



Samaritan House Safe and Warm Shelter Year End Report 2016-2017

Samaritan House Ministries has completed our fifth year of operations of the Safe and Warm Shelter.

This year Samaritan House was able to open one month early due to a generous donation from a community benefactor. Samaritan House opened November 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

Samaritan House was also able to increase occupancy from ten beds to twenty beds this year by the same benefactor purchasing a window for the shelter allowing people to escape in case of fire.

The Safe and Warm Shelter is a damp shelter for clients 18 years of age and older. Referrals were made to Youth for Christ, Housing First, Women's Shelter, CMHA, AFM and 7th Street Health Access.

Referrals to Shelter came from Brandon Police Service, RCMP, John Howard Society, Brandon Correctional Institute, CMHA, YWCA, 7th Street Health Access, Employment Income Assistance, Churches, Businesses and word of mouth.

The total number of clients who accessed the shelter were 114 with 13 carried over from last year. Samaritan House provided 784 Bed nights and was open 142 nights.

11 clients were referred to Brandon Housing First and successfully housed.

Samaritan House employed five Safe and Warm support workers through Homeless Partnering Strategy funding along with a site supervisor to oversee all operations of shelter.

Shelter programming included but is not limited to the following:

1. Anger Workshop
2. Budget Workshop
3. H'art for the Homeless Workshop
4. Dry Sock program
5. Backpacks/purses with self-care packs
6. Christmas gift packs for each client on Christmas day
7. Frozen Meal program (supper)
8. Muffins/coffee/fruit (breakfast)

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Thank you to all of our community partners which include but are not limited to:

Glacier Wash, Brandon Police Service, Canadian Forces Base-Shilo (Government of Canada), Nifty Needlers, Brandon Chef Association, Crocus Culinary Institute, and 7th street Health Access (Prairie Mountain Health).

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