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# SMUNMC NEWS

#### COME TOGETHER TOUR



There are two basic reasons which energize people to engage: being together and doing together. We come together to form connections, aid where we can and to build a sense of trust, belonging and safety. When we are linked to help each other thrive, we build a community of care, which allows us to grow as individuals and as groups collectively.

Our 2024 tour will come together to provide generously donated free clothing and hygiene products to those who will benefit in the Niagara Region. We will be linked with our participants and resourceful, informative community partners that can guide and direct to overcome obstacles and enrich lives in a healthy, positive way.



#### OUR COMMUNITY STUFFED THE TRUCK!

Our first 'Stuff The Truck' with hygiene products was a huge success! We had so much support from all over the community! From the generous people at Starbucks, Zehrs &Food Basics providing drinks & food to Fairview Mall\_for allowing us to park Mo onsite to get filled.

Thank you to all who came by with products. We couldn't do what we do without you! We are ready to hit the road and share!



#### DID YOU KNOW?

Frostbite may be able to spread across a limb in as little as 30 minutes. That and hypothermia is one of the serious health risks that people without warm, winter clothing have to endure. For those that do not have protection from the elements and proper clothing it is very common

A temporary modular shelter with 50 beds is being set up at 29 Riordon St. ir St. Catharines for approximately two years. This shelter will provide a safe place for those in need while a permanent location is established.

Once a permanent site is open, operations will move to the new shelter and the modular units will be used elsewhere in Niagara.

- 80% of textiles that are thrown away can be recycled multiple times
- Only 15% of textiles are being recycled.
- Nearly 100 % of textiles and clothing are recyclable.

By donating your unwanted clothe: you are supporting others in our community and helping the environment. Mobilizer:
serves our community
in a kind, non judgemental
and respectful way.

## MEET A MOBILIZER

#### MADELINE UNRUH

Moblilizing Since October 21

I started volunteering at NMC in October of 2021 because of my extracurricular programs volunteer hour requirement. I typically enjoy doing simple tasks like sorting at work so when I saw the posting for NMC I thought it would be a good change of pace from my working job and give me an opportunity to destress every week from university life.

This experience has been such a fun adventure over the last 2 years with moving locations and going out to a few shopping events. I think a crucial part of this organization is actually going out and meeting the people you are helping first hand to truly understand the impact you have on them. Throughout this experience I have met so



many amazing people who make my week that much better. We have some great laughs no matter who is there. It has truly been an honor to experience and watch everyone at NMC grow over the past 2 years and I am so happy to have been a part of it.

## OCT/NOV STATS - 5 EVENTS

454 Shoppers

212 Male

242 Females 17 Community Partners In Attendance

323 Served Hygiene

### **OCTOBER DRIVE-BY DINNER STATS**

Living Rough Recipients 190 25 Stops

190 Dinners 48 16 - 23 Years Old

65 Hoodies 56 Shoes

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