



It has been seven months since Christ's Church Cathedral partnered with St. Matthews House to offer the ministry of the Cathedral Café six days per week, 7 hours per day to our neighbours who are living precariously. This ministry could not be possible without the financial contributions from the City of Hamilton and YOUR support (financial, prayers and in-kind service). Together with the staff from St. Matthews House, we have a roster of 148 volunteers, working to serve, support and provide hope to the 160 people who visit the Cathedral Café daily. As we know, the City of Hamilton, like many communities across Ontario and Canada, are faced with a housing crisis. There are approximately 1,600 people without housing in our community, 200 living in encampments. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE! We know that we are not resolving the housing crisis at the Cathedral Café; however, we are providing a welcoming and inclusive environment where people can access wraparound services, support, food, beverages, clothing.

The following is an update on the impact and outcomes occurring:

Cathedral Café

Seven month impact (Dec/23 to Jun/24)



- ⇒ Over **29,000** visits to the Café
- ⇒ Average of 160 unique individuals per day
- ⇒ Approximately two-thirds of guests are unhoused (street, tent, hostel, friend)



- ⇒ **81 applications** for housing and/or connection to housing services
- ⇒ 3 people housed through support of St. Matthews House staff
- ⇒ Approx. **850 instances of using visiting on-site health supports** (health van, doctor, etc.)
- ⇒ **70 people connected/reconnected to financial supports** (Ontario Works, Ontario Disability)
- ⇒ Assisted other agencies and intensive case-management services to connect with guests **332 times**



- ⇒ Approx. 35,736 meals served
- ⇒ Brewed about 5251 pots of coffee = 63,000 cups
- ⇒ Over 5000 pieces of clothing and warm weather gear were given out, thanks to generous donations.