

# Street Health

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Embrace Action Team & Annual Book Sale Committee  
Fairlawn Avenue United Church  
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Dear Members of Fairlawn Avenue United Church,

Street Health is grateful for your ongoing support including the recent donation of \$1,000 and the supply of books from your annual Book Sale.

The continuing drug overdose crisis and the lack of affordable housing are huge pressures that are impacting the number and needs of those Street Health serves. In 2018/19, 60,500 client visits were made for a range of urgent and chronic healthcare issues. Street Health's services include: nursing, community mental health, access to identification and safe storage, harm reduction drop-ins and supplies, an overdose prevention site (OPS) and access to personal care/hygiene and referrals. Thanks to our donors, Street Health is able to provide accessible, client-centered and nonjudgmental healthcare to meet the needs of 115 clients every day.

As you are aware, the past few months have been incredibly challenging with the Ontario Government's cuts to funding for our OPS. With drug overdose deaths now the leading cause of death across Canada, this service is vital to saving lives. Thank you to everyone who has already written a letter and/or sign a petition about this issue. The enclosed newsletter provides more detail on this issue and the ways individuals can continue to voice their concern.

Once again, many thanks for your generous and meaningful support. If you have any questions please call us at 416-921-8668, extension 229.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director



Cathy Callaghan  
Fundraising Manager

Many Ellen, Kathy,  
John + Laura -

Many thanks -  
we could not do  
this without you!

Your support above and  
beyond is inspirational  
and appreciated.