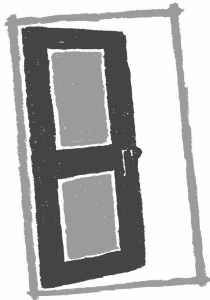


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*"Devote yourselves to prayer being watchful
and thankful. And pray for us too, that God
may open a door for our message."
Colossians 4:2-3*

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Operation Manna

**Working in partnership
to make a difference
in your community**

Community Networking Coordinator
Youth Outreach Centre
Pregnancy Care Centre
Collective Kitchen
Adult Literacy Program
Campus Life Worker
Youth Arts Studio
Children's Early Reading Program
Job-Readiness Training
Single Parents Support Group
Employment Skills Training

**Answers to Questions
about Operation Manna**

Who? What? When?



A program of Diaconal Ministries Canada
Transforming Communities in Christ

WHO we are and who we partner with:

- Operation Manna is a program of Diaconal Ministries Canada (DMC) that provides funding and development services to community outreach ministries across Canada.
- Operation Manna partners with local Christian Reformed Churches (CRC) and para-church organizations.
- Recently funded projects include youth centres, job-readiness training, community outreach coordinators, crisis pregnancy centres, and collective kitchens.
- Every project is reviewed and equipped to grow according to program guidelines for effective holistic ministry.
- Project funding is made possible by the generous gifts of Christian Reformed Churches to Operation Manna each spring.

WHAT we hear from our partners:

“I cannot begin to describe how encouraging OM has been to our ministry. It has been a pleasure to have OM work alongside us and discuss areas that need to improve, areas that are strong, and to tap into OM’s resources to further developing the ministry.”

Operation Manna’s work with community ministries is “... empowering, flexible and open to new ideas that serve community.”

“We are grateful for the financial funding”, “... the sharing of resources and stories from other ministries”; and, ... “the monitoring and advising given to board and staff.”

WHAT we offer:

- Operation Manna offers three types of funding:
 - One-time grant money is available to fund pilot projects and Community Opportunity Scans;
 - New project funding is available for the launch of new projects or ministries; and,
 - New program funding helps existing ministries begin new activities.
- Grants cannot exceed 50% of the total project budget, and are declining over the 1-4 year funding period.
- DMC staff support board members, staff and volunteers with development services in areas such as:
 - board governance;
 - strategic planning;
 - policy development;
 - volunteer management; and,
 - program evaluation.
- An annual Ministry Networking Day brings project representatives together to share best practices and resources.

WHEN to apply:

- New applications for funding must be submitted to the DMC office in Burlington, ON (see over) by August 15.
- Funding guidelines and forms are available at www.diaconalministries.com
- Contact the Outreach Ministry Developer in your region prior to the August 15 deadline.

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