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Ottawa, ON – The Ottawa Mission is proud to announce the launch of its new, redesigned website on September 12, 2016 at <u>OttawaMission.com</u>. This new site supports The Ottawa Mission in their service of the homeless, hungry, and lost.

This new website arrives in The Mission's 110th year. Expanding on its cause and promotion of Christian spirit and a desire to help those in need, this website gives donors, volunteers, and people in need access to information on the services, programs, and supports The Ottawa Mission has to offer. This includes a new and easy-to-use online donation form that allows the community to continue their support of the much-needed work of The Mission.

"Ottawa has such a big heart for helping people in their time of need and The Ottawa Mission is very blessed to have the support of many compassionate and generous donors," says Sean Wong, Executive Director of The Ottawa Mission Foundation. "The goal of our new website is to share with donors how their gifts change lives and to make it as easy as possible for them to donate to continue helping people in need."

In addition to the user-friendly donation form, prospective volunteers are able to learn more about upcoming events, other donation methods, and numerous opportunities to support The Mission's community.

In 2015:

- 1,696 individuals found shelter with The Ottawa Mission through the year;
- The average length of stay was 44 days;
- The average age of a resident was 42 years;
- On average, 231 people were given shelter every night; and
- 1,300 meals were served on average each day.

The work of The Ottawa Mission is seen every day in the lives of the individuals it helps, whether by providing people experiencing homelessness in the city a place to sleep, a muchneeded meal, or helping them with job training and educational support. The Ottawa Mission provides food, shelter, clothing, and skills to those in need through its programs, services, and ongoing support.

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