

## **Make a Difference in Our Community: Support the Benevolent Fund**

At Sharon-Hope United Church, we believe in the power of compassion and the importance of caring for one another. Jesus taught us to share our blessings with those in need, and we strive to live out this teaching by supporting individuals and families in our community who face significant challenges.

Our **Benevolent Fund** is a vital resource that allows us to respond to the growing needs in our community. With your support, we can make a meaningful impact by partnering with local organizations dedicated to providing hope, healing, and practical assistance to those who need it most.

### **Why Donate to Our Benevolent Fund?**

- **Amplify Your Impact:** By pooling your resources with our church, you join a collective effort to bring positive change to our community.
- **Support Trusted Organizations:** We work closely with reputable agencies to ensure your contributions reach those who need it most.
- **Receive a Tax Receipt:** All donations are eligible for a tax receipt, making it even easier to give generously.
- **Be Part of a Community Movement:** Even if you're not part of a faith community, your support can help us extend our mission of care and compassion.

### **Who We Support**

Your generosity enables us to support incredible local organizations twice a year, including:

- **St. James Apostolic Church**
- **Newmarket Food Pantry**
- **Holland Landing Food Pantry**
- **Rose of Sharon**
- **Street Van**
- **Abuse Hurts**
- **Inn from the Cold**
- **Town of East Gwillimbury Christmas Toy and Food Drive**
- **Blue Door**
- **Purse for a Sister**

In addition to supporting these organizations, we also maintain:

- **An Emergency Fund:** Assisting individuals with up to \$300 to help cover rent or other household expenses in times of crisis.
- **A Grocery Card Program:** Providing grocery cards to help families with a small top-up for their essential grocery needs.

Your donation helps provide food, shelter, clothing, and other essentials to vulnerable individuals and families. Together, we can help build a stronger, more compassionate community.

## **A Call to Action**

For those who already contribute, we encourage you to continue giving generously. For those looking for a way to make a difference, we invite you to join us. Every donation, large or small, makes an impact.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. With your support, we can continue to bring light and hope to our community.

## **To donate,**

1. **Electronic Transfer** can be sent to [sharonhopebookkeeper@gmail.com](mailto:sharonhopebookkeeper@gmail.com). Add “Benevolent” in the message field.
  - If your bank allows auto deposit, you are all done.
  - If your bank does not allow auto deposit, you will need to set up a security question and answer. Send an email with your answer to [sharonhopebookkeeper@gmail.com](mailto:sharonhopebookkeeper@gmail.com); the subject line should be “For Electronic Transfers”.
2. **Online donations.** Clicking here [Sharon-Hope United Church](#) You can donate by credit card or PayPal.