

We feed hungry people.



Our Mission

To provide a safe, warm, welcoming place where hungry people can come to eat with no questions asked and where they are treated with dignity and respect.

What does the Face of Hunger Look Like?

Hunger looks like the person who has lost their spouse and doesn't know how to cook for themselves or a retiree trying to make their pension stretch through the month. Hunger looks like the single parent trying to provide for their children or a family fallen on hard times. Hunger doesn't discriminate and neither does the Dew Drop Inn.

One of our patrons speaks about their experience visiting the Dew Drop Inn: "A few years back I fell ill and suddenly I was unable to continue with my employment. Not long after, I needed to reach out to our community for assistance. My first few visits to the Dew Drop Inn were uncomfortable. I felt judged for being unable to meet my financial needs. Within no time, it became very apparent that the judgement was coming from within myself alone. The staff and volunteers are incredibly understanding, open and helpful-always going above and beyond to assist the Dew's patrons.

When COVID restrictions increased in 2020 it forced them to re-imagine how to quickly, and sanitarilly, allow people to obtain their meal. The new set up allows for the patrons to see or briefly speak with five or six volunteers, while maintaining a clean environment and a safe distance. The patrons are met with smiles, greetings, short chats and even helpful advice from the staff and volunteers.

During these uncertain and often dark times, a smile can make a world of difference! I am proud that this establishment, staff and volunteers, are a part of our community. They make Thunder Bay not just a city, but a superior place to call home."

At the Dew Drop Inn, we feed people from all walks of life from babies to seniors. Approximately 47% of our patrons are 65 years or older. Our senior citizens are falling through the cracks and simply do not have the funds to put towards food on a daily basis or the skills to cook a nutritious meal. In 2020, we averaged 304 meals a day, which amounted to 110,565 meals being served. This is an increase of 20, 150 meals above 2019. Every day we see that hunger doesn't discriminate and we are here to feed our patrons 365 days a year.

Dew Drop Inn Wins Not for Profit Excellence Award

On June 17, 2021, The Dew Drop Inn won the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Award for 2021 in the Not-For-Profit Excellence Category. It has been a challenging 15 months for the Dew and we appreciate the recognition of the important role we have in feeding the hungry in Thunder Bay. It is said that it takes a village to raise a child and we believe it takes a community to feed the hungry. We are blessed to have a caring Board of Directors and Staff who are fueled by compassion. We are thankful for our amazing volunteers who give us their precious gift of time daily, and a community that supports our mission. We are grateful for this award and accept it on behalf of everyone who has helped us shape the Dew Drop Inn into what it is today. A special thank you to Impala Canada for sponsoring this award.



Thank You to Our Partners & Donors:

The Dew Drop Inn would like to acknowledge and thank those who have supported our feeding program in the last year. Thank you for letting us be able to give a nutritional meal to all of our patrons. With food prices on the rise and the additional cost of take-home containers, our budget has experienced an unexpected increase. This funding from our partners and donors, makes it possible to continue to offer our patrons delicious and nutritious meals on a daily basis.



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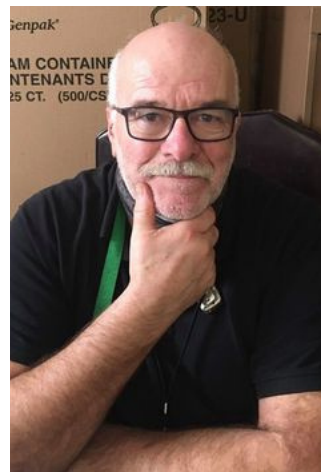
A Message from Michael Quibell, Executive Director

One thing we all have in common is the knowledge that life has become incredibly expensive. For myself, a trip to the grocery store, gassing up the car, or a visit to the dentist are some of the many reminders of why we are so busy at the Dew Drop Inn. It has been a challenging year for us and COVID has caused interruptions in employment and income to many in our community. The living wage here in Thunder Bay is \$16.72 an hour and working full time at this wage will barely cover your basic needs. So many in our community are struggling with food insecurity and putting food on the table daily. In an ideal world, everyone would have access to healthy food and everyone would be able to afford it; unfortunately this is not the case and that is why the Dew Drop Inn is here.

I am as close as I will ever be without experiencing what life is like for those who visit us. I see the faces, I hear the stories, I am aware of the daily struggles. It is a roller coaster of emotions for me. It saddens me that more and more are struggling in our community and it is scary that each month our numbers continue to grow. We never imagined we were capable of serving over 110,000 meals/lunches in 2020 and yet, for 2021, we are anticipating another record breaking year: we are projected to serve over 120,000 meals.

We are firm believers that everyone deserves a good meal. We strive to add as much nutrition as possible to our take-home lunches and hot meals. Our patrons depend on us to be consistent. Hunger does not take a holiday and neither do we. We realize the Dew Drop Inn is not the answer to poverty, but we also realize that it is unacceptable for men, women, and children to go hungry until solutions are in place to eradicate poverty.

I am incredibly proud of everyone associated with the Dew Drop Inn and of the important role we play in the community. We simply could not do what we do without you. On behalf of all of us at the Dew Drop Inn, we acknowledge you and thank you for your ongoing support. We are hopeful that together we can continue to feed our hungry in Thunder Bay for as long as our services are needed.



Meet the Staff



Introducing our staff from left to right :

Outi (Deputy Executive Director)

Wendy (Kitchen Supervisor)

Coreena (Kitchen Supervisor)

Linda (Volunteer Co-ordinator)

Julio (Soup Kitchen Manager)

Missing: Alex (Kitchen Supervisor)



Ways to Give to the Dew Drop Inn

A dear friend of mine, "didn't live far from the Dew Drop Inn and when she was able to walk, she would drag herself there for a meal. She was welcomed with opened arms and without prejudice. I just want to acknowledge all the work that the Dew Drop Inn does by serving meals to warm the bodies and spirits of those in need."

- A Donor of the DDI

There are many ways to support the Dew Drop Inn:

- Volunteer your Time
- Bring us Groceries, Food, and Hygiene Products (listed every Wednesday in the Chronical Journal)
- Organize a Food Drive
- Create a Fundraiser for us
- Give Financially - \$20 will feed 8 people a day
- Donate In Honour or In Memorial of a Loved One
- Give a Legacy Gift to the Dew Drop Inn

If you are a restaurant or bakery, we can accept food donations made in kitchens inspected and approved by the TBDHU. If you would like more information about pick up days or want to inquire about how you can help the Dew Drop Inn, please call the office at (807) 346-0809.

Want to volunteer at the Dew Drop Inn?

Please call Linda our Volunteer Co-ordinator at (807) 345-0481 from Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to Noon.