

LIVING THE GOSPEL

... by providing for Those in Need

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42 agencies and grant recipients.

**2017 Parish Campaign
ShareLife Sunday Collections
April 2 | May 7 | June 4**



“LIVING THE GOSPEL”



As a Catholic community, we are called to live the Gospel in many ways. As individuals, we can volunteer our time by helping within our parish community, or by giving of our talents to help those in need in the greater society. Our parishes provide out of the cold programs, food banks, or other parish ministries that require our support. There are many ways that we can fulfill the Gospel call to “love one another as I have loved you”.

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we are fortunate to have the annual ShareLife campaign as a way that we can collectively express our love for neighbour. With our generous support, 42 agencies provide front line social services and programs to the entire community, bringing the message of the Gospel to those in need. Whether it is by providing counselling to families coping with the loss of a loved one or evangelizing in the greater world, ShareLife agencies are fulfilling a core component of our Pastoral Plan of Catholic Outreach in justice and love.

In the encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis notes ‘Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society.’ ShareLife agencies bring this message to life, and as we reflect on their work, we realize the important role that the Catholic church plays in our society to care for those in need. I am grateful for the way that our parishioners answer the call to support their work through our annual appeal.

Our agencies are developing new programs and enhancing services to meet the needs of those who come to them for help. This year, we are providing increased allocations to support their work, and I invite you to join me in helping them by making a sacrificial gift to the 2017 ShareLife campaign. More than ever, we are called to love our neighbour, and our generous support for ShareLife is one of the ways that we bring the hands of Christ to those in need. As we note in Proverbs, ‘Happy is the generous man, the one who feeds the poor.’ Thank you for your care of the needs of others through your support for ShareLife!

May our Lord bless you always.

† Thomas Card. Collins

Thomas Cardinal Collins
Archbishop of Toronto

RESPONDING GENEROUSLY

with Justice and Love



2017 ShareLife Parish Campaign Goal: \$13.1 million

ShareLife is the annual charitable appeal of the Archdiocese of Toronto, raising funds to help support a large family of Catholic agencies. ShareLife’s social service agencies provide services in more than 20 different languages to many people in our archdiocese on an annual basis, and countless more in developing countries around the world.

Our parish campaign, along with our corporate and school appeals, collectively raised over \$13.7 million in 2016 to support the work of our agencies.

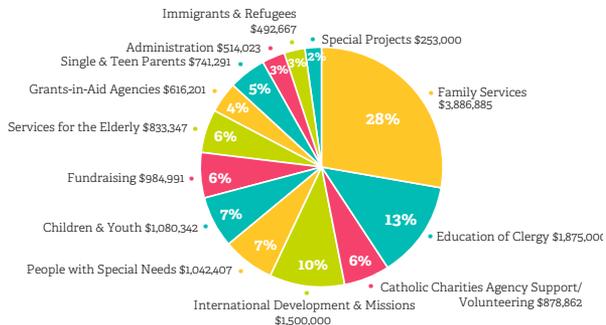
ShareLife Accomplishments in 2016

- parishioners contributed \$12,065,419 in the annual Parish Campaign
- helped over 21,000 people deal with stress, anxiety, personal crisis, domestic violence and troubled relationships through our Catholic Family Service agencies.
- provided a summer camp experience at Camp Ozanam for over 600 boys from families who experience financial or domestic challenges.
- Started two new pilot projects—one to assist isolated seniors in the Peel and Simcoe County regions, and another to begin the process for a grief reconciliation program for young mothers.

Ways to give

- Make a sacrificial gift at your parish
—ShareLife collections (April 2, May 7, June 4) or on-line at www.sharelife.org.
- Respond to the ShareLife mail appeal – send your gift to your parish.
- Designate ShareLife as your charity of choice in your workplace charitable campaign.
- Ask your employer to match your ShareLife contribution in the workplace.
- Donate publicly traded securities to ShareLife.
- Leave a legacy gift to ShareLife in your estate plans.

2016 SHARELIFE ALLOCATIONS



2017 SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

– New Initiatives



ShareLife will be allocating \$13.68 million into the work of our agencies in 2017—a \$485,000 increase over the previous year. The additional funding will:

