

Spring Motorcycle Show & Canadian Dispatch Riders Team up to Support the Scott Mission

March 2010 (Toronto) – “There are homeless Veterans? I didn’t know”. That is how the “Spring Motorcycle Show Food Drive” started.

The Canadian Dispatch Riders and the Toronto International Motorcycle Spring Show have teamed up to collect 10,000 cans of food for the Scott