

2023 ANNUAL YEAR END GALA

As we close off the old year and move towards 2024, let's give thanks to another successful Year, and all the Volunteers who worked so hard to make our Gala a success: Aiyana Desjardins, Sherlyn James, Nagah Ali, and Lisa Sampson. Our loyal supporters and monetary donors, whose support and generosity has been a driving force behind our success each year; empowering individuals, and strengthening our community. In-Kind Supporters: Eric & Elaine Choi, Dr. Phil Osake, Second Harvest, Helping Hands, Grace Place, Starbucks, Sobeys, Shoppers Drug Mart, and Monterinos. Monetary Donors: Hope Lutheran Church, Hope Worldwide, Scarborough Twilight Rotary, Congregation of Notre Dame, Jen & Ally, Sharon Ranson, Carol Jackson, and Kandace Payton. We could not do what we do without your help; we continue to need your help, as we cannot do it alone. We thank you!

OTHER MENTION

Congratulations to all of our winners on December 16th, you nabbed some great prizes. A heart full appreciation to the students, teachers, and Librarian at George P. Mackie Junior Public School for Blessing us with their Food Drive, 2years in a row.

A special shout out to our girl Christina Varoutas, always supporting, no matter what. Our thanks to 43 Division For always supporting us with their Food Drive. Thank you Const. Mike Robertson, Const. Kevin Taylor, and Const. Todd Parker.

THE SECOND CHANCE FOUNDATION (A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION) NEWSLETTER

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OUR REGULAR SERVICES HAS RESUMED



Food Bank re-opens on January 5th, and continues on every Friday (except holidays) from 12:30 pm through to 5: pm. Doors will be closed with no exceptions. Anyone requiring emergency food is asked to give the office a call directly at 416-792-6702 ext. 11, or send an email at: info@thesecondchancefoundation.ca

Community Thrift Store is opened Tuesdays through to Sundays from 10 am to 7 pm, unless it's a holiday. We have a 3 tier program currently running, which requires all participants to contact the store at 416-267-6742 and arrange an appointment for one of the following: 1. based on a referral from a Social Worker/Parole, probation officer/ etc. we will create a file on the individual(s), there is admin fee of \$40.00 payable to the foundation for the year. With this fee, an individual and or family can visit our community store up to 3 times in a 12 month period, whereby clothing, shoes/boots, hats, coats, etc., is provided, based on availability. 2. Women leaving the Justice System (incarceration or half-way house) are invited to shop for free. They must provide us with their release papers, showing their release within 30 days. Our Homeless population are allowed to visit us anytime during our opening hours to receive clothing as needed, and based on availability.

Membership has its privileges, and the same can be said for members of TSCF. The price for our single membership is \$40 per year; Family membership

is \$100 per year (max 4 individuals). Give us a quick call to find out all the details.



Hub Service reopens January 3rd, for all your printing, copying and computer needs.



PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS JANUARY TO MARCH 2024

Our year round Tax Clinic resumes with 2022 and prior returns still being processed in January of 2024.

TSCF have a jam packed first quarter ready for you to participate in. We are hoping that you will join us in exploring these practical, hands on workshops that will be held at our location on the Main Floor of 3171 Eglinton Avenue East.

1. Free Tax Clinic for 2023 goes in effect on February 27th, 2024. To see or get a breakdown of our sliding scale for pricing on “Chargeable Taxes”, you can visit our website or contact our office directly for a copy.
2. Free Budget/Budgeting Workshop: TSCF will be doing a series of workshops on budgeting. Budgeting is simply balancing your expenses with your income. Many people don't realize that they spend more than they earn and slowly sink deeper into debt every year. These series of workshops will teach you the necessary skills needed. Workshop is free, material fees are \$5.00 per workshop. Contact: registration@thesecondchancefoundation.ca to register for this program, using the term, Budget Workshop.
3. Free Financial Literacy Workshop: This will be a perfect flow from our budgeting workshop, directly into the ability to understand and effectively use various financial skills, including personal financial management, and investing. A workshop you will not want to miss. Please contact us by emailing us at registration@thesecondchancefoundation.ca and indicate “Financial Literacy workshop” as your subject line for registration to this program.
4. Understanding and creating a Living Will while preparing for “End of Life.” Morbid, yes. Necessary, Yes. This will formalizes your wishes for the end of your life and documents everything your loved ones need to know. It includes: organizing your financial and personal information. Making a will and designating an agent/executor for your medical and financial decisions. It is never too late to start planning, so plan for this informative and necessary seminar by contacting us at registration@thesecondchancefoundation.ca

OTHER EVENTS HAPPENING AT TSCF WITHIN THE 1ST QUARTER:

February – Black History Month: Every day in the month of February, we will be posting information relating to Black History on our Website and Social media for educational purposes.

February 14th, Valentine’s Day: This year our feature prizes will be a Spa Treatment and a pair of 18-kt Gold Earrings to be Ruffled off to two lucky winners. Tickets go on sale January 15th and cuts off on February 9th, with the draw happening on February 10th.

Easter is happening in March this year, and TSCF will be holding its annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children and our Easter Brunch on March 30th. More details will be provided in February. Looking forward to everyone joining us for a day of fun and activities.

New regulation for Canadian drivers (you must read)

- Not carrying driver's license: \$250
- After 6 days without a change of new address with MTO: \$230
- Driving without insurance cause an accident: \$ 5000 and license suspended for 5 years
- Through a red light: \$ 900
- Crossing two solid yellow lines : \$500
- Turn, U-Turn and turn violation: \$350 ↻
- Speeding (from 1-15km over): \$250
- Speeding (from 16-25km over): \$450
- Driving too slow 🚗: \$399

- Fail to Full stop at Stop Sign Δ : \$270
 - Passing School bus 校車 when lights are flashing: \$885
 - Holding and or using the 手機 cell phone while driving (1st time): \$1000
Driving license suspended 3 years
 - Parking in Bus Lane or Zone 校車 : \$900
 - Fail to turn on head lights (30 minutes) before dark: \$200
 - Tint too dark on door glass: \$199
 - Failing to wear seat belt: \$200
 - 兒童 Children not wearing seat belts or not in accordance with Highway traffic act: \$599
 - Car pool Lane violation: \$505
- BE CAREFUL OUT THERE. BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING

A LOOK AT 'SELF' A REFLECTION OF OWNERSHIP OF SELF.

Don't be afraid to look at your faults.....Yoruba Proverbs

Even though we know there is always room for improvement, we tend to shy away from criticism. Our egos tell us we are being attacked, and quite naturally, we want to strike back. In order to be whole, healthy beings, we need to know all there is to know about ourselves. Sometimes, that information must come from others. This may mean admitting that we are not always right, and knowing it is okay to make a mistake. A mistake, an error, a poor choice, or bad decision does not equal "there is something wrong with me." It means you are on your way to being better. We do not make mistakes on the bases of Race or Colour. We make them because we are Human! When we acknowledge our errors and face up to our short comings, no one can use them against us.



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