



CENTRE 454 MOVING HOME TO ST ALBAN'S CHURCH

“CENTRE 454’s vision is a community where ALL can live to their fullest potential. We encourage community engagement and welcome the opportunity to talk about our community and our services.”

- Mary-Martha Hale, Executive Director, CENTRE 454

Centre 454 is delighted to announce that it will be moving home to St. Alban’s Church at 454 King Edward Avenue where we operated from 1976 to 2000. Centre 454 will occupy the full basement of the Church, which allows us more space to consolidate our operation and better serve our participants.

The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa will be renewing the parish of St. Alban’s and has named Rev. Mark Whittall as the incumbent designate. As an integral part of renewing its ministry there, the Diocese has invited Centre 454 to return. The Diocese and Centre 454 will gain full access to the space this July.

Centre 454 hopes to celebrate Christmas at St. Alban’s.



“ Our Centre is a lifeline. We depend on it, and appreciate it. The staff are informed and willing to give us support. ”

- Christopher,
a participant

Centre 454 has offered a range of programs to community members living in poverty in the Sandy Hill and Lowertown area for over 35 years. Centre 454 offers social recreation, supportive counselling, as well as practical and spiritual supports. Services include hospitality, special events, individual and group counselling, crisis intervention, assistance with ODSP access, laundry and shower facilities, along with chaplaincy services.

Centre 454 also offers specialized services provided by professionals from other agencies, including the Canadian Mental Health Association, City of Ottawa Health Department, Housing Help, John Howard Society, Royal Ottawa Centre for Mental Health, Jewish Family Services, and Wabano

Centre for Aboriginal Health. Continuing our operations within the renewed St. Alban’s Church complex will provide Centre 454 participants an opportunity for sanctuary that is unattainable at the current storefront location on Murray Street.



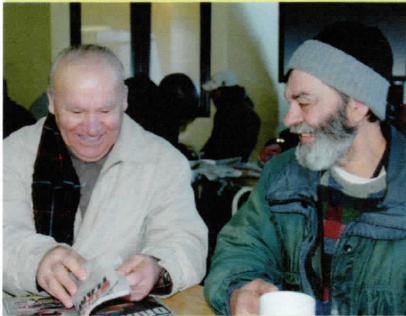
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As we go forward, Centre 454 will be hosting a number of events for supporters and community members to see our new location and celebrate the journey home with us.



Watch this newsletter and your email for further developments about Centre 454's move and for invitations to these events.



For more information about the Centre 454 move, please visit www.centre454.ca/our-move

Please email us at centre454@ottawa.anglican.ca if you wish to get involved or receive notices about upcoming events.

Over the next eight months, Centre 454 will be actively preparing for the move to meet our goal of being up and running in the new location by this Christmas. This includes designing and renovating the new space, raising funds to implement the renovations, engaging with the neighbourhood and facilitating the actual move.

Since the announcement that Centre 454 will be returning to St. Alban's, we have been very active on the community engagement front.

We have met with local community members, service providers and City officials to initiate discussion and obtain feedback on our move. Community members and Centre 454 have identified a number of shared



concerns and are working on a plan of action to ensure a welcoming, safe and inclusive community for all. Centre 454 has proposed a working group of neighbourhood stakeholders to communicate and develop processes to address issues if they arise. We have also invited a representative of the Action Sandy Hill community association to join the Centre 454 Management

Board and we have committed to identify a community liaison person to address issues should they arise. While some community members oppose Centre 454's move, many others have welcomed the move and have offered their full support.

We will continue to work with the community as we prepare for our move. Our vision is to contribute to a community where all individuals are respected and can meet their full potential.

Centre 454, in conjunction with the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, has also been working on identifying the renovation and retrofit requirements for the new facility. We have engaged an architect with heritage experience and are finalizing the plans and costs for the move. Centre 454 will be initiating a fundraising campaign early this fall to help with the costs to renovate the Centre 454 space. There are many ways to help - we invite community members to organize fundraisers at their work or within their faith community to support the Centre 454 move. Please watch for calls for donations to help support these renovations.

