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Town of Aurora

## Application to Receive Funds

Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic

The Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic has raised over \$750,000 to date and has financially assisted several community organizations to provide much needed services to residents living in the Town of Aurora.

Recipient selection is conducted annually by the application review and disbursement committee of the Town of Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic and is based on the information provided in this application. Please submit completed application to the Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic at [clerks@aurora.ca](mailto:clerks@aurora.ca)

### Funding Criteria and guidelines;

- Individual applicants and community groups must demonstrate financial hardship or a limited means to retain funds in another manner. Individual applications demonstrating financial hardship will be kept confidential.
- Individuals and organizations may not receive funding for more than two consecutive years.
- Funding requests for more than \$5,000 in a calendar year will not be accepted.
- Funding requests for more than 50% of an initiative will not be considered and applicants must demonstrate how the remaining funds will be or have been obtained
- Applications should demonstrate a benefit to the residents of the Town of Aurora that receiving the funding will provide
- Successful applicants will be required to report back in any way they deem appropriate regarding the utilization of funds within six (6) months of receiving funds

### Name of Individual or Community Group

Welcoming Arms - Community Christmas Dinner

### Address

44 Melcath St Aurora

### Contact Information

Email:



Phone Number:

905-726-1483

On a separate document, please outline your initiative and any supporting documentation you have. The information being provided should align with the funding criteria guidelines found above. Please attach this form with the supporting information and email to [clerks@aurora.ca](mailto:clerks@aurora.ca)



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November 8, 2021

Town of Aurora  
Mayors Charity Golf Committee

**Annual Community Christmas Meal for those in need**

For the past several years Welcoming Arms, the Salvation Army, and various other community members have rallied together to hold a Christmas Day dinner for those in need in our community. We have traditionally provided a full turkey dinner in a sit-down community meal setting (in 2019 the dinner was held at the Aurora Legion). We also provide gifts of books, and toys for our guests. While the pandemic restrictions necessitated a change in approach to the "dinner" in 2020, with extra assistance from the Town of Aurora as well as the Rotary Club, we were able to provide this vital holiday dinner as a takeout meal with small gift bags for our clients at the Armoury. The provision of this healthy meal represents an albeit brief but welcome respite from the burden of poverty our fellow citizens face on a daily basis.

Despite the significant operational and fundraising constraints we have faced throughout the past 18 months of the pandemic, we at Welcoming Arms continue to work towards meeting the needs of the marginalized in Aurora. We are a very small organization that has a very big impact on the lives of those who need our help the most.

This year we are working with the Aurora Legion again, who have agreed to provide a chef and their facility to provide the meal in a takeout format. This event is entirely volunteer driven and is at no cost to the recipients. We anticipate providing around 250 meals this year (last year we served about 200), as our weekly meal program numbers have all increased during the course of the pandemic.

Last year we were fortunate to have had a generous donation (\$7000.00) from a local business that helped to offset the cost of providing this community meal program to local residents in need. As we do not anticipate receiving a similar donation this year, we are seeking financial support in the form of a donation of \$5000.00 from the Mayor's Charity Golf funds. These funds would be used for the purchase of vegetables, stuffing, potatoes, takeout containers, and small gifts for an anticipated 250 guests. All other costs of the Christmas Meal program will be covered by donations from community members.

While Welcoming Arms is a faith informed charitable organization, our service delivery is non-denominational. Meal programs respect the faith based dietary needs of all our residents; thus, vegetarian meals are provided to ensure that our program is fully accessible to anyone who needs it.

We thank you in advance for consideration of our donation request. Should you have any questions regarding our Christmas Meal program, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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Respectfully,

Doug Steele

Chair, Executive Council  
Welcoming Arms