

**We feed hungry people.**



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## **Our Mission**

To provide a safe and welcoming place and a nourishing meal while building a community of inclusion, dignity, and respect.

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## **Meet One of Our Patrons - Tracey's Story**

"As someone who is a huge advocate for poverty-related challenges, whether it be food insecurity, housing, homelessness, transit to name a few. I know this struggle is real. As a PWLE (Person with Lived Experience) with these challenges I know how it feels personally to struggle with paying rent, bills much less being able to go to the grocery store for food. I haven't been able to go to an actual grocery store to buy groceries in awhile when I do its with the help of gift cards.

Luckily for community members like me there are feeding programs within the city which offer free meals (lunch) to the public. The Dew Drop Inn is one of those feeding programs. I live in Fort William however find it is worth my while to travel via transit to Port Arthur to visit the Dew Drop Inn daily. Feeding programs like the Dew Drop Inn have literally saved my life. The food is always plentiful with soup & salad to start with a main meal with some kind of protein, starch, vegetables, dessert, coffee/tea/juice/water.

Not to mention all the food donations collected or dropped off by wonderful community members who know just how important places like this are needed. Just last week I picked up some coffee creamers, the day before some tomatoes, VOILA Home made tomato soup!! With a little work I'm able to create some amazing meals for myself.

I make the trip to have lunch some days with a friend in PA. Some days we take our lunches "to go" and go sit at Waverly Park. There's nothing like sitting in a room full of people who are not only feeding their souls, mental health & well being. Unfortunately, the pandemic has been challenging for people like me. All too often, people like me fall through the cracks in the system because I don't fall into what is considered to be living in poverty."

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## **A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Community Partners and Donors**

### **Bishop Colli & St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church**

Thank you for your on-going support and letting the Dew Drop Inn call this our home for the last 41 years.

### **Roots Community Food Centre**

Roots Community Food Centre has been bringing Senior Bags to everyone 60 or older, every Wednesday, since June 2020. Roots Community Food Centre has distributed 6,350 bags since starting: that's 70 Senior Bags a week! These weekly bags include everything from kitchen staples to meals and desserts. The senior bags are sincerely appreciated by everyone who receives one.



### **Regional Food Distribution Association (RFDA)**

Thank you to Tanner Harris, Ashley Mattson, and their amazing kitchen team at the RFDA! They have been helping out the Dew Drop Inn since March of 2020. They have prepared an incredible amount of food for our hot meals and they have cooked over 4,000 pounds of turkey for our holiday dinners.



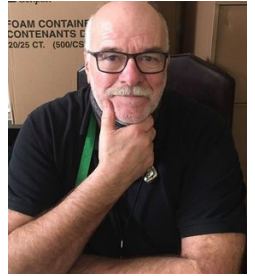
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## A Message from Michael Quibell, Executive Director

In our 41 years of feeding the hungry in Thunder Bay it was no surprise to us that 2021 was a record-breaking year for the Dew Drop Inn. An incredible 121,339 meals/lunches had been served, which clearly indicates the devastating extent of food insecurity in our community. While we are incredibly proud of our accomplishments and how we continue to meet our challenges head on, it is unsettling knowing that so many among us require our services. It is definitely a sad sign of the times we live in.



*We simply could not do what we do without you* is the phrase we use most frequently. The Dew Drop Inn is a community coming together to feed our hungry. We are, in my opinion, the perfect example of teamwork at its finest. The Dew is blessed with a supportive board of directors, amazing staff that are fueled by passion, an Army of Awesomeness who put in a mind boggling 40,000+ volunteer hours yearly, and a community that believes that everyone deserves a good meal and to be treated with respect and dignity. Your support has created this amazing opportunity for the Dew to offer 3 nutritious meal options daily. I sincerely thank you for all the support you have given us.

Once again, our future is uncertain and on behalf of the Dew Drop Inn, we acknowledge and thank you for your continued support. Together we will continue to feed our hungry in Thunder Bay for as long as our services are needed.

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### Meet the Staff



Top to Bottom, Left to Right:  
Anthony - Kitchen Support Worker  
April - Kitchen Support Worker  
Brandon - Kitchen Support Worker  
Linda - Volunteer Co-Ordinator  
Muhammed - Kitchen Support Worker  
Outi - Deputy Executive Director  
Michael - Executive Director  
Julio - Kitchen Manager  
Wendy - Operations 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 open arms and without prejudice. I just want to acknowledge all the work the Dew Drop Inn does by serving meals to warm the bodies and the spirit of those in need."

- A donor of the DDI

There are many ways to support the Dew Drop Inn:

- Volunteer your Time
- Bring us Non-Perishable Groceries
- Organize a Food Drive
- Create a Fundraiser for Us
- Give Financially - \$20 provides 8 meals
- Donate in Honor or In Memory of a Loved One
- Give a Legacy Gift to the Dew Drop Inn
- Tell People about Us

If you are a restaurant or bakery, we can accept food donations made in kitchens inspected and approved by the TBHU. 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 Julio or Michael at (807) 345-0481.

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### Meet one of our Patrons - Linda's Story

When I first moved here in 1992, I had no idea where to go for food or advice. The Dew Drop Inn has been here for myself, my family, and now my grandchildren and hopefully for years to come. I can walk into the Dew Drop Inn without being judged and without having to feel like I am not doing well. But I can walk in with an empty tummy and leave full and happy to face the world.