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HELPING PEOPLE. IMPROVING LIVES.

IMPACT STORY

Alissa Enns and Rachelle Ligotino



SECC delivers hot, healthy, and nutritious meals to residents of Learnington, Wheatley, and Kingsville. Over the course of the 2021/2022 year, SECC had the opportunity to respond to emerging issues in the community through the Meals on Wheels program.

Following the August 26, 2021 gas explosion in Wheatley, local residents were affected in countless ways, including difficulty preparing and cooking food. In late September, SECC's Rachelle Ligotino was approached by Matt Keech, Program Manager of Employment & Social Services at the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. SECC was able to provide 54 meals a week from September through November to affected individuals.

SECC was also able to provide hot meals to individuals experiencing homelessness in our area. Alissa Enns, the Project Leader for the Leamington Homelessness Project connected with St. John's Anglican Church and Housing Information Services and together, 6 individuals were registered to receive hot meals throughout October.

Establishing these local initiatives has been possible because of the generous donations of our community members. These monetary donations are directly affecting the lives of the people we serve.



Newcomer Youth participants cooked cultural dishes for their peers at The Bridge.



Language classes took place in person.



SECC was awarded "Welcoming Accessibility" at the Leamington Chamber of Conference Event.



With donations from the community, we once again donated Christmas presents to newcomer families.



Career Week high school and university participants got support with their resumes and heard from guest speakers in various careers.

STAFF YEARS OF SERVICE

5 YEARS 5 YEARS 20 YEARS

Laura Fanjoy Maureen Santos Springer Sandy Boivin

STAFF RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIANTS

PEOPLE Ashleigh

Watson

INTEGRITY Tammy

Legault

MISSION

Jami-Lee Church

COMPASSION

Zeljka Southworth

INCLUSIVITY

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ACHIEVEMENTS LEAMINGTON HOMELESSNESS PROJECT

The SECC Homelessness Project facilitated education and awareness training to 304 community members. This training covered many of the intersectionalities of homelessness including contributing factors, local stats, and housing affordability.



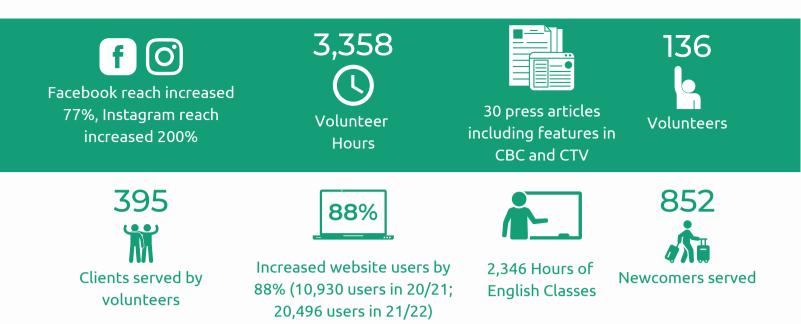
SECC released the "Finding Home Report" which was part of a SEED Grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. To read the report, watch the training, or learn more information, visit secc.on.ca/homelessness.

THE FINDING HOME REPORT RECEIVED CBC NEWS COVERAGE TO DISCUSS THE REPORT & HOMELESSNESS IN LEAMINGTON.

NEWCOMER SERVICES



SECC became 1 of 3 sites in Ontario to pilot a cloud-based client portal. WE Value K2 Pathway to Settlement System, which provides clients with access to their information, referrals and settlement plan.



AGRI-FOOD ENGLISH PROJECT



Through the Newcomer Employment and Training Initiative funded by the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development, SECC's Kayla Davis created and taught a comprehensive curriculum in employment-focused language and settlement supports. For more information and to access the curriculum, visit secc.on.ca/agri-food-project



46 people registered for the pilot training

36 people completed the series

2,616 online training hours completed

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM



SECC was identified by ProsperUs as a lead service provider for out of school time supports programming through it's Ignite Academy, which begins September 2022.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED: Donate Volunteer

Talk About SECC

SECC IS A NON-PROFIT, COMMUNITY SERVICES ORGANIZATION SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF SOUTH ESSEX.



VISION



Building a stronger community one person at a time.

VALUES



PEOPLE

We put them

first.



INTEGRITY

We do the

right thing.



We care.



INCLUSIVITY We welcome everyone.

UPCOMING... "Hearing Homelessness" Podcast SECC's 50th Anniversary Listen online at In 2023, SECC will be hosting secc.on.ca/homelessness events to celebrate! f 🜀 🔰 @SouthEssexCC secc.on.ca United Way Ontario 🕅 Canadä Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada Centraide Windsor-Essex County **Ontario Health** Kingsvu Leamington

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