

# RESTORE CANADA

There is a saying, “Change the conversation”. I would like a conversation change, where the church is concerned. There are many in our communities that believe that the Christian church is unconcerned and unable to help them in the dark or distressing hours of their lives...so they do not call for help or support.



At Restore Canada, our trained Care Planners have spent the last three months launching Restore in Stouffville. Since our launch, we have cared for 10 people from our community who reached out to us in need of assistance. Here is a story written by one of our Care Planners describing her experience in caring for a community member.

## SIMPLE GUIDANCE

My first experience was to help a mother who needed to find housing, on a limited budget, for her son who was hospitalized for months with a mental disorder. This encounter taught me that sometimes people are in so much distress that, even though they are fully capable to handle the situation, they need our guidance and help to make it through. I was able to work with her and provide a few options for her and fortunately, she found a solution in her son's best interest. Through working with this mother, we were able to bring her through a time of great distress and walk alongside her to help her define her options.

From experience, I know there will be other clients who require much greater assistance, but in this case, it was someone who simply needed a caring person to speak with and provide options. In fact, I had the opportunity to encourage her and pray for her son, and family situation.

## August Newsletter

This experience helped me understand the significance of “Care” in Care Planner.

In 1 Peter 5:7, it says to “cast your burdens on the Lord, for He cares for you.” There will be many instances, where we will deal with clients who feel hopeless or do not believe, thus as Care Planners, it is crucial that we help those in distress cast their burdens aside, and allow the Lord to give us both wisdom and strength to truly help them.

-Rebecca Ravindran

## Care Planners Needed

If you would like to become a Care Planner, we will be conducting Care Planner Training in October. Come out and be trained to serve in your community.



**When:** Tues. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45-8:30pm – Module 1  
Tues. Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45-9pm – Modules 2 & 3

**Where:** EastRidge Church, 12485 Tenth Line, Stouffville  
Snacks and coffee/tea will be provided.

**Register:** <http://restorecanada.org/get-involved/upcoming-events/>

Hope to see you there!

## Prayer Requests

Please continue to **pray** that our Care Planners would have insight into the best way to help our clients, and the right community resources to point them to.

Also, **pray** for the Care Planner training sessions coming up in early October. That we would be able to equip more Care Planners to handle the increased need as calls continue to come in.