



## SHOWERS BRING FLOWERS

"I'm on the garden committee and the flower committee because I wanted to meet people and give back to the community," Jennifer Fox enthuses, standing amid the flower beds at Hambleton Hall in Simcoe. "Gardening has been a passion since I was young. My parents did it; it was embedded in me right from the start. I have the green thumb." Jennifer helps maintain Hambleton Hall's community gardens, a project that Church Out Serving, a faith-based care network committed to making a difference in their community, has begun to help combat hunger in Simcoe. "The outcome – the growth of the vegetables or the flowers – you were a part of its beginning and you're serving food on a plate for other people. You get to see that on people's faces." But you don't have to be feeding people to make a difference, Jennifer believes. "If someone's feeling low or unwell, I can take them a bouquet of flowers. I give to others, and I like to see the outcome. I mean, at the beginning, you're looking at seeds and they seem so small, but every time it rains, you think, 'It's gonna grow!' You come out one morning and there they are! You get a sense of accomplishment."

*Above Left: Church Out Serving recently built these beautiful garden beds at Hambleton Hall. Their veggie yield has provided more than 2,800 meal servings this year! (Photo by George Qua-Enoo)*

*Above Right: Jennifer stands in front of the gardens*

At Indwell, we've been noticing a theme lately: **giving back.**

Whether it's our volunteers, our donors or our tenants, the overwhelming attitude is: Let's do what we can with what we have to serve others.



Nettie and Ian sit outside  
Hambleton Hall

## EASY AS PIE

If you're already acquainted with Hambleton Hall in Simcoe, there's a good chance you've tried one of Nettie Driedger's pies. These slices of heaven are a favourite among staff, tenants and neighbours. The baker behind them isn't the seasoned chef you might imagine, though. "I just learned how to make my pie crusts about two years ago," Nettie says. "I tried and I tried and I tried, but it wouldn't work out. All of a sudden, it started to come together. Then I started to sell them!" So why start this new hobby? "I do it to watch people enjoy them," Nettie smiles. "I love it when they talk about how flakey the crust is."

## GIVING BACK "CHANGES EVERYTHING"

Dave McEachern, a tenant in one of our Hamilton apartments, has been a pet owner for eight years, though his cat is nowhere to be found when visitors enter his one-bedroom apartment with a view. "Scared," he shrugs, adding that it took years for the cat not to hide when his parents come over. Dave loves animals so much that he started volunteering for local animal shelters as a cat companion. What does volunteering change for him? "Everything!" Dave says. He's always excited about it because he has become a part of the community of animal lovers—volunteers, veterinarians and others—who work there. He spends an hour or so at the shelter and plays with cats who have been abandoned or mistreated by owners. "It's sad, though," he says. "People, man." Still, he looks forward every week to the time he spends making these feline friends feel loved.

## COOKING UP CLASSES

When Ian McGroarty talks about his life before Indwell, he shakes his head. "My environment back then was terrible ... I got an opportunity to move down here [to Indwell's Hambleton Hall in Simcoe], and then seven months later, I'm thinking; 'Why didn't you do this 40 years ago?' [Now] I'm on the good side of health." Hambleton Hall tenants host regular socials, and Ian is one of two tenants planning to teach a cooking class. "My first cooking thing is going to be glazed Chinese chicken. I saw it in one of these two- or three-minute YouTube videos. So it'll be that and Moroccan potato salad." A member of the garden committee, Ian also enjoys using fresh produce from the Hambleton Hall gardens as ingredients for potluck dinners.

## CHELSEY'S CUPCAKES

Cupcakes are cute, but they can have attitude, too. Bite Me Baked Goods owner Chelsey Zylla is an Indwell tenant at Rudy Hulst Commons who thought of the name for her business when she was just a kid. "I guess I thought it was funny," she laughs. "I ended up keeping it." She's been in business for several years already, but in the last year or so, she started renting the kitchen at the Perkins Community Centre as a home base for her baking. Chelsey's business has introduced her to people all over Hamilton. A local café has even expressed interest in carrying Bite Me cupcakes regularly. Her favourite thing about baking? "Making people happy and doing what I love. It doesn't feel like work!"



Dave on his balcony



Chelsey in her accessible unit

## ONGOING SUPPORT

Many folks associate Indwell with the exciting new projects in various stages of construction that often make the news. These new builds also tend to attract the largest donations, without which they could not happen. However, many of Indwell's most pressing needs involve our operating expenses—the ongoing list of requirements to keep our programs running. Here's what that fund entails:

- Support staff wages
- Building maintenance
- Technology and communications
- Hydro and water bills
- and much more.

Needless to say, all these continuing expenses can't be covered by the affordable rents our tenants pay. Donors like you keep the lights on, the staff paid, and our beautiful buildings in great condition.

See the following page for information on how to donate.

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As our new projects get underway, many of them have received funding for their foundations, walls, windows and so much more. As these programs head toward completion, it's time to think about their interiors! For just \$2,000, you can furnish an apartment, including equipment for the kitchen, at our Blossom Park redevelopment in Woodstock or at Hamilton's Parkdale Landing. Contact us to learn more!



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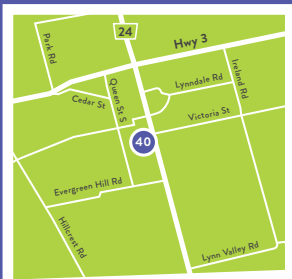
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