

MARCH 20 – NOTICE RE: ALL WELCOMING ARMS PROGRAMS, effective Monday March 23

To Visitors/Guests of Bridging the Gap, Martha's Table and Welcome Table:

Due to the increasing risk of community transmission of COVID-19 and public health directives to stay home as much as possible, until further notice, we are

NO LONGER OFFERING MEALS OR SUPPORTS IN PERSON

Due to closure of our partner churches (our primary funding source), our available resources are likely to become more limited over time. To make our current resources last as long as possible and redirect them to those most in need, we are revising our policies and procedures.

We will use new eligibility criteria to determine on a case-by-case basis what level of support can be offered (if any) to only those with an urgent need.

ONLY if you have an urgent need, leave a message at 905-726-1483 and a volunteer will call you within two business days (or as soon as possible). We will listen, discuss options and determine if you are eligible for limited assistance from Welcoming Arms. As we become aware of them, we will inform you of other resources that may be available to you. You can also go to www.211.ca or call 2-1-1.

We all need to do our part to make the resources we have stretch as long as possible. Please make every effort to reduce your spending to only essential items, as we do not know how long this situation will last.

May God be with us all, and bring us through this to better times ahead.

Connect with York Region Public Health for the most current and accurate information:

www.york.ca/COVID19

or call Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus>

or call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000

To protect yourself and those around, please stay home as much as possible.