

# Community Director Report:



I would like to thank all our fantastic volunteers who braved the elements to sell special edition newspapers to raise funds assisting the Goodfellows in their mission.

Special thanks to Dan Pergolesi with coordinating the volunteers between the two Knights of Columbus Councils.

Thanks also to Dan Dumouchelle and Jerry Laforet for their money counting skills. Jerry was a huge asset guiding me through the inside procedures for set-up and distribution. Thank you, gentlemen, for all your input and advice.

Once again thank you to all our volunteers.

Respectfully,  
Brian Metcalfe,  
Goodfellows Chairman





## Goodfellows (continued):

This year's volunteers (from previous page):

**Council 8919 / OLOTA Parish:** Mike Di Menna, Vince Buglisi, John Sabga, Don Panek, Mike and Matt Charbonneau, Beni Sadano, Shawn Wilson, Mark Garrant, Dennis Robillard, Lorenzo Bizutti, Jerry and Vicki Laporte.

**Council 9528 / SJV Parish:** Antoine Labbe and family, Del Beltran, Leo LeHoux, Lou Lafontaine, Sandro Silvaggi, Jules and Lynne Santarossa, Philip Dutka, Ray, Lucille and Melissa Faulkner.

### Goodfellows Facts

- There are 34 Old Newsboys Newspaper Teams with an average of 600 volunteers.
- Goodfellows Food Bank is open two days a week, year-round.
- They provide 13,000 boxes of food.
- Food costs approximately \$1.3 million and is purchased locally.
- They feed approximately 40,000 people.
- Grocery store certificates (included in the Christmas boxes) cost \$100,000.
- Lunch bags for homeless cost \$100,000.
- 29 schools share \$116,000 for the Breakfast/Nutrition program.
- Footwear program costs \$90,000 for new shoes / boots for children in JK to grade 8.
- 120,000 copies of the Goodfellows Newspaper are donated by the Windsor Star.
- There are 34 Old Newsboys Newspaper Teams with an average of 600 volunteers.
- This accounts for 40% of funds raised.
- Mailed out Appeal Brochures fundraiser accounts for 45% of their income.
- They have only one paid staff member with administrative cost of only 5%.
- Goodfellows have been part of our community for over 110 years.



November 26, 2023



Above: Jerry Laforet, Brian Metcalfe and Dan Dumouchelle.

Total of this year's collections and donations:

#### Collections:

Thursday Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup> :	\$2,256.00
Friday Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup> :	\$1,349.00

#### Donations:

Council 8919:	\$1,000.00
Council 9528:	\$ 500.00
Dennis Cecile:	<u>\$1,075.60</u>

**Total Donations:** \$6,179.70

### Soccer Penalty Kick Competition

Councils 8919, 8233 & 9528 participated at the Regional Penalty Kick Competition on October 28, 2023, in Kingsville.



Leah Wankin from our Council took 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Girls 9 Yr. Old Age group and will represent our Council at the Ontario State Level Soccer Competition. While Mateo Montaleone (also from our Council), took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Boys 11 Yr. Old Age group. Congratulations to both Leah and Mateo in their achievements.



Vivat Jesus,

Eduardo Aguilar  
Community Director

