

FAIRHAVEN CHRISTADELPHIAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

WINTER 2016



When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God." Leviticus 19: 33

NOR SHALL YOU GLEAN YOUR VINEYARD, OR GATHER THE FALLEN FRUIT, YOU SHALL LEAVE THEM FOR THE NEEDY AND THE STRANGER. I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD. LEVITICUS 19:10

Last year there were 65 million refugees in the world—individuals who have fled armed conflict or persecution. Every day the number swells by an additional forty thousand. And half of the refugees in the world are under 18 years old.

Israel was instructed to show special care towards those who were called strangers, sojourners and foreigners for God's people themselves shared that same plight in Egypt. In fact, those recorded in Hebrews 11 could all be described as strangers or refugees in a spiritual sense, for they like us, have their true citizenship in

heaven and not among the nations. The Lord Jesus Christ himself was a refugee when his family fled to Egypt to escape the wrath of Herod.

In today's world of political instability the need remains great. Opportunities abound to help our refugee brethren and the wider refugee community in Canada. We can all show hospitality and be welcoming to those resettling here. We can all pray and seek opportunities to serve. We can contact our local resettlement agencies and volunteer our time and resources. We can teach self-

reliance, resourcefulness and independence. We can be flexible, recognizing that we can learn from different cultures, and not assume that our language, tradition or way of life is superior to others.

We are reminded of Jesus words to the faithful in Matthew 25:35 -36 "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." Today is our day of opportunity.

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NOTES OF THANKS

Although confidentiality remains a guiding principle behind the support we provide, we would like to share how grants from the Foundation have helped in the past.

“On behalf of our brother and also that of our little ecclesia, we want to again express our deep gratitude for this assistance... You know sometimes when you are a small ecclesia you feel...well...‘small’ and at times helpless and insignificant. This assistance helps alleviate those feelings. As mentioned before, it is a wonderful thing that we as brothers and sisters can help each other in ways like this.”

“She assured me that she is very careful to shop only when sales are on, but that it is ‘so expensive just to live’. She has told me many times over the past year how grateful she is for the monthly assistance from the ecclesia and from Fairhaven. It really does help her get by.”

“We very much appreciate the Fairhaven Foundation’s generous financial contribution in support of the ...refugee family who arrived...from Pakistan, where they were living under difficult circumstances for eleven years as refugees after fleeing Iran”

*The home is heated by oil, and the tank has been dry for the month of February-hence no heat. The cost of filling the tank is \$900. They had used space heaters and owe Hydro \$600.
Can Fairhaven help?*



THE FOUNDATION’S TERMS OF REFERENCE

How can the Fairhaven Foundation be of assistance to your ecclesia? Are there health and welfare needs in your meeting that require attention, but ecclesial resources are strained or insufficient? The Foundation, operating under the applicable government regulations, may provide grants only to registered charities in Canada. We must disperse a percentage of our investment income each year, based upon a government regulatory formula.

Ecclesias in Canada may request assistance from the Foundation by following these guidelines:

Only requests from Arranging Boards will be considered. Requests from an individual member of an ecclesia will not be accepted by the Foundation. Priority is to be given to the welfare needs of Christadelphian elderly, since this reflects the original purpose of Fairhaven House. If additional funds are available after meeting these needs, then more general health and

welfare needs of the Christadelphian community will be considered, followed by health and welfare needs of the community at large. Requests must be in writing and should document, in confidence, the need, the background, the amount of help required and the amount of help being provided by the ecclesia. It is expected that the ecclesia requesting support will also provide funds to assist from its own resources. It is preferable, if possible, that ecclesias address emergency situations, and subsequently follow up with a request to the Foundation. The board of the Foundation considers requests at its semi-annual meetings in March and August each year. Emergency requests will also be addressed as quickly as possible.

Requests may be sent to:

The Fairhaven Christadelphian Foundation
c/o Sister Penny Sheppard, Secretary
39 Knox Avenue
North York, ON, M9L 2M2

It is important to appreciate that the primary responsibility to meet the welfare needs of our brothers, sisters and young people lies at the ecclesial level, and consequently the Foundation's role is to supplement, rather than supplant this ecclesial responsibility. We encourage ecclesias to be actively aware of situations where there is a need, extend help, and then approach the Foundation as a funding partner.

AN APPEAL

In this low interest rate environment, income generated from investments has been inadequate to address the needs of recipient ecclesias. The Foundation would welcome ecclesial and individual gifts to support this work. Donations may be made via PayPal on the website, www.fairhavenfoundation.ca or sent to the treasurer:
Bro. Jonathan Farrar
140 Whitwell Way
Binbrook, ON, L0R 1C0



Year End Financial Report

Statement of Revenue,

Expenses And Fund Balance

For The Year Ending

March 31, 2016

Revenue

Investment Income	110
Donations	1,621
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	1,731

Expenses

Grants	27,270
Professional fees	3,421
Administrative	2,081
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	32,772

Net Income (31,041)

Opening fund balance 347,115

Closing fund balance 316,074



IS YOUR HALL SENIOR ACCESSIBLE?

Navigating stairs can be a challenge for more senior brothers and sisters. If you own your ecclesial hall, you may wish to consider making the building more accessible to those with limited mobility. Ramps, chairlifts or first floor washrooms can make the difference between being able to attend the service or staying home. To assist your ecclesia with the expenses of such a renovation, you may apply to the Foundation for a grant of \$5,000 to defray the associated expenses. Pictured above is the chair lift at Toronto West who partnered with Fairhaven to help cover the cost.