



nightlight guests and a volunteer on Christmas day at nightlight Belleville.

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Let's face it: It's not people's first choice to give money to pay for operations. There's just something less satisfying about contributing towards rent and utility bills than giving towards exciting special projects. Yet, without the generous donations of people like you giving towards our operational expenses, nothing that nightlight does would be possible.

The dollars we raise for our general funds make our ministry possible, and it's a ministry that touches real people's lives in concrete and God-honouring ways every week. Of course we can talk numbers: 308 drop-ins, over 15,000 people, and about 40,000 cups of tea, coffee or juice served. But we don't do what we do for the sake of statistics, we do what we do to serve people, to help them see the truth that even when we are terribly broken, we still bear the image of God, and so deserve dignity.

Over this last year, we've seen God work in specific people's lives. In June, we took over 60 people on a day trip to Camp Iawah, a brief chance for many who never get to leave the city to enjoy the closest thing to a vacation they'll likely

know all year. Our Coldest Night of the Year fund raiser in February helped to highlight the work that the church is doing with those at the margins with leaders in our cities (the mayor of Belleville and deputy mayor of Kingston were in attendance). Some of our guests made faith commitments this year. Others began attending church at the invitation of our volunteers. One of our Kingston guests, who struggled with drug addiction when we first opened, got clean and was ordained as a minister this year. The work of our volunteers has radically changed people's lives for the better.

But for this to continue, nightlight needs to be able to pay the bills. If you value the kind of work that we do, we ask that you **consider a one time gift before December 31**, so that we can start the new year in a financially healthy position (historically January and February are our slowest months for donations). Visit nightlightcanada.com/give, call (343) 363-0508 or e-mail finance@nightlightcanada.com and arrange your gift today,

Lives Changed by God Through nightlight



Steve at nightlight Kingston

Steve is a precocious 37 year-old who has been coming nightlight since the opening night in Kingston almost five years ago. When you first meet him, Steve's quick to tell you that he's a "big deal" and you'll always find him at the centre of any social gathering going on.

Steve suffers from a mental disability and has been under the care of Providence Care in Kingston since he became an adult. But that's about to change. Over the last five years, Steve-O (as he's affectionately referred to by guests and volunteers) has overcome his relational deficits thanks to the care of nightlight volunteers. Volunteers have helped him learn to save his money, they've taken him to social gatherings and out-of town excursions. They give him rides to church each Sunday morning, and they've invited him out to family dinners each week. nightlight has become Steve's family.

Providence Care no longer considers him to need their help, and they are setting a discharge date early in the new year. Because of nightlight's support, Steve is able to function well enough that he no longer needs institutional care. Steve's case shows us that the church is far from irrelevant. Rather, through Jesus' work through nightlight, the church has helped Steve to overcome problems that many thought would never be possible.

Rob has been a regular guest at our Belleville drop-in facility for the last two years. He's lived a very challenging life. Rob is deaf, was orphaned early in life and struggles with mental health and addiction issues. He's struggled to live by the rules at different places where he can get help, and so he's constantly been kicked out of any place that can offer him help. A month ago, nightlight volunteers found out that Rob was living in a tent, as he had no place to go.

Caring Christian volunteers got Rob into an assisted living facility and set up a visitation schedule, so that he receives daily visits from nightlight volunteers who help him stay on track. After several weeks we're happy to report that the change is bearing fruit and Rob has managed to abide by the rules and to stay at the facility. Jesus truly cares about Rob.

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can help*

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Please consider making a monthly pledge to help make our work among those on the margins a sustainable ministry. nightlightcanada.com/give

Volunteer

Serve our guest community by making a weekly volunteer commitment, or by helping out with special needs and events. nightlightcanada.com/volunteer

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Pray that our work in the community will clearly and effectively show people God's love.

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