

HOUSE OF HESED

Autumn 2014

...building a place of loving-kindness

Hesed is a Hebrew word used in the Old Testament to describe the eternally loyal, lavish, extravagant, unrestrained, compassionate, merciful love of our Father God. As recipients of this divine love, we desire to emulate His compassion in our attitudes and actions towards others, particularly toward those people living with HIV/AIDS.

HESED RESIDENT TESTIMONY

I am the youngest of 3 children. I came out to my whole family about 20 years ago during Thanksgiving dinner. When all the family was around the table I said "Mom, Dad by the way I'm gay - pass the turkey. My Mother's reply was "would you like white or dark meat", and that was the end of it, no one ever discussed with me.

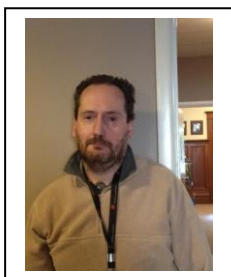
My Mother passed away as a result of kidney disease at the age of 60 and I was right by her side while she took her last breath. I figured I owed her that much since she brought me into this world. I wanted to be there when she left and I was. I was also with my Dad when he passed on.

I started experiencing really bad seizures and needed a lot of support. The person I was living with had a heavy work schedule, and couldn't be there as much as I needed him to be. So we started looking for a place. We found House of Hesed and there I could get the support I needed and be around other people like me. I found out that most of the people at the house seemed to have gone through a lot of struggles just like me.

We all have hope that maybe one day there will be a cure.

At the House of Hesed I have found a totally new family that come from many walks of life. At House of Hesed I can be who I am and not be ashamed or have to hide. I can just be "me" with the support of some very loving and very great staff around me. Here at House of Hesed I am "HOME".

G. B. (House of Hesed resident)



MOE is back....

Thanks to all of you who prayed for me, sent cards and words of encouragement and love.

Cancer sucks but

GOD IS GOOD

ALL THE TIME!!

Moe Feakes

Director



Giving thanks

always and for everything

to God The Father

in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

~ Ephesians 5:20 ~

SEASON OF GIVING THANKS

THANK YOU

to God our Father
from whom all Blessings flow

and to:

- Gio's Cares for donation of food
- Cheryl Friesen for picking up Tim Horton's donations

- Jennifer Gibson and her Mum for delicious cupcakes and Gibson's stew

- Lorraine Strelczk for donation of coffee

-To Lexx Jefferson and the team at Gordie's Coffee House (Gordon King Memorial United Church) for once again organizing the fabulous Wang Dang Doodle fundraising event to benefit House of Hesed. Gordie's Coffee House every Thursday evening 7:00-11:00, 127 Cobourg Ave. I encourage everyone to attend at least once, but I'm warning you that just like coffee, Gordie's can be addictive!

-To "The Luc Gosselin Commemorative Committee" for generously donating the proceeds from the 10th annual Luc Gosselin Volley Ball Tournament to this ministry. I had the privilege of meeting with several members of the committee here at the house. I was so inspired and encouraged by their passion and commitment to honoring Luc's memory by continuing his legacy of generosity, compassion and "Joi de Vivre".

- To Gordon King Memorial for providing and serving supper in April.



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204-415-1459 or 204-772-4793

OPPORTUNITIES

PLEASE PRAY

...For the ongoing healing, health and safety for our residents, staff, volunteers, board members and donors

... wisdom and discernment to support our residents

... increase in monthly supporters

... increase in Church support

WISH LIST

- 2 portable CD/Radios
- paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, serviettes
- Coffee, Coffee, Coffee
- grocery/gas vouchers
- Canadian Tire Money
- paper for photocopier (white, color, letter & legal size)
- family friendly/inspiring movies (DVD)

INVITE US TO SPEAK TO YOUR GROUP

...To learn more about HIV/AIDS

...For continued educational purposes

...To learn how you and your group can get involved

LOVE AND GRATITUDE

We are thankful for all of you - our fabulous committed volunteers, our generous supporters, your prayers, words of encouragement, gifts and.....
for your friendship and love.

