



Canadian Mental
Health Association
Thames Valley
Addiction and Mental Health Services

Association canadienne
pour la santé mentale
Thames Valley
Services de santé mentale et de traitement des dépendances

ATTN: SPPC Committee

Dear Committee Members & Citizens of London,

I am writing to express my support for the services provided by Ark Aid Street Mission in London, Ontario, and to urge your continued advocacy and financial support for their work in our community.

As a mental health and addictions agency, CMHA Thames Valley Addiction and Mental Health Services (CMHA TVAMS) supports the efforts of any organization that strives to create more support, respite and connection to services for those struggling with homelessness and addictions. This past winter our agency worked alongside Ark Aid Street Mission to provide resting spaces to community members through CMHA TVAMHS My Sister's Place and Coffee House programs. This collaboration created essential overnight space, an option that otherwise would have not been possible to those who were unsheltered in our community.

CMHA TVAMS supports the belief that year-round services provided by organizations like Ark Aid Mission play a vital role in ensuring those experiencing homelessness are receiving consistent support while new services are being built to provide longer term solutions. We both acknowledge and appreciate the impact that Ark Aid Street Mission has made on bridging the gaps in essential services such as meals, shelter, clothing, and outreach through 24/7 programming. As such, we will continue to work together by sharing training and knowledge resources to the organization.

CMHA Thames Valley supports Ark Aid Street Mission in their proposal for increased resources in recognition of their contributions to our community.

Thank you for your consideration of our support and perspective.

Sincerely,

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