



# CCSAC NEWSLETTER

## CENTRETOWN CHURCHES SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Summer 2025

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### Our Mission:

To unite Christians of all denominations through joint participation in social projects and prayer.

### Get in Touch!

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## CCSAC's Annual General Meeting

Shemi Adeoye, Coordinator of Volunteers, Matthew House Ottawa, was the guest speaker at the Annual General Meeting held on June 25 at First Baptist Church.

Matthew House, established in 2010, provides shelter, food and settlement support to refugees. They started with one house at that time but now have 26 houses in several parts of the city. Just recently they welcomed their 1000<sup>th</sup> guest! Matthew House also collects and distributes good quality used furniture and household goods. The Furniture Bank, located in Kanata, furnished 130 homes last year. New space for the Furniture Bank will open in November in the Trainyards area. For more information about Matthew House or volunteer opportunities, visit [infor@matthewhouseottawa.org](mailto:infor@matthewhouseottawa.org).



Shemi Adeoye

## Daybreak House Expands

Daybreak provides supportive housing for men and women. Daybreak recently purchased a new property that will provide affordable housing for individuals facing a variety of challenges including mental health issues, addiction recovery, and escaping abusive situations.

See [daybreakhousing.org](http://daybreakhousing.org) for more information.



## Outreach Committee On the Move

Centretown Churches Social Action Committee's Outreach Committee has been busy. Daybreak Housing ([www.daybreakhousing.org](http://www.daybreakhousing.org)) received a generous donation of bedding, storage bins, blenders and laundry baskets as this year's Summer Health and Hygiene Project.

*CCSAC representative, Anisha Eipe (right), delivering donation to Daybreak Housing*



## A Second Carty House

Carty House is a first home for refugee women. This non-profit organization was established in 2001 by Sister Maureen Killoran of the Congregation of Notre Dame (CND) to respond to the under served needs of female refugees arriving in Ottawa. Sister Maureen served on CCSAC representing Canadian Martyrs Catholic Church for several years. A second Carty House opened in the fall of 2024 to provide communal housing for 15 refugee women as well as settlement assistance, individual support services, referrals, and transitional support. Carty House I and II are dedicated to female refugees in Ottawa.

## CCSAC Clergy Retirements

St. Barnabas Anglican – Rev. Canon Stewart Murray, retired on January 1 after 16 years of service.

Fourth Avenue Baptist – After serving for 24 years, Rev. Dr. Cheryle Hanna retired at the end of June.

Canadian Martyrs Catholic – Father Tim Coonen retired at the end of June after 8 years as parish priest.



*Since 1978, CCSAC's main project has been the Centretown Community Food Centre located at 370 Catherine Street.*