



Christmas Event

Friday, December 2, 2016 - 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

**at New Horizons Tower / Dovercourt Baptist Church Auditorium
1140 Bloor St. W. (ground floor), at the Dufferin Subway Station**

New location, same great time. It begins with a Spanish cultural exposition by our Seniors Club at 6:00 pm.

Snacks will be provided at 6:30. At 7:00 pm we begin a program of special music, poetry, stories and recognition. Guest Speaker Tim McCoy (Executive Director of the CBOQ) will provide some inspiring words.

This is the time of year for all of our community members to celebrate the special season together. Below the

Oasis Choir is rehearsing for their special performance.

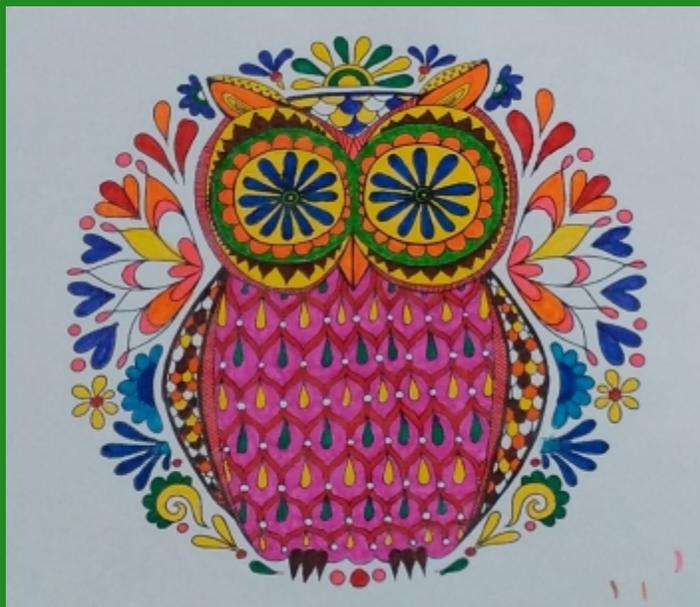


Breakfast at Tiffany's

Well, how about breakfast at Oasis? For the last few weeks we have been trying out providing a simple breakfast at the Oasis food bank on Wednesdays. So far it has been a hit with our community members and volunteers alike. Nothing lightens the mood while waiting your turn at intake than having a bite with old and new friends. We also have activity tables with adult colouring and Word search. Who knew the food bank could be the happening place to be?



Here is an example of the adult colouring artwork done by one of our community members.



A Wonderful Walkathon

Thank you everyone who participated in our Walkathon and Spoken Word Poetry Slam. We visited seven holy sites in our neighbourhood and reflected on how God has and is working in those locations. The riddle format and photo treasure hunt was appreciated by all including the children. We raised over \$4000 for the work of Oasis. The highlight of the event was the poetry performances by Andrea, one of our summer students and newest Board member. A video of her performance has been posted on the Oasis Dufferin Community Centre Facebook page. Andrea will perform another work at the Oasis Christmas Event.



The Oasis Blog Records our Special Moments

Our Blog "What I Have Learned So Far" is featured on the Oasis website at:

<http://www.oasisdufferin.org/index.php/blog/category/5>. It chronicles the discoveries we make on a daily basis. For example, our October 13, 2016 post entitled "The Widow's Mite" reads:

It is amazing to see a Bible story replay right in front of you. But earlier this week that very thing happened. A community member came up to me during our dinner and asked if he could make a donation to our work. I knew he had very little money, so I told him there was no need to do so unless he could afford to give it. He produced a ten dollar bill and insisted I take it. He told me that he had recently won a bet and wanted to share a portion of his windfall with Oasis. I was reminded about the Bible story of Jesus in the temple watching people make a show of contributing large amounts. Then a widow sheepishly gave a small coin, a mite. Jesus said that because she had given out of her poverty, her donation was the generous one.