



"Romans 12:13 When God's people are in need, be ready to help them."

All About Us

Surrey Urban Mission is a Faith based, Volunteer Driven, Community Kitchen located in the heart of Surrey – Whalley.

SUMS is overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors who meet regularly to provide the direction and guidance needed.

Who's Who and Who to Thank First

At the mission we have two dedicated part-time staff that are committed to serving those in need in our community. June and Sally Ann are our heart and soul.

Volunteerism is the core of our existence. Our volunteers are what makes it all happen at the SUMS. Thank you to each volunteer, from the students to the seniors and everyone in between for your dedication and support for those we serve.

Donors, what ever can we do without you. A big shout out to Rick Diamond and the Diamond Foundation, your heart and generosity has provided thousands of meals, all served with love by Sharon. From Cobbs Bakery, to Safeway, Costco, Fryebe's and Versa Cold just to name a few...Thank you for your continuous support.

And to our many friends in the faith community and other groups, you are indeed the cornerstone of the work we do at SUMS. **A huge thank you to the BC Synod of the Lutheran Church for their generous financial gift.** With grace and fellowship, Sunday Dinners, Saturday Breakfast and many lunches are shared with our neighbours in need. Thank all of you for sharing with a caring heart. For those congregations that have volunteered to provide a

Sunday dinner, please send us an email note to confirm your booking.



In the end, it is not about anyone, it is about everyone. Blessings one and all.

Message from John Wolff, Board Chair

This Fall has seen significant changes at the Mission. Our former Executive Director left SUMS in early October. James Bennett, stepped up as Interim Coordinator while the Board commenced a job search for permanent Executive Director for the Mission. We thank James for the work he did at the Mission. His work, energy and wisdom were critical as the Board looks to the future for SUMS. We look forward to announcing the new, permanent Executive Director in the coming weeks.

The transition also became an opportunity for the Board to re-evaluate our work at the mission. It soon became clear that the needs were only getting greater in our community and the need to help those living in poverty in Whalley is significant.

Food is the basic of those human needs. At SUMS we want to do that well, consistently and with caring hearts. In short, we are going back to our core values.

Successes

Thanksgiving at SUMS was busy, with a Dinner service for almost 300 people on Sunday night. All our guests were happy to enjoy the fabulous Turkey dinner provided by the Saint Mary's Coptic Church.



And then again, just to spoil everyone, Monday Lunch was another lovely Thanksgiving Turkey dinner many thanks to St. Matthews Catholic Church.

SUMS hosted **Surrey Connect Day** this year on October 14th and a good time was had by all. Great day to connect with others groups in the community. Thank you to Jaspreet Gurm for her efforts to make the day a special one.

The **Soup du Jour Open House** was held on Oct. 23. The Mission dining room was transformed into a bistro with a fun silent auction and bric-a-brac table. A successful evening of fun and fellowship. Guests enjoyed a variety of “soup” and some fabulous deserts. And, we raised some much needed funds for the Mission.

Planning Ahead

Paper work is done and we are ready in the event the Provincial Government makes an **Extreme Weather** call.

Save the Date for the Coldest Night of the Year – February 20, 2016. Get your team ready to go and walk to help raise money for those living in poverty in North Surrey.

Volunteers are needed

Breakfast is served everyday at SUMS through a walk through window. We would like to serve the Diamond Breakfast indoors every day but we need help. Hosts, servers and cleaners to take our breakfast program indoors. Contact Sheena Wilkie, Volunteer Coordinator.

If you, your church, faith group or club would be interested in Serving a meal or just helping out, please contact us a sums@telus.net

Just the Facts

SUMS is returning to our core *raison d’etre* by providing food for those who are homeless or living in poverty in Surrey.

October Stats:

of Breakfasts by the Diamond Foundation 1800

of bag lunches for working men 69

Total # of Meals in Oct. 7039

And for our furry friends too, the SUMS provides hundreds of pounds of dog and cat food each year to our valued guests, who may otherwise spend their precious money on those they love.

We can’t do it without YOU.

The face of SUMS could be homelessness, poverty, addiction, mental health, seniors, disabled; it is men, women, children – it could be you and me. We are all in this together to make our community a better place.

Please consider helping, volunteering and, if you can, giving. Socks, gloves, toques and coats are always needed at SUMS. Money is also very appreciated – tax receipts can be provided for donation over \$20.00. Any cheque donations should be made out to BC Synod with SUMS noted in the memo line.

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