

The Charleswood Connection

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Siloam Mission ***Making a difference***

Since 1987, Siloam Mission has provided meals, clothing, and hope services to Winnipeg's poor and homeless community.

1987 – 1998

In August 1987, Suk Woon Lee, a former penitentiary inmate and member of the Korean Nazarene congregation, founded Siloam Mission and worked with board members and volunteers to establish an inner city ministry that offered meals and counseling services. In 1990, as demand for services grew, Siloam purchased the building at 707 Main Street.

1999 – 2004

Siloam was forced to close its doors when the City of Winnipeg expropriated the soup kitchen's Main Street property before the 1999 Pan Am Games to make way for Neeginan Park. Siloam reopened as a drop-in centre at 564 ½ Main Street in April 2000. By December, the Mission had run out of funds for paid staff, but dedicated volunteers kept the doors open five days a week to offer hot meals, coffee, & clothing.

2005 – 2006

In 2005, Siloam moved from Main Street into the newly renovated four-storey facility at 300 Princess Street, continuing the meal and clothing program. In 2006 Siloam started its employment training programs to help people re-enter the workforce.

2007 – 2010

Hannah's Place Emergency Shelter on Siloam's second floor opened its doors to 110 homeless men and women, providing a safe place for the night. The on-site Saul Sair Health Centre opened and the Longtin Resource Centre was dedicated to provide art therapy and computer training.

2011

Siloam purchased The Madison with the help of all three levels of government and began renovating it into supportive housing. Transition Services launches to help guests move forward in their lives through goal setting, weekly meetings, supports and accountability.

2012 – 2014

Siloam began offering its Spiritual Care program, connecting guests to faith congregations where they feel comfortable, hosting worship services and organizing memorial services for guests who have lost loved ones. The Exit Up! program launched to provide housing, training and life-skills development for Indigenous youth aged 18-25 who are leaving care.

2017 – Looking Forward

Siloam opened a new dining room behind its current building, the first step of a major expansion that makes room for 400 community members. The second phase will create more than 50 additional shelter beds with a separate shelter area for up to 33 women, an expanded health centre, a new mental health area and a centre for transition and employment services.



EQUAL VOICE

Founded in 2001, Equal Voice is a national, bilingual, multi-partisan organization dedicated to electing more women to all levels of political office in Canada.

Equal Voice promotes the election of women by:

- Working with all political parties to increase the nominations of women candidates;
- Promoting electoral and other changes that would increase the numbers of women in politics;
- Conducting outreach with young women to inspire & engage them in politics as a future career choice;
- Encouraging women to run for office through programs such as our comprehensive campaign school;
- Raising awareness about the impact of women's under-representation;
- Celebrating women in politics; and
- Communicating and implementing EV's goals and activities through innovative programming, Equal Voice's chapters, our dynamic website, regular newsletters, media releases, Twitter and Facebook activity, and by hosting major events.

Trailblazers of the first 100 Years



This permanent exhibit at the Legislature honours, celebrates and uplifts the achievements of 18 Manitoba Legislative Assembly women who were/are in positions traditionally held by men or who have worked to forge new pathways for women.

Myrna is so honoured to be one of the women recognized as a Trailblazer.



Hats off to our Youth—they are always inspiring!

- Oak Park Placed second at MHSAA provincials in both Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys AAAA X-Country
- Tyrell Bird, part of the very first Pembina Trails Alternative High School graduating class. Tyrell Bird overcame many obstacles, and is now a successful Educational Assistant working in our division. He was selected to share his journey with thousand of young students at WE Day on October 30, 2018.
- Skylar Ferguson – Sovereign Volunteer Award WE Day 2018; named as one of Manitoba's "Top 40 Under 40"

And Hats off to our Canine Friend!

- "Rusty" and his owner George Ames for a decade of volunteering 3 times/week at St. Boniface Hospital





Congrats to Charleswood Artists/Harte Trail for successful Fall Studio Tour



New baby changing stations in men's & women's wash-rooms at the Leg are historic



Thank you to Telus for backpacks which were dropped off to families in our community.



Honoured to attend a special event to honour Elba Haid for her generous \$100k to support women's heart health in MB



Receiving guests for the Throne Speech, November 20, 2018



Congrats to Steven Wu for producing "Lights of the North" celebrating 30 years with our sister city Cheng Du, China

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Upcoming Events

- * **Canad Inns Winter Wonderland**
November 30, 2018 - January 5, 2019 (Recurring daily) Red River Exhibition Nightly from 6:00-10:00 PM (closed Christmas Day)
- * **Roblin Park Winter Carnival** January 14—20
- * **Tuxedo Park Winter Carnival** Jan 28—Feb 3
- * **Women's Advent Service—**
Charleswood United Church, December 3, 7 pm



Community Leaders:

I invite you to join me in the Speaker's Office at the Legislature tomorrow for our annual Holiday Open House.

Saturday, December 1st, 2018

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Admission is free

Entertainment on the Grand Staircase

1:00 p.m. - Piper Dennis T. Schindler - St. Andrews Pipe Band of Winnipeg

Opening Comments

1:10 p.m. - Fort Richmond Collegiate - Winnipeg MB

1:30 p.m. - Dr. George Johnson Middle School - Gimli MB

1:50 p.m. - Springfield Heights School - Winnipeg MB

2:10 p.m. - Portage Collegiate Institute - Portage la Prairie MB

2:30 p.m. - Nellie McClung Collegiate - Manitou MB

3:00 p.m. - MLA Choir led by M^{me} Speaker

Carolers Touring the Building

Wing and a Prayer

Fort Richmond Collegiate Sax Quartet

Honeycomb - A Cappella Ladies Quartet

Manitoba Education and Training Festive Season Photos will take place in the Rotunda

Children's Activity Centre - Room 254 (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Forum Art Centre - Children's Crafts

Clowns, Magicians & More - Balloon Creations by Santa's Elf

Be sure to watch out for Santa & Mrs. Claus as they make their way through the building!

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Charleswood Community Leaders Networking Luncheon

Following a community assessment, **Myrna** identified the need for an opportunity for community members to come together to share views about the community in which we live. In order to fill this need, the **Community Leaders Networking Luncheon Series** has been established for the purpose of providing community leaders with an opportunity to network and hear about activities going on in Charleswood. The newsletter, "**The Charleswood Connection**", is also published for the same purpose.