

# Ottawa Innerscity Ministries



“What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and walk humbly with our God”  
Micah 6: 8

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December 17, 2009

Dear *in HIS care*,

Thank you so very much for your generous gift of sleeping bags! Your gift helps us help others! Indeed, Ottawa Innerscity Ministries has been serving the poor and homeless since 1988. We operate an all-ages drop-in, street outreach, a street youth art drop-in, and a work skills program that, all told, serves up to 200 people each and every week. Our goal is to help people attain a higher quality of life and to build a stronger community, all the while helping our street friends develop their self-esteem and self-worth.

It is, therefore, so encouraging for us to know that there are people who really care and believe in reaching out to those living on the margins of society. Just today, our new street friend Barry was in desperate need of a sleeping bag - as he is currently sleeping outside - and we were able to give him one of the very bags that you so generously purchased and donated to us! It is through these first contacts that we are able to begin to build meaningful friendships with a view to empowering our street friends so that they may be better-equipped to face their challenges and achieve their dreams.

On behalf of Barry and all of our street friends: Thank you!

Ken MacLaren

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken MacLaren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Executive Director  
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