

nightlight News

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Above: nightlight Canada Executive Director Ben Platz, and Board Chair Jack Henderson dining with a guest at a Christmas dinner celebration on December 14. **Right:** A volunteer and guests at a drop-in centre on Christmas day.



A Very nightlight Christmas

Thank you to everyone who helped us make the Christmas season special for our nightlight community. We were able to put on Christmas dinners for the guests and volunteers in both cities (December 5th in Kingston and December 14th in Belleville). Thanks to our hosts Princess Street United in Kingston and Victoria Ave Baptist in Belleville. Thanks also to New Hope in Belleville for generously providing gift bags.

In addition, both centres were open on Christmas Day, giving our guests a place to go if they had no one with whom they could celebrate, and allowing our volunteers the joy of sharing Christmas with their nightlight friends.

A group of individual donors from around the world supplied us with gifts to give to our guests on Christmas. The guests greatly appreciated receiving them. Thank you to all who donated. Your generosity to strangers is a real picture of what Christmas is all about: God's love and generosity towards us. ■

Considering a New Location

This month, nightlight is celebrating four years in Kingston and two years in Belleville. As we mark this occasion, and remember God's faithfulness to us in the last several years, we're also reminded of the need to continue in this mission we've been given.

We're currently discerning God's leading about launching a third centre in Cambridge, Ontario. nightlight Canada Executive Director Ben Platz, working with SIM Canada, has begun investigating feasibility and praying for God's guidance to see if this is the right step for the ministry.

Please keep us in prayer as we try to discern the way that God is leading us in the next phase of the ministry. If you have contacts at churches or ministries in Cambridge that might be interested in partnering with nightlight, we'd invite you to e-mail (cambridge@nightlightcanada.com). ■



nightlight Walkers in Coldest Night of the Year 2015

Help nightlight with CNOY

For the past three years, Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) has been the year's biggest fund-raiser. Last year, we raised about \$55,000 in the two cities. We'll be participating again this year on Saturday, Feb. 20.

The event, coordinated by BlueSea Philanthropy, is a Canada-wide walk to raise money for charities that work with the homeless, the hungry and the hurting. In Belleville and Kingston, nightlight is the official CNOY partner.

Would-be participants can start a team and recruit friends, family or coworkers, or they can join an existing team. They choose the route they'd like to walk (two, five or ten km) and then they find donors willing to sponsor them on the walk.

On walk day, participants, have a great time walking with their friends and then come back to the starting location to enjoy a warm supper and some much-needed hot beverages.

Please consider participating or donating towards the event. It's because of the dedication and generosity of concerned Christians that we can continue to make nightlight a viable ministry. If you'd like to start a team or to join an existing team, register at coldestnightoftheyear.org/register. If you're unable to participate, but would like to sponsor a walker or team, please visit coldestnightoftheyear.org/donate or find a walker with a pledge sheet form to give without going online.

In addition to walkers and donors, we'll also need volunteers to help us run the event in both cities. If you'd like to help out with tasks like the welcome and registration team, food service, photography and video, or marking the route, go to coldestnightoftheyear.org/volunteer, choose Belleville or Kingston as the city and fill in an application. If you have any difficulty with the application, contact Amberly White at events@nightlightcanada.com.

Thanks for your continued support and lets put on a great event! ■

Upcoming Essential Skills Workshops

If you're a nightlight volunteer, who has never taken an Essential Skills workshop (formerly volunteer orientation) or if you're interested in volunteering with nightlight, this is your chance to get the training you need. The upcoming workshops are the last in our current round of training, so if you're an active volunteer still need training, we ask that you would make attending a priority.

If you plan to attend, contact Adam in Kingston (email: kingston@nightlightcanada.com; phone: 613-888-0927) or contact Mollie in Belleville (email: belleville@nightlightcanada.com; phone: 613-827-4228). You can text either phone number, but be sure to identify yourself.

Kingston

Sat. Jan. 30: 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Belleville

Sat. Jan. 23: 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

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