



Help a Homeless on Canada Day July 7, 2024

Event Overview:

XPRT Charity Inc. organized the Help a Homeless program on July 1st, 2024, as part of our ongoing commitment to support the homeless community in the Greater Montreal area. The program aimed to provide essential meals and foster positive interactions with individuals facing homelessness.

Volunteer Participation:

A total of 12 volunteers, consisting of 7 adults and 5 children, enthusiastically participated in the event. Volunteers were recruited through our organization's network and included members of our regular volunteer team as well as new volunteers eager to contribute to community outreach efforts.



Meal Distribution Details:

With generous support from a local pizzeria, we procured 26 pizzas for the event. Each pizza was carefully sliced into portions and then packaged into individual paper bags. Each meal package included:

- 2 slices of pizza: We ensured variety by offering different toppings and catered to dietary preferences wherever possible.
- 1 bottle of water: Essential for hydration, especially during the summer months.
- 1 soft drink: Provided as a treat and to offer variety in beverage options.

Event Execution:



The event day began with volunteers gathering at our designated assembly point at 2:00 PM. After a brief orientation and safety briefing, volunteers engaged in the packaging process, which started promptly at 2:30 PM. Packaging was organized efficiently to ensure all meals were ready for distribution by 3:00 PM.



Distribution Strategy:

To maximize our outreach and impact, volunteers were divided into two groups:

- Group 1 stationed themselves at the intersection of Park Ave. and Milton St., a busy area known for its homeless population and shelters.
- Group 2 dispersed meals strategically along Saint Laurent St., near Saint-Catherine East, and near Metro Berri Uqam, locations frequented by individuals experiencing homelessness.

Community Interaction and Response:

Throughout the distribution process, volunteers engaged warmly with the homeless individuals they encountered. Beyond just providing meals, volunteers took the time to converse with recipients, offering a friendly ear and human connection. Recipients expressed sincere gratitude for the meals provided, often sharing stories of their current challenges and personal circumstances.

Volunteer Experience and Feedback:

Volunteers reported a deeply fulfilling experience, noting how their small acts of kindness made a tangible difference in the lives of those in need. Many volunteers were touched by the positive reactions and heartfelt thanks from the homeless community. Some volunteers expressed interest in participating in future outreach events, motivated by the impactful experience of directly helping others in their community.



Conclusion:

XPRT Charity Inc.'s Help a Homeless program on July 1st, 2024, was a significant success, thanks to the collaborative efforts of our dedicated volunteers and the support of our community partners. By providing 100 meals to individuals experiencing homelessness, we reaffirmed our commitment to compassion and solidarity within our community.

Future Initiatives:

Looking ahead, XPRT Charity Inc. remains committed to organizing similar initiatives and expanding our outreach efforts to support vulnerable populations across Montreal. We are grateful for the opportunity to make a meaningful impact and look forward to continuing our mission of service and compassion.