

Charity Meets Social Justice at St. James

You have a unique opportunity with your Lenten Donations to support Choices, Elizabeth Fry Society, The Bridge Prison Ministry AND our Social Justice Commitment here at St. James.

Each of the charities that we support are front line in the fight against discrimination of any kind and practise Diversity, Tolerance and Inclusion – all part of our Social Justice commitment. All three of our charities serve a diverse population and their services to these populations are incredible examples of inclusion. You might like to know a bit more about them.

Choices Youth Shelter

" Choices Youth Shelter recognizes the systemic barriers of discrimination and disadvantage experienced by Black, indigenous and people of colour, the LGBTQ2S population, people with disabilities and all other marginalized identities within our community. In addition, we acknowledge that aspects of a person's social and political identities intersect, which further creates unique oppressive and discriminatory experiences. To address this, Choices Youth Shelter is committed to building and fostering a harmonious and inclusive environment for all people regardless of their race, ancestry, place of origin, ethnic origin, colour, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, political or religious affiliation and disabilities. We aim to equitably treat our residents, community members, staff and volunteers and to fairly provide services free from discrimination, harassment and hate."

Elizabeth Fry Society

"Our goal is to support criminalized and marginalized women, girls and children in achieving their potential. With the right support, we know females from difficult circumstances can transform their lives – and those of their families – for the better. Dignity, opportunity and equality are the gateway to a world of potential."



The Bridge Prison Ministry



"Restorative Justice brings a sense of security within the community because it allows the offender the opportunity to be fully accountable and responsible. At the same time, the process enables the offender to regain a sense of their own dignity and potential value within the community. Sometimes a chance is all that's needed. Not always of course, but sometimes and it is from that sense of hope that we can honestly advocate on behalf of members of both sides of the issue of crime and broken relationships. "



NO LENTEN TREE THIS YEAR! Everything must be virtual.

But, as we normally do during the Lenten Season, we are asking for donations to the three charities we support. Please give or mail your cheque to the church or send an e-transfer to our Treasurer, Todd, by April 1st. Write "Lenten Outreach" on your cheque or e-transfer. All donations will be divided equally among the three organizations and are eligible for a tax receipt. Thank you.