- Support the retention and enhancement of agency staff to meet the increased demand for services;
- Maintain walk-in counselling clinic services to families, giving clients access to same day service without an appointment, thereby reducing or eliminating the need for additional counselling sessions;
- Enhance life-skills and mentorship to youth in transitional housing. These supportive measures help youth make a positive transition from foster care to independent living with training, mentorship and after care services;
- Offer expanded assistance and support to isolated and marginalized seniors in the City of Toronto;
- Provide shared services or back-office integration among agencies, which improves administrative efficiencies, organizational effectiveness and organizational capacity. Currently, agencies are sharing resources in financial management and human resources services, while information technology options are being explored. St. Elizabeth Service Trust serves as a service provider for this project;
- Help agencies to build capacity to evaluate and report on the effectiveness and impact of programs and services, which assists in demonstrating the importance of ShareLife funding;
- Support the continuation of a pilot project to support outreach to seniors in Peel Region and Simcoe County. Working with the local Catholic Family Service agencies and six parishes, this initiative aims to connect trained volunteers with isolated and lonely seniors, who will be provided support in their daily lives. Volunteers will cultivate and nurture relationship with the seniors by conducting home visits, making phone calls, and connecting seniors with resources available in their community;
- Support the continuation of a pilot project to test the applicability of a grief reconciliation approach for young mothers who have suffered trauma and other mental health issues. The project aims to provide an opportunity for the young mothers to explore grief and to recognize the impact on their functioning thereby creating readiness to engage in therapy to support healthy physical, psychological, spiritual and social well-being;
- Provide funds to the John Paul the Great Centre at St. Augustine of Canterbury parish. The centre helps to build and transform the spiritual lives of those who use it, and provides regular after-school programs, activities for seniors and a drug addiction and prevention support group.

FAMILY SERVICES

\$3,886,885 (2016 allocations)



“If Catholic Family Services didn’t exist, what would happen? Families would fall apart, couples wouldn’t stay married and children wouldn’t live with both parents.”

Michelle Bergin, Executive Director, CFS Simcoe

Having experienced childhood sexual abuse, Tom originally sought counselling treatment for resulting depression at a mental health clinic. After the death of his wife, his increased drinking, drug addiction, suicidal thoughts, depression and financial loss had placed an immense strain on his relationship with his mother and two sons. As his life continued on a downward spiral, and the clinic was limited in their ability to help him, they directed him to get in touch with Catholic Family Services in Simcoe in order to better meet his needs.

“My life began to slowly change for the better,” says Tom. “Once I received treatment from CFS Simcoe, my family relationships improved substantially over the past year.” Through the 12 step program and other counseling, Tom has now experienced a healing in his family relationships. He feels a peace and serenity and his life is anchored with joy and happiness that he now passes on to others. “Giving hope and saving lives is what this is all about,” shares Tom, “I felt the direct impact of that love and support. I am very grateful to ShareLife for the funding they provide for the counseling services here at Catholic Family Services of Simcoe.”

Catholic Family Service agencies across the Archdiocese provided crucial and confidential individual, family, couple and group counselling to over 21,000 people last year.

Catholic Family Services of Durham	\$440,197
www.cfsdurham.com (905) 725-3513 (Oshawa) (905) 428-1984 (Ajax) (905) 985-4221 (Port Perry)	
Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin	\$576,224
www.cfspd.com (905) 450-1608 (Brampton) (905) 897-1644 (Mississauga)	
Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County	\$667,447
www.cfssc.ca (705) 726-2503 (Barrie) (705) 526-9397 (Midland)	
Catholic Family Services of Toronto	\$1,603,213
www.cfstoronto.com (416) 921-1163	
Catholic Community Services of York Region	\$485,788
www.ccsyr.org (905) 770-7040	
FertilityCare Toronto (formerly Marguerite Bourgeyos Family Centre)	\$61,200
www.fertilitycare.ca (416) 465-2868	
Natural Family Planning Association	\$52,816
www.naturalfamilyplanning.ca/toronto (416) 481-5465	

SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

\$1,042,407 (2016 allocations)



“Without accessible programming in American Sign Language with Deaf mentors, Deaf youth aren’t engaged in activities they can become passionate about. Imagine never being exposed to the thing you love to do, or feeling that so many doors are never open to you.”

Kelly MacKenzie, Executive Director, Silent Voice

Taavi wasn’t engaged at his school or in extracurricular sports. He faced obstacles trying to join sports teams with his hearing peers. His mom encouraged him to try to participate in the Deaf community. He joined a Deaf basketball fun day hosted by Silent Voice and met Mike, Director of the Silent Voice Child and Family Program. That’s when Taavi’s life changed. He joined a Deaf sports team; he was given a co-op position with Silent Voice in his 4th year of high school; he’s helped host Silent Voice sports clinics and events; he was hired as a counsellor in the Silent Voice Sign Language Summer day camp; and continues to volunteer to support Silent Voice.

“I want to be a role model for Deaf kids, like Mike was to me. I want to work with Deaf kids, or any position that allows me to work with any part of the Deaf community. I’m grateful for how much Mike, and Silent Voice changed my life.”

Through partnerships and collaborative efforts to break barriers, Silent Voice provided programs in American Sign Language to over 750 deaf adults, youth, children and their families.

