



# OASIS DUFFERIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

## UPDATE: DECEMBER, 2010 / JANUARY, 2011



Dear Friend,

Happy New Year! Everyone at Oasis Dufferin Community Centre wishes you all the best in 2011.

### HERE IS WHAT IS NEW AT OASIS:

- On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, the Oasis Christmas Celebration took place. Many Oasis supporters, staff, volunteers and friends joined together to share in a special evening filled with great music, delicious food, an Oasis update and an inspiring Christmas message. Thanks to everyone who participated and to those who made the evening possible.

Moses Falco at Oasis Celebration.



### Mary Cowan, thanked Brian Seim for his 16 years of service as Chair of the Oasis Board.



Lunch at Oasis Church.



- The Oasis Senior's Program had its special Christmas get together also. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, about 15 Spanish speaking seniors enjoyed watching the Christmas Nativity Movie as well as sharing a wonderful meal and receiving gifts that had been donated by our Oasis partner churches.

- On Wed. Dec. 22nd, the Oasis Church prepared a special Christmas meal for the Oasis community. Over 105 people were served a special Turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Live music was playing, friendships were being developed and the Oasis Church was able to share the special meaning of Christmas with many people.

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- The Oasis Church “Life Group” kicked off the New Year with eleven in attendance. This truly intercultural group included people from Bolivia, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Grenada, Guyana, Poland, St. Vincent, and USA. One of the group’s founding members, Janet, prepared an authentic Caribbean meal for all to share. The informal Bible Study Group concluded with a discussion about real love and Jesus as God’s ultimate expression of authentic love. The group meets Tuesdays at 6:30pm.

**Please note: Oasis no longer collects used postage stamps. Thanks to everyone who sent in the used stamps in the past.**

**Prayer Requests:**

- Please pray for the Oasis Board, Staff and more than 25 volunteers who give their time and effort to make a difference at Oasis. Some of the Oasis volunteers are new to Canada and have varying needs as well. Pray that the entire Oasis team will work well together and also be able to care for each other’s needs. The Oasis Volunteer Placement Program allows a unique experience for mutual learning and growth to take place in an urban inter-cultural setting.
- In 2010, Oasis served 8,591 people directly through the Oasis Emergency Food Bank. Of those, 1,953 were children. Overall in 2010, more than 12,200 people received food at Oasis about a nine percent increase from 2009. Please pray for all the families who visit Oasis and that their basic needs will be met.
- Please pray for the next Oasis event: **The Oasis Walk/Run or Play to be held in the spring of 2011.**
- Pray for the members of the Oasis Church Life Group. During the next few months, the group will be studying the books of Luke and Acts. Also Pray for Pastor Scott Rourk as he leads these gatherings.

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Chris Ortiz,  
Executive Director**



**Oasis Christmas Celebration 2010: food, friends and more.**

Photo: Quincy McColgan



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