



## **Be a Food Bank Client for a Morning**

**Saturday, May 7, 2016 - 10:00 am - noon.**

**at Oasis Dufferin Community Centre**

**1219 Dufferin Street, two lights north of Bloor Street**

Oasis is having a special event inviting everyone to role-play being a client of its food bank. As you walk into Oasis you will be given a short biography of a typical food bank client and go through the intake and food distribution process as if you were that person. Then you will be given some play money and try to figure out a monthly budget. Afterwards you will go into a fifteen minute counselling session, sit in an addictions group meeting and observe a basic job skills training session. It finishes with a discussion of what you have seen including a time for questions and answers.



## Check Out the New Oasis Blog

Our new Blog "What I Have Learned So Far" is up and running on the Oasis website at:

<http://www.oasisdufferin.org/index.php/blog/category/5>. It chronicles the discoveries made by Richard Steinecke as he steps into this fantastic organization. For example, our February 17, 2016 post entitled "Celebrating Victories" begins:

*One of our longest serving and active community members was oozing excitement. He had to speak with me the moment I came in. He had obtained a good full time job that suited his talents. "It has been three years" he told me. I was thrilled to be sharing this moment with him. While his departure from his volunteer duties would be difficult for us, we could only be happy for his success.*

## **New Programs**

Oasis has added a drop-in centre on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00-6:00 pm. What began as showing a Christmas movie last December has grown into an ongoing opportunity for people to gather, socialize, play the piano, watch a movie and engage in activities. It is followed by our Tuesday evening Community Kitchen meal at 6:00 pm.

The Oasis Spanish Seniors program is fully operational now, happening every Wednesday afternoon. The group is bonding over lunch and discussions. Thank you Sofia and Natalia for your hard work.

## **Thank You David Norton**

David Norton, who has led Oasis for more than a year, is returning to London. Oasis staff, volunteers and Board members said goodbye to him at a luncheon last week. Besides the traditional cake and card, everyone around the table shared stories of special moments where they had appreciated David's wisdom, humour (especially his laugh), humility and leadership by example. Thank you David.

## **Thank You Spring Garden Church**

Volunteer teams help a lot. This past week a group from Spring Garden Church spruced up Oasis with a Spring Cleaning. Thank you so much.





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