Mary Centre www.marycentre.com (416) 630-5533 (Toronto) (905) 866-6300 (Brampton)	\$157,100
Our Place Community of Hope www.ourplacecommunityofhope.com (416) 598-2919	\$263,609
Saint Elizabeth Health Care www.saintelizabeth.com (905) 940-9655	\$45,000
Silent Voice Canada www.silentvoice.ca (416) 463-1104 (Voice) & (416) 463-3928 (TTY)	\$230,126
St. Bernadette’s Family Resource Centre www.stbernadettesfrc.org (416) 654-9810	\$40,000
St. Michael’s Homes / Matt Talbot Houses www.stmichaelshomes.org (416) 926-8267	\$186,572
Street Haven at the Crossroads www.streethaven.com (416) 967-6060	\$120,000

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MISSIONS

\$1,500,000 (2016 allocations)



“With our ShareLife support, Father Kumar from the Diocese of Guntur, India, will be helping to evangelize the faith not only for today, but for the future as well.”

Arthur Peters, Executive Director, ShareLife

St. Anthony’s parish in the Diocese of Guntur in India has nine mission stations which are between 10-15 kilometres away from the parish. There are nearly 350 Catholic families and five hundred children going to school from these areas. As the mission stations are a distance from the parish, the faithful do not experience many religious activities. The parents are uneducated and spiritually weak, and are unable to help their children grow in faith.

Father Mayakuntala Kumar, pastor of the parish, with the support of the Pastoral Mission Fund and ShareLife, will be conducting a Children Faith Formation Camp to help the children to become rooted in the Catholic faith. This will help to bring the faith to their families, and help them to become a channel to carry Christ to the people.

Pastoral Mission Fund provides the evangelization of faith through catechism classes, workshops, support for missionaries, motorcycles, sound systems, and technology for parishes. They also support the provision of clean water, religious programs, lectures, and training courses. Additionally, ShareLife-supported Development and Peace has supported over 15,000 local initiatives in fields such as agriculture, education, community action as well as the consolidation of peace and advocacy for human rights in 70 countries.

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace \$800,000

www.devp.org | (416) 922-1592

Pastoral Mission Fund

\$700,000

(416) 934-0606 ext. 516



SERVICES FOR SINGLE AND TEEN PARENTS

\$741,291 (2016 allocations)



“Many young clients come to us in desperation, not knowing what to do with an unplanned pregnancy. Thanks to the guidance of our Counsellors and our Parenting Programs, we are very proud to see them become confident and self-reliant parents raising thriving kids. Their success is our best achievement” Maria Reolin, Executive Director, Vita Centre

“In what I would call one of the worst years of my life, I had Vita Centre on my side.” shares Katie, “I am a single mother of three children with a 16-year-old, a 10-year-old and an 8-month-old. With an unplanned pregnancy, having a baby on the way just made my life even more complicated than it already was! I had no income, was not living in my own place, and had so little of the necessities in life like food and clothing . This simply wasn’t enough to provide for my family. A counsellor at Vita Centre offered me one session per week to come in and just talk. That hour each week with my counsellor was just what I needed, as well as providing me with a lot of baby items. The Scrapbooking Club program took me to another place of imagining what it was going to be like when my baby was born. It allowed me to put together a scrapbook of memories, which was extremely healing to my mind. ShareLife-supported Vita Centre provided care and comfort, giving me peace of mind to know that someone is there and that I’m not alone.”

Last year over 4,700 young mothers received individual and group counselling, childcare, meals and outreach assistance through ShareLife-supported agencies in the Greater Toronto Area.

Rosalie Hall www.rosaliehall.com (416) 438-6880	\$81,719
Rose of Durham Young Parents Support Services www.roseofdurham.com (905) 432-3622 (Oshawa) (289) 385-1160 (Ajax)	\$269,591
Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers www.therose.ca (905) 853-5514	\$269,981
Vita Centre www.vitamanor.org (905) 502-7933	\$120,000

SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

\$833,347

(2016 allocations)



“So many times I have been left in awe at the selfless outpouring of service, love and compassion, from the men and women we call volunteers. I witness daily how our volunteers help to alleviate loneliness and bring meaning to the lives of our seniors. Our programs would not exist without them.” Mariza Garcia, Executive Director, Society of Sharing

“Words cannot convey our gratitude to Elizabeth and to the Society of Sharing for giving our mother a new meaning to her life. Before the friendly visit program started, our mother was very depressed and unmotivated, and as a fragile senior, she was feeling very worthless, heavily dependent on her family. However, her life changed when Elizabeth started to visit her. Elizabeth is a very kind, talented, energetic and enthusiastic volunteer and her hobby is artwork. She decided to share her talent with our mother and has been giving her art lessons in acrylic painting. The intellectual stimulation has been tremendous and, as a result, has enhanced her health and quality of life. When she is doing artwork, she forgets about her arthritic pain and her other health problems, and relaxes and focuses on her art projects. Elizabeth is an inspiration, who is selfless, thoughtful and very dedicated. Her gift of time is indeed priceless and she is making a difference in our mothers’ life. Thank you again, for all your support.”

