



**The Salvation Army**  
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**Dear Broadview Village Families, Friends, Staff and Advocates for the people we support,**

First of all, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and trust that even though this past Christmas season was a very different one, it was still a time that allowed a sense of peace, a source of love and joy, and an opportunity to reflect on the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

### **COVID-19**

As we begin what we want to view as a new and hopeful year, we are faced with the stark reality that despite this hope we are continuing to battle COVID-19. Community spread has greatly increased, hospitals and long-term care homes are becoming over-taxed, and lockdowns to try to control the spread are expanding/extending. Closer to home, here at Broadview Village, we have had one of our very independent residents test positive as a result of community transmission, thereby bringing the number of residents positive since March 2019 to 7 – with one death, one currently active case, and 5 resolved cases.

I am happy to say that our one active individual has responded well to treatment in hospital and will be coming home soon.

In addition, we have 15 staff who have tested positive of which 14 have been resolved and 1 is classed as “inconclusive”.

As noted above, Toronto’s “Lockdown” stage has been extended (until Jan 23, 2021 at the earliest) and we continue to keep all rules and regulations in place. We are ongoingly monitoring the situation in Toronto and the associated provincial government and public health guidance’s and work to reflect these realities in our day-to-day work.

**Vaccines** – On a more positive note, the first vaccines have begun rolling-out for use in Ontario. While there is no current information about how this will impact us, where we sit on the priority list, etc. I want you to know that I am actively seeking some clarification and advocating for us to be “sooner-rather-than-later”. Despite this great news, the reality is that we as an organization need to prepare for (at minimum) another 4 – 6 months of the current restrictions before we get to the 70%+ penetration level within the broader populace.

**Hiring of New Staff** – We are very pleased to welcome 5 new staff to our Broadview Village family. They come to us with some great experience and will be valuable additions to our family.

**Re-Opening for Day Programs** – This continues to be on hold regarding person-to-person supports, but increased virtual offerings have begun in our BVEP, PLUS and CEPE programs.

**William and Catherine Booth**  
Founders

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**Staff Working from Home** – All staff who are able to work from home are continuing to be directed to do so until further notice. All staff working from home should remain available via phone, email and Teams.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support!! You have no idea how much your kind words, (be they staff-to-staff, family-to-staff, staff-to-family) and messages of support help us to stay focussed and motivated. Please feel free to reach out to myself should you have any commentary, questions or concerns at 416-425-1052 ext. 201 or at [Arthur.Mathews@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:Arthur.Mathews@salvationarmy.ca)

Please take care and continue to be safe.

Art Mathews, Executive Director