

About the Adventist Community Service Center (ACSC)

WHAT:

The Adventist Community Services Centre (ACSC) is a community outreach ministry of College Park Seventh-day Adventist Church in Oshawa, and has been in operation for over 40 years. We operate a food and clothing bank to serve those in need in Oshawa.

WHO:

We serve a diverse group of people in need in Oshawa; they include single mothers and their children, senior citizens, people with a variety of health issues on disability pensions, new immigrants, the “working poor”, and those on Ontario Works (social assistance).

WHEN:

The ACSC has an ongoing program which runs year round. It is open weekly to the public on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 2:45 pm and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 2:45 pm. Our volunteers work numerous hours each week, carrying out administrative, organizational and operational tasks such as sorting out donated clothes, restocking our food shelves, and assisting patrons. In short, they ensure the efficient operation of the centre.

Our Values

Our volunteers are screened and are committed to a volunteer code of conduct.



Our endeavour is:
to treat each patron with respect and dignity

Our goal is:
to provide each patron with enough safe and nutritious food

We promote quality of life and display materials from various organizations, such as the Health Canada, Heart and Stroke Foundation, and Durham Mental Health Services.

Facts and Figures

Various sources reveal the sad reality that an increasing number of families rely on food banks and other agencies such as ACSC, Salvation Army and St. Vincent’s Kitchen. Supply has not kept up with the increase in demand.

Our books are audited annually.

| | Food boxes | Children | Adults | Families |
|--------------------|------------|----------|--------|----------|
| 2008 | 4,521 | 4,086 | 5,474 | 4,521 |
| 2009 | 4,073 | 4,452 | 5,688 | 4,773 |
| 2010* Jan - May | 1,922 | 1,823 | 2,389 | 1,922 |

We do not give cash to our patrons.