Last year, ShareLife-supported agencies provided programs that met the needs of over 2,000 seniors across the Greater Toronto Area. In 2017, new funding will continue to help ShareLife agencies expand services for seniors in Peel Region and Simcoe County.

Centres d’Accueil Héritage \$98,347

www.caheritage.org | (416) 365-3350

LA Centre for Active Living \$55,000

www.loyolaarrupecentre.com | (416) 766-7977

Providence Healthcare \$600,000

www.providence.on.ca | (416) 285-3666

Society of Sharing \$80,000

www.societyofsharing.org | (416) 413-0380



SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

\$1,080,342 (2016 allocations)



“Sancta Maria House, a home for young women continues to tear down the walls of loneliness and helplessness, to build bridges of faith and hope for a brighter tomorrow. They are counting on all of us.” Sonia Layne, Executive Director, Sancta Maria House

Lauren was born in Antigua and was raised by her grandmother from the age of two after her mother migrated to Canada. At 14 years old, she came to live in Canada with her mother. Things then turned violent and she was hospitalized after she received several beatings from her mother. In June 2014, Lauren left home and found sanctuary at Sancta Maria House when she was 16 years old. For two years, Sancta Maria House staff helped her to register at a new school and assisted her with her studies in order to help her improve her grades. “When I came to Sancta Maria House, I was failing all my courses but with the help of the staff I passed all my credits and graduated from high school. I am now planning to go to Community College to become a Child and Youth Worker.” shares Lauren, “ I also received counseling to help me deal with my anger towards my mother, and the sadness of leaving my grandmother in Antigua. Best of all, what I received from ShareLife-supported Sancta Maria House is the love and support from the staff and other residents. Thank You!”

In Toronto, as many as 10,000 young people spend some time on the street every year. Recent studies show that homeless youth are 11 times more likely to die young than their peers. Through Sancta Maria House and other ShareLife-supported agencies, we can make a positive difference and provide compassionate care in the lives of youth in crisis.

Camp Ozanam (St. Vincent de Paul) www.svdptoronto.org (416) 364-5577	\$175,000
Covenant House Toronto www.covenanthouse.ca (416) 598-4898	\$500,000
Office of Catholic Youth www.ocytoronto.org (416) 599-7676	\$170,000
Sancta Maria House www.pointinc.org/sancta-maria-house (416) 925-7333	\$40,142
Youth in Transition (416) 934-3401	\$195,200



IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

\$420,267 (2016 allocations)

Office for Refugees **\$302,400**

www.archtoronto.org/refugee | (416) 645-0827

Catholic Cross-Cultural Services **\$190,267**

www.cathcrosscultural.org | (416) 757-7010

“With our help from ShareLife-supported Office for Refugees, Leila and her family from Jordan may have never had a chance at living a safe life. Now they no longer have to fear for their lives because of their religion and can live safely and continue to help others who are in a similar situation.” Dr. Martin Mark, Executive Director, Office for Refugees

EDUCATION OF CLERGY

\$1,875,000 (2016 allocations)

St. Augustine’s Seminary of Toronto **\$1,700,000**

www.staugustines.on.ca | (416) 261-7207

Serra House **\$100,000**

www.vocationstoronto.ca/serra.htm | (416) 968-0997

Redemptoris Mater Seminary **\$75,000**

(416) 264-9466



At ShareLife-funded agencies such as Serra House, St. Augustine’s and Redemptoris Mater Seminaries, individuals undergo extensive theological education and practical field training. Through ShareLife, you are helping people like Matt pursue vocations to the priesthood and inspire discernment for God’s call.

AGENCY SUPPORT, ADVOCACY AND VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

\$878,862 (2016 allocations)

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto **\$878,862**

www.catholiccharitiestor.org | (416) 934-3401

GRANTS-IN-AID

\$616,201 (2016 allocations)

The deVeber Institute **\$8,500**

Birthright Incorporated **\$20,000**

Right to Life Association of Toronto **\$40,000**

New Beginnings **\$50,000**

Canadian Food for Children **\$85,000**

Good Shepherd Centre **\$95,000**

Hospital Chaplaincy **\$200,000**

Special grants allocated by Catholic Charities **117,701***

* Catholic Charities, with the support of ShareLife, provided additional community grants to aid the hungry, the homeless, children and youth living in poverty, women dealing with mental health issues and the trauma of abortion, people with disabilities and prison ministry through community reintegration programs.

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