

# RESTORE CANADA

## August Newsletter

While many of us have been enjoying time away with family and friends, there are many in our own community who do not have this as their story. How do I know? Because of the many calls we have received in the last two months on Restore Canada's 1-888 phone number.

The people calling have one thing in common; they are in deep distress and calling out for help.



### HELPING IN THE SEARCH

One lady phoned, she is in her 80's and has been living out of town and needed to be closer to her family in Stouffville. Her current housing was only available to her until October and then she would be homeless. That she was distressed and worried would be an understatement. She was so grateful for the help from one of our Care Planners, as they together looked for an apartment in Stouffville. She can rest now knowing she will have a home.

### The Need is Great

In Stouffville we have 7 active cases and have already closed a handful of cases before this. We are amazed at where people are hearing about Restore and the help we give to people.

Some of the people who call, we sadly cannot help. Their problems, while heart breaking are not ones we are able to help with. Sometimes this is because the depression is so great, that they see themselves as

beyond help. They have known the ditch they find themselves in for so long, any other place seems like an unreachable dream, regardless of our suggestions and offers of help. Sometimes we have only been able to listen and make sure they know they are cared for and assure them that their life matters not only to us, but to the churches here in Stouffville.

Our most common call is for assistance in finding affordable housing. In Stouffville finding that housing is a modern day miracle. As one client said so clearly

*"Stouffville is a beautiful town if you have money, but not if you are poor."*



### Prayer Requests:

Please **pray** that affordable housing becomes a reality in Stouffville.

**Pray** for wisdom for the 10 Care Planners who are helping clients right now. Some situations are very complex and dark. Pray for the light of our Lord to shine into these situations.

**Pray** for the training sessions coming up in early October. We will need more Care Planners as more people become aware of our services and the calls continue to increase.

Lastly, **pray** for the continued, unified vision of the Stouffville church leaders as they work together on the Restore Stouffville and Alpha projects.