

February 2025 Outreach and Social Justice Bulletin

We are striving to extend Hospitality, Diversity, Justice not just with words but with actions too. We are called to raise awareness and respect. We are called to raise hope. We are called to raise funds for the community. We will work toward those by Education, Advocacy and Action. We are committed to the welfare of and justice for the most vulnerable and to the earth.

Trinity's Outreach and Social Justice Team is busy with activities. Here are four such events coming up in the next few weeks.

Bowl for Kids -

Big Brothers Big Sisters Fundraiser - Raised \$915.00

February 22, 2025 @ 12:30pm Gratton Lanes

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lanark County is excited to once again be partnering with the local Tim Hortons restaurants for the Tim Hortons Bowl for Kids Sake event on February 22nd, 2025. Last year this event raised over \$85,000, with more than 400 bowlers coming out to support the event. Title and Corporate sponsors ensure that all funds raised through event pledges go directly to fund mentoring programs right here in Lanark County.

This year a division of Trinity's Outreach and Social Justice partners "RAINBOW 101" is entering a bowling team. So far with your help, they have raised \$640 Can we raise the bar even more?

Coldest Night of the Year Walk Fundraiser - Raised \$2137.75

February 22, 2025 @ 4:00pm Start at Trinity

Walk for 2km or 5km with hot chocolate & bathroom break available at the Church

Why do we ask you to join us in our Coldest Night of the Year fundraising walk in February? Let's look at a typical month at Cornerstone Landing: In DECEMBER 2024, we completed 9 new intakes and supported over 50 youth. We provided \$1800 in rent supplements across Lanark County. We also delivered 7 free fresh produce boxes as part of our Good Food Box program.

In JANUARY, we've had 7 new intakes and continue to support over 60 youth. We provided \$2000 in rent supplements. We delivered 30 free Good Food Boxes! And we're on track to see even more support in FEBRUARY!

We couldn't do all this in a month without your help. Thank you to Trinity Connectors for raising funds and walking. We really do need your help. Why? Because it's cold out there! So far Trinity has raised \$1592.75 Let's keep going!

Every dollar raised is used to better the life a youth in need.

Pink Shirt Day Awareness Campaign - 67 pins were handed out.

February 23rd at Church & February 26th Nationally

Over 75% of people say they've been bullied. Over 90% of bullying incidents have peer witnesses. But when those peers intervene, most incidents are over within 10 seconds. Bullying could be happening to someone you know and care about – join us in taking a stand against bullying, and letting your peers know that it is not okay. Show kindness, empathy, and compassion, and speak out!

What is bullying?

Bullying is a form of aggression where there is a power imbalance; the person doing the bullying has power over the person being victimized. In addition to any physical trauma incurred, bullying can result in serious emotional problems, including anxiety, low self-esteem, or depression.

Wear pink to Church and grab an awareness pin to show your support and *stand up to bullying*.

This year's theme is: Let Kindness Grow!

Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Fundraiser - Raised \$687.00

March 8, 2025 between 11am - 1:30pm

Lower Reach Park river.

Trinity United Church Smiths Falls Chill Team

Sandy is Freezing for a Reason Raising funds for Special Olympics by jumping in the Polar Plunge 2025. *Sandy is jumping so we don't have to.* He just needs us to open our piggy banks and raise those dollars. Go to Trinity United Church Smiths Falls Chill Team | Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Ontario to donate.

This initiative is designed to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics programs. Participants, commonly referred to as "Plungers," seek sponsorship for their chilly challenge, with the funds collected contributing to Special Olympics initiatives, including year-round training and events for athletes with intellectual disabilities.

With Trinity's Commitment and your Generous Support, we are making a difference in our community and showing the Love of Jesus in practical and tangible ways for today's world.

Thank you one and all. We all need each other!