

A community of compassion. A place of hope."

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Dear Friends,

This summer, providing respite from the heat will be more important than ever.

Many public places where individuals experiencing homelessness usually find relief from the heat and sun continue to be closed or operate with reduced capacities. Extreme heat and sun exposure pose great risks to the people ehm serves, many of whom live with underlying medical challenges. In fact, the City of Toronto's studies show that as many, or more, individuals experiencing homelessness pass away in the summer months than in the winter.

The Drop-In Centre will be opening its doors as a cooling space, providing respite from the elements as well as access to washrooms. A light meal, bottled water, cold refreshments, sunscreen, and insect repellant will be provided to help clients stay hydrated and safe.

At the same time, the take-out meal program will continue, helping vulnerable individuals stay nourished and as healthy as possible.

## Thanks to your donations, clients facing both the summer heat and the pandemic have a safe space in our community.



The garden along ehm's laneway welcomes guests.

There are special costs associated with these programs this summer. The Drop-In Centre is being modified to promote physical distancing and improve air circulation while the storefront space is being converted into the new Take-Out Centre. Cleaning processes will be increased. And continuing the take-out meal program means securing food and beverage containers.

Please send your donation today to help provide respite this summer to people experiencing homelessness, poverty, and mental and physical health challenges. Your generosity makes this all possible.

With deepest thanks,

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