



# Hope Awaits

MINISTRIES

September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

## Monthly Newsletter

My name is Devin, and I would like to share a little about who I am and what God has been doing in my life. 3 years ago God brought me to North Bay to serve at Hope Awaits as a Shelter Care Worker. I was living in the Niagara Region and God made it clear to me that He wanted me to move to North Bay. Serving the homeless wasn't something that had been on my radar, but God worked out all the details and brought me to serve at Hope Awaits.

I won't say that leaving family and everything that was familiar to live and serve in a city where I didn't know anyone has been easy. But God has used the last few years to teach and mould me in Him. I have learned so much and for that I am very grateful.

After moving to North Bay God's faithfulness continued. In the Spring of 2022 I was struggling to get proper sleep due to shift work and I wanted to use the gifts and abilities God had given me more fully. I wasn't sure what God had for my future, but in the following months a Shelter Supervisor position was created at Hope Awaits that previously had not existed. God moved me into this role where I could use my abilities more fully, and gave me a vision for supporting clients through mentorship as they move out of the shelter.

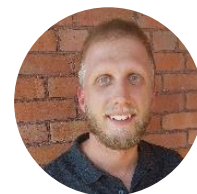
I had been serving as the Shelter Supervisor for about a year when I learned that Nicole would be stepping down as Executive Director in obedience to God. I have agreed to step in and will be serving as the Executive Director. I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to learn and serve under Nicole's leadership, and I am looking forward to what God has in store.

I had had my own plans of how I wanted to serve God with my life, and never dreamed it would be through working with the homeless. But God always knows what is best, and His ways are not our ways. Please pray for myself and the ministry as we continue to seek God's leading, and that we would honour and glorify Him in everything.

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways," says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."*  
*Isaiah 55:8-9*

In Christ,

Devin Groff  
Shelter Supervisor



**Glory be to God!**

## Our Vision

To see men filled with hope and transformed by the love, grace, and power of God.

### Highlights

#### September Client Stats



Men resided in the shelter



1 man moved out as planned



2 men chose to leave



1 man was asked to leave

4 men were still in the program at month end.

#### Care Package Stats



Over 720 care packages were distributed in September

An average of over 24 care packages a day!



#### New Video

Check out our new video that gives an overview of the ministry at Hope Awaits! It can be found on our website, Facebook page, YouTube, or by scanning the QR code.



### How You Can Help

#### 1. Donate Towards Our Current Needs

At the shelter, we are currently in need of:

- Peanut Butter
- Jam
- Pasta Sauce
- Apple Sauce Cups
- Sandwich Bags
- Socks
- Blankets

Food donations can be dropped off daily between 6pm and 9pm. Non-food donations can be dropped off in the donation bin at the side of our building.

#### 2. Become a Monthly Donor

A small donation on a monthly basis will ensure that services are able to continue to be provided – that homeless men are provided with a safe, warm place to find hope and healing.



**This fall some significant changes are coming to Hope Awaits!**

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[www.hopeawaitsministries.com](http://www.hopeawaitsministries.com)

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