Without the support of our donors, House of Hesed would NOT be able to continue to provide the services that we do. We love and appreciate each and every one of you!

HOUSE OF HESED DINNER THEATRE PRODUCTION 2014 “NO PLACE LIKE NOWHERE”



Because so many of you chose to support the House of Hesed through this event, buying tickets, donating, sponsoring, volunteering, etc, over \$40,000.00 was raised at this event!! Yowza!!

Over 1,000 people attended this year's production!

A HUGE THANK YOU

-to our more than 100 faithful Volunteers (we are nothing without you!)
-to our cast and crew;
Robyn VanVliet –oversees kitchen volunteers, meal prep, shopping etc. etc.
Alice Spencler –Super Duper Volunteer Coordinator
Monique and Guy Senecal (stage managers, set design etc. etc.)
John and Linde Feakes (photos and video)
Robert Turnbull (sound and Lights)
David Turnbull – Director
Ron Labbe`-Producer

CAST: David Turnbull, Ron Labbe`, Kaitlyn Lee, Jolene Senecal, Matt Stephenson, Alicia Dash, Michelle Savard, Coco Brunet, Julia Kraemer, DaraLee Orpin, Veronique Plamondon, and Moe Feakes

We would like to give a special thanks to our Sponsors and Patrons. Their support in reducing production costs contributed greatly to the success of this year's theatre. Please support them in any way you can.

SPONSORS

Winnipeg Transition Centre (Employment Counseling and Job Search assistance)
Hoffmann's Fine Foods (Winnipeg Frozen Food Specialists)
Shelmerdine Garden Centre (Your friends in the home and garden)
Taillieu Construction Ltd (Excavation and sewer contractors)
Tache Pharmacy –(Prescription medication, medical supplies)
Plett Trucking – 83 Main St. Landmark,

PATRONS

Brunet Monuments
Jolene's Hair Styles
Senecal Eavestroughing

IT'S A NEW SEASON

Volunteers Needed

- + We are in need of IT support - someone who is capable of showing our computers whose boss by setting them straight when they go off the rails (so to speak!!). Seriously though, we do need someone who can repair our computers from time to time when they aren't functioning properly.
- + We also need someone who is able to maintain and update our website.
- + We need a volunteer with a current drivers' license to assist with our Winnipeg Harvest pick-up and delivery every other Thursday from approx. 12:30 - 2:30ish
- + Volunteers to visit with residents and/or to take them on outings

*If you are able and willing to help us out with any of the above please phone Moe at 204-772-4793

Live-In Missionary Staff – for more detailed information please call Linda @ 204-415-1459.



If you would like to become a supporter of this ministry, please make cheques payable to House of Hesed.

For more information please contact us at:
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www.houseofhesed.ca (see our web-site)



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Financial Appeal

- + **30% of our expenses are offset by EI or Disability.**
- + **70% of expenses comes through donations and fund-raising events.**

Due to illness and shortage of staff, our regular fund-raising events did not happen this year. We appeal to you for your support at this critical time.

AIDS Update in Manitoba

Unfortunately, AIDS is continuing to devastate lives right here in Manitoba and there is no cure in sight. There are an estimated 1,500 Manitobans living with HIV/AIDS. Despite an attempt at education regarding the transmission of HIV, there is still so much fear surrounding the disease. A great many people do not want to get involved in caring for someone living with HIV/AIDS because they do not understand, or falsely believe that they will get infected by just being in the same room with, or touching someone with HIV. The HIV/AIDS disease is transmitted through unprotected sex with an infected partner, sharing needles, or blood to blood contact. You **DO NOT** get it from hugging someone, holding their hand, praying for them or talking with them.

At House of Hesed, we've seen many changes since we first opened in 1998. To date we have been home to approximately 95 men and women ranging in age from 19-65, each with their own unique stories and gifts. It is a privilege to journey with these men and women and a joy to serve them.

We are still the only facility in Manitoba offering a home to men and women living with this disease. We are a Christian ministry and other than a small room and board fee, we do not receive Government funding to operate our home.