



**United Way**  
Thunder Bay

# HOW WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

## COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

A COMMUNITY FREE FROM POVERTY

IMPROVING LIVES, BUILDING COMMUNITY

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### GOAL: PEOPLE'S BASIC NEEDS ARE MET

#### Real Local Impacts

**St. Andrew Soup Kitchen Inc.**  
**Dew Drop Inn Feeding Program**

**254**

people fed per day on average in 2019.

Many people who use our feeding program are on fixed incomes and cannot afford to purchase nutritious ingredients for preparing their own meals. Our feeding program allows them access to a well-balanced nutritious meal.

**Our Kids Count of Thunder Bay Inc.**  
**Food Nutrition Access**

**100%**

of the participants demonstrated changes in their nutrition knowledge, attitude, behaviours and families found temporary food relief in a crisis situation by accessing affordable, appropriate and nutritious food. They also developed assets like employment skills, education, training, and literacy.

#### Local Lives Changed:

*A young woman with a child in tow were standing uncomfortably just inside the doorway.*

*We welcomed her and she told us that she had fallen on hard times and we would be seeing her quite often for the next while. She continued to visit us about 4 to 5 times a week and we would try to have a little extra set aside for her to take home. In late October, she excitedly told us that she had found a job and in November she made her final visit to the Dew Drop Inn. The woman stated that she could not have survived without the support of the Dew Drop Inn and thanked us for the dignity and respect shown to her.*

# GOAL: A COMMUNITY WHERE ALL YOUTH GRADUATE

## Real Local Impacts

**Boys & Girls Club of  
Thunder Bay  
Outreach Program**

# 96%

of children and youth were provided opportunities to participate in recreational activities in their own neighbourhood.



**Evergreen a United  
Neighbourhood  
Evergreen Supports for Youth**

# 71%

of children and youth believe in themselves and make healthy choices. Evergreen youth will stay in school and graduate.

### Local Lives Changed:

**“** I met Linda roughly 6 years ago when I was in grade 7. Linda helped me when I needed it most whether it was schoolwork, food, or clothing she was able and more than willing to help me out. I soon noticed that I wasn't the only kid coming to both the Evergreen house and Park for help. No matter how spread the community was, we all came together at Evergreen. **”**

# GOAL: A CONNECTED AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

## Real Local Impacts

**Thunder Bay Literacy Group  
Small Group**

# 100%

of the participants achieved positive outcomes by developing human assets like: improved skills and knowledge, self-awareness, self-image, self-sufficiency, ability to manage and direct learning processes, ability to achieve short-term goals and independence. Besides, they have a sense of belonging and inclusion, as they are more involved in their community.

**Elizabeth Fry Society of  
Northwestern Ontario  
Jail Visitation and Community  
Reintegration for Women**

# 1800

program participants served their sentence developing connections, which left the women feeling connected, supported and not isolated.

### Local Lives Changed:

**“** Fab joined the Small Group class with a long-term goal of achieving a GED certificate. His formal education had stopped at the end of grade 10, as he went to work at quite a young age. In his late forties, he decided to make some changes; he enrolled at Thunder Bay Literacy Group to improve his reading, writing and math skills so as to be able to pass the GED exam. Since joining the class three years ago, he has diligently applied strategies for finding meaning in what he reads and has used those strategies to expand his knowledge of social studies and science in preparation for the GED test. He looks forward to having the qualifications that will allow him to get a better job with less physical labour and perhaps even to open his own bicycle repair shop. **”**