 30, 2013



#### **RESOURCES 2012-2013**

**EXPENSES 2012-2013** 



MONETARY RESOURCES	2012-2013
Community Support	5,123,655
Government Support	1,157,033
Foundation Support	75,698
Private fee for Service sales	
and rentals	561,377
Interest and sundry	19,703
Gain (loss) on disposal of fixed as	ssets 617
NON MONETARY RESOURCES	
Gift in Kind	336,954
Donated Goods	930,844
Volunteer Value	1,060,103
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS	
Amortization of Prior Years	99,332
Less Current Years	(110,500)
TOTAL RESOURCES	9,254,816
Regular Volunteer Value is calculated as 74,561 hou	rs at \$13.00/hour

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MONETARY EXPENSES	2012-2013
Programs	3,710,218
Fundraising	730,468
Administration	416,216
Facility and Technology	702,323
Amortization	223,290
NON MONETARY EXPENSES	
Gift in Kind	336,954
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GOVERNMENT FUNDED PROGRAMS

#### EXCESS REVENUE OVER EXPENSES 1,144,400

Complete audited financial statements provided by Chambers, Fraser and Co. are available at www.siloam.ca

## THANK YOU!

From the bottom of our hearts, we want to say thank you to the thousands of people who gave their time, money and goods to help Winnipeg's less fortunate.

#### WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Marilyn Adams Joyce Aitken Evelyn Allam June Anderson Peter Anderson Shelley & Neal Anderson Neil & Susan Andrews Glenn & Annie Asham Hugo & Rossana Astacio Jason Barnabe Joan Barthel Dorothea Bater David & Shirley Bell Verna Bewsky Vernon & Jane Blyth Lillie Boese Henry & Anita Borger George Born Jim Born **Bob Borys** Ken & Laura Braun Gerald Brennan & Stella Cianflone Gerald & Carol Bristow Virginia Brousseau Bruce & Elizabeth Catchpole Stephen Chipman Merven & Nancy Chuback **Blaine & Catherine Coates** Irena Cohen James & Laura Crandell Victoria Crossman

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**COMMUNITY KITCHEN** VOLUNTEERS FROM ST. MARGARET'S ANGLICAN CHURCH HOST A WEEKLY COOKING ACTIVITY FOR RESIDENTS OF THE MADISON.

Lorraine & Greg Groenheide Kurt & Margaret Koberstein Albert & Susan Krahn

Helmut & Bertha Krahn Marianne Krahn Joanne & Richard Kroeker Freddie Kwok Carolyn Lamothe Roger & Patricia Landry Stella Lapatha Virginia Lehotsky Norm & Sandy LeRay Jason Loeppky Kathrine Loeppky Robert & Joyce Loeppky Derek Loewen Edwin & Lydia Loewen Ken & Mary Loewen Donat & Laurette Loiselle Carol Ann Lysecki Jacqueline MacFarlane John & Sharon Maddison Douglas Maguire & Becky Slater Kenneth McElrea Ken McNeill Elmer & Irma Meilleur Esther Meleshko Brian Mestdagh Doris Miller Anne Moroz David Morris Jay & Barbara Morrow Peter & Margaret Morse Edith Mulhall Joseph & Patricia Mullally Fred & Muriel Myers

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Albright Church Calvary Temple Chanally Ministries Church of the Nazarene National Office Immanuel Fellowship Church Kleefeld Christian Community Oasis Community Church Paroisse Ste-Famille Holy Family Parish Red Deer First Church of the Nazarene Shoal Lake Baptist Church The Meeting Place Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk Inc.

#### Companies & Organizations:

Aberdeen Pharmacy Aboriginal Strategies Limited Affinity Firestop Consultants Inc. All-Fab Building Components Inc. Argus Industries Assiniboine Credit Union B A Robinson Co Ltd. Bern-Stein Plumbing Services Ltd. **Brothers Woodworking** Budget Moving, 4470380 Manitoba Ltd. Burnbrae Farms Ltd. **Cambrian Credit Union Canadian Footwear** CANASA Credit Union Central Of Manitoba

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The Tallman Foundation The Thomas Sill Foundation

The Winnipeg Foundation

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Gray Academy of Jewish Education Hastings School Sisler High School Westwood Collegiate

We make every effort to ensure that these names are spelled correctly. However, mistakes do happen! If we have misspelled your name, please accept our apologies and contact us at 204-956-4344.

# **1956 – 2013**

This year, we lost a good friend. After a lifetime of struggling with schizophrenia, Happy peacefully left this world. He was 56.

Happy was the nickname everyone else called him by because, well, he simply made everyone around him feel happy. He was the kind of person to stop and thank you every time he saw you.

He knew pretty well what everyone at Siloam did – including our volunteers – and went out of his way to thank people for their specific jobs.

Happy radiated a profound joy. He loved us, and we learned to reciprocate that.

He knew our spouses' names, and childrens' names, and would often inquire about them. He beamed with genuine pride and excitement when we told him of their accomplishments.

Most of all, Happy never missed an opportunity to encourage somebody else. He made it easy to get out of bed every morning because we all knew he would brighten our day.

It was an intangible gift many of us had come to rely on that has created a hole in our community; a community that had become his family and his home.

Happy needed a lot of supports. Without medication, his schizophrenia would turn very ugly very quickly.

At Siloam Mission, he was on a steady regimen of meds that was working beautifully. In the drop-in centre, he would sit down at our old piano and play tunes he had taught himself.

Two days before going into the hospital he even received notice that he had been accepted into a Manitoba Housing unit not far from Siloam, so he could still come to our health centre for his medical supports.

When the Siloam Mission community got word he was in the hospital, Happy had a steady stream of visitors at his bedside.

We're sure he was the most visited person in the hospital that week.

Happy may have found love at Siloam, but the truth is that he was a far greater blessing to the people around him than vice-versa.

We often say that our lives are not measured by what we accomplish, but by what we endure.

Happy endured much, yet brought happiness to many.

Go in peace, old friend.



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