



The Good Samaritan Corner

Partnering to help those who are Homeless

Recently, the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay partnered with Soles4Souls Canada to provide brand-new shoes to the homeless in North Bay.

The committee of volunteers distributed 87 pairs of shoes to eight organizations including the Gathering Place, the AIDS Committee of North Bay, Healthy Community Ambassador Program (HCAP), Boots on the Ground, Catholic Charities, Hope Awaits Ministries, True Self and Open Arms Café; frontline organizations who provide much-needed assistance to the homeless in North Bay.

“We are thankful to the wonderful people at Soles4Souls Canada for supporting our committee’s efforts to help clothe those who are homeless in North Bay,” stated Leah Pierce, chairperson for the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay.

Outreach workers, like Benji and Kassidy from HCAP commented that most people who are homeless are on their feet all day, and due to their lifestyle shoes are often stolen, which means that it is not uncommon to have clients walk into their building barefoot regardless of the weather.

The committee is made up of the faithful from churches primarily in North Bay’s downtown, who have joined together to address the immediate needs of the homeless. Its goal is to work with all levels of government, existing support services and organizations to find homes for the homeless who want them. Each committee member has received a calling by the Holy Spirit to help the homeless.

Soles4Souls Canada turns shoes and clothing into educational and economic opportunities. Their programs, 4Opportunity and 4Relief aim to make a positive difference on the planet and in people’s economic, educational, physical, and psychosocial well-being. Together with their supporters, more than 2.1 million pairs of shoes and pieces of clothing have helped create opportunities for people across the world. Soles4Souls Canada is headquartered in Toronto, Ontario. Visit soles4soulsCanada.org for more information.

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