



High Interest in Innovative Event

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

at Oasis Dufferin Community Centre

1219 Dufferin Street, two lights north of Bloor Street

Excitement has been building on the Be a Food Bank Client event coming on May 7th. Politicians from all three levels of government have committed to attend. Emails asking about the event have come from workers from other agencies. Staff and volunteers have been preparing for their part in the morning. Those attending will, on arrival, be able to choose a short biography of a typical food bank client and go through the intake and food distribution process as if they were that person. Then they will be given some play money and try to figure out a monthly budget. Afterwards they will attend a fifteen minute counselling session, sit in an addictions group meeting and observe a basic job skills training class. Come as individuals, families or small groups.



Oasis Blog Has Plenty of New Entries

Our new Blog "What I Have Learned So Far" has 24 entries and is growing weekly, Check it out 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, a recent post entitled "Camels and Needles" begins:

"I'm just like Jesus". This was not a grandiose claim of self-importance. Nor was a symptom of an acute mental illness. Our community member was simply identifying with the poverty of Jesus. His point was that Jesus could have chosen to be rich and comfortable...



Bible Study Resumes

With the change over in personnel, the weekly Bible study at Oasis was put on hold. But community members kept asking about it. Then some volunteers stepped forward and wanted to help lead a Bible study. Is someone trying to send us a message? The first meeting was held on April 26th and included a lively discussion of the parable of the Great Banquet. Community members could relate to the invitation being extended to everyone, not just prominent leaders of society.



Spanish Seniors Group

The Wednesday afternoon Spanish Seniors group had high attendance and plenty of fellowship and discussions. It ended with a celebration by group members, staff and volunteers. Thank you Sofia and Natalia for your hard work.

A new, innovative group is now starting on Thursdays that will involve a coordinated program to draw Spanish speaking seniors into the community. More details to follow.

Women's Counselling Continues

The group counselling sessions for Spanish speaking women concluded its winter run last week. A new group is forming for the Spring. Interested people should contact Erika at Oasis. Individual counselling with Erika continues each week. Learn more at the demonstration at the May 7th event.



Our new Food Bank approach allows community members greater choice.



*Awaiting the onslaught on Wednesday morning.
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