

## **#1 – On the Street...Covenant House**

ShareLife, the Catholic Church's fundraising arm right here in the Archdiocese of Toronto, is making a difference. We're answering the call of Jesus to help those in need by supporting 34 very special agencies.

We help people like Michael, who was abused at a young age and found home wasn't a safe place to be. He figured living on the street was a better alternative...that is, until he started a drug habit he couldn't afford. After stealing to fund his addiction, he hit rock bottom and finally decided he'd had enough of the streets. He turned to Covenant House, a ShareLife agency helping street youth in Toronto, to get his life back together. More than 11,000 young people like Michael call the streets home every night. Covenant House helped Michael with shelter, but also assistance to get a job and finish his high school diploma.

We remember that Jesus said to us, "Blessed are the poor in spirit...for theirs is the kingdom of God." Today we remember the less fortunate, those we pass by each day who are lost. Through the annual ShareLife appeal, we have the ability to offer a ray of hope where there is darkness. May our acts of kindness be a sign of our faith in action.

Our Father...(or other appropriate prayer)