

Like many great endeavours, the Ark started small. From Tom Reade's small circle of friends, the Ark has grown to where it

serves over 25,000 free meals, distributes thousands of clothing items, cares for hundreds of people each year and owns its own large building in the heart of Old East Village.

At this 30th year, we're pausing to pay tribute to those whose dedication and commitment of time and resources not only created the Ark but still sustain it without government funding. Please join us in a fun night of celebration and a service of thanksgiving.

Douglas Whitelaw Executive Director

Embracing the hungry and suffering with the love of Christ

#### **Church Service**

You are invited to join the Ark community in a service of thanksgiving to recognize the donors and volunteers who made it all possible

Sunday June 22, 2014

10:00 am

Dorchester Community Church 3912 Catherine St. Dorchester, ON

Church phone 519 268 8294

Executive Director, Rev. Douglas Whitelaw speaking

...the Ark is such a special place, it is a home to so many, it is where I can go to get peace and to be with the loveliest people. I am so grateful to the atmosphere that you both have created and fostered. Thank you for everything you do. I am starting to learn the effects of poverty on health care and from what I have seen so far, being alone in a hospital, suffering is probably the worst possible thing. It breaks my heart and I continually pray for these people. I wish that no one would have to be alone and I am so happy that the Ark is a place where no one has to be alone.

Supriya UWO Med student & Ark Volunteer



Join us for a Great Evening of Celebration Saturday June 21, 2014



# The Ark's Story

The Ark began in 1984 when Tom Reade decided to do something positive to try to prevent other young people from entering the life of drugs, crime, violence, incarceration and meaninglessness which he had lived.

Following a dramatic conversion experience, Mr. Reade, with the help and support of a circle of friends formed what became the Ark Aid Mission based on principles of his new-found Christian faith. Initially, he set up in a pinball and video game arcade with "a Christian environment" on Dundas St. near Adelaide, followed shortly after with a Sunday soup kitchen on the same site.

A registered Canadian charity was established and in 1986 was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in Ontario. Within a few years, 697 Dundas St. was purchased with locally raised funds. In 2000, 696 Dundas was purchased, providing for great expansion of programs.

Join us as we celebrate 30 years of service!

### A Time to Celebrate

Buffet Dinner—Live Music—Silent Auction

Saturday June 21, 6:00 pm—11:00 pm

Tickets Available

Dinner and Music—\$30 Music only—\$20

At

Dorchester Community Church 3912 Catherine St. Dorchester, ON

Buffet: Lake Erie Yellow Perch

Music Featuring

Cruisin' with Larry McGill

60's, 70's, 80's

Dress: Summer Casual

Rain Date: Sunday June 22, 6:00 pm

Please order tickets by June 14



## Ticket Order (Wristbands)

I support the Ark!

Dinner, Music & Silent Auction
@ \$30 each = \$
Music & Silent Auction only
@ \$ 20 each = \$
Total = \$
Make cheque payable to Ark Aid Mission
VISA/Mastercard
Name:
Address:
Postal Code Phone
E-mail
VISA/MC #
Expiry Date Security Code
Signature

#### **Mail To**

Ark Aid Street Mission 696 Dundas St. London, ON N5W 2Z4

Tickets can also be ordered online www.arkaidmission.com/anniversary or you may call the Ark office with the above information—519-667-0322