

2023

Dame Melanie Rock hosted a fundraiser, on Facebook, for her walk through Cornwall, England in August of 2022. Close to \$10K was raised during this event.

The Foundation pledged \$10 000 (monies from Dame Rock's fundraiser as well as some to the Diane Morrison Hospice) for the Homeless run by the Ottawa Mission. The monies will be transferred in 2023.

2022

While Covid-19 significantly restricted gatherings and fundraising, the Commandery still donated a total of C\$15,000 to three charities, evenly split between Diane Morrison Hospice, a hospice for homeless people where the donation was used to purchase tablets to allow residents to communicate with family, Armagh House, a residence for women coming from an abuse "intake center" and Interval House a residential program for victims of family violence.

2021

Covid-19 had a significant impact on the activities undertaken by the Ontario Commandery in 2020. While community gatherings were severely restricted, we continued to provide financial support to front line community organizations serving the Lord's sick and poor.

In April we made a **\$5,000 donation to the Diane Morrison Hospice** for homeless people in Ottawa. Due to COVID-19, residents of the hospice could not receive visitors. Our donation was used to acquire tablets that allowed residents to communicate with family members from a distance thus protecting the health and safety of the residents, their families, and the staff of the hospice.

As a commandery, we discussed other critical needs brought on by COVID-19 and its resulting social isolation and revolving lockdowns in our communities. While those in hospice care will continue to receive our help, we recognized there were others in our community that needed our support during the Covid-19 crises. With the rise of domestic violence during Covid, the SOSJ Ontario was pleased to donate **\$5000 to Armagh House**. Armagh House is a facility where women can go to after leaving an abuse "intake center". It presently has nine small individual condos. The maximum stay at this facility is 2 years. It's the only facility of its kind in the entire Peel Region and has played an integral part of the success of the women able to reside there while rebuilding their and their children's lives. In addition, we provided a **\$5000 grant to Interval House in Ottawa**, a residential program for victims of family violence, to assist them in improving their building security and providing day programs for resident women and children.

2019

- **Ottawa Mission Hospital:** The Commandery financial support is focused on a palliative care facility (Ottawa Mission Hospital) seeing to the needs of homeless persons in their last days...truly the Lord's sick and poor. The 4th Annual Fun Run scheduled for Saturday, October 3 2020 (delayed one week because of the scheduled Sovereign Council Meeting) but, obviously, contingent on the clearing of social distancing restrictions. Nevertheless, planning is moving forward. This has been the hallmark fundraiser for our small Commandery and is lead by Dame Melanie Rock. In 2019 over CA\$7,000 was raised through the run itself and the BBQ generously hosted by Daryl and Melanie Rock at their home. A total of roughly \$7,500 was raised and donated during 2019.

2015

- Provided \$2500 to the **Ontario Palliative and Hospice Care Association of Ontario** to train volunteers in key areas of palliative and hospice care.

2016

- Provided \$15,000 to the **Diane Morrison Hospice**, a partnership between the Ottawa Mission and Ottawa Inner City Health that provides hospice care to homeless men and women in Ottawa, to renovate their nursing station as they expand their hospice from 14 to 21 beds.
- Provided \$15,000 to the **Good Neighbours Club**, in partnership with the Toronto Inner City Health Associates to support the Good Wishes project, an initiative intended to provide homeless individuals with critical support through their end of life in ways that respect their personal journeys. Specific wishes include funding a family reconnection, a set of new clothes, etc.

2017

- **Ottawa Hospice:** A specific donation was a purchase of some equipment for a local Hospice for C\$3,000.
- **“Fall Colors Fun Run”:** The Commandery organized a “Fall Colors Fun Run” for members and the general public to help raise funds for Hospice and Palliative care in Ottawa.
- **“The Lost Treasure of Malta”:** Dame Melanie Rock wrote a book called “The Lost Treasure of Malta”, with all the funds raised from sales going to the Commandery for charitable use.