



Cambridge Charities

Our charities are supported in a variety of ways. We collect items such as toiletries, coffee/tea, Winter hats/mitts/scarves, socks or cleaning supplies at our meetings. The proceeds from our annual Silent Auction are distributed to our charities. This past year **Haven House** which is a safe house for women experiencing abuse, and **Ancora House** which is a sober living home for women who are transitioning into recovery-based independent lifestyles received \$700 each.

The women of Ancora House also brought some food products from their social enterprise program which they sold at our February meeting. The residents make and sell homemade beef and turkey pies, butter tarts and jam. The program provides opportunities for the women to raise money for resources needed at the houses and gain skills related to running a business and financial management while teaching life skills. Their products may be ordered online throughout the year and are also sold outside of Wesley Church at the Cambridge Farmers' Market.

Haven House is a 40-bed crisis shelter which provides support groups, and community referrals, for women and their children in abusive relationships. Their new facility opened on Acorn Way in 2016. This year Cambridge Branch RWTO are collecting children's books as a memorial to our late President, Dianne Winkler for the library at Haven House.



Bridges Homeless Shelter <https://www.cambridgesheltercorp.ca/locations/the-bridges/> includes

Ancora House (for women) and Saginaw House (for men) which are Sober Living Homes

Haven House <https://wcswr.org/> Women's Crisis Shelter

Our charities are supported through donations of "most needed" items at the luncheons, the annual Silent Auction in November, sponsoring walkers in the annual Bridges Walk in December and by purchasing the food items produced by Ancora and Saginaw Houses.



Ancora House Jam Sales



Bridges Walk Lunch 2017



Fundraising Prize won by RWTO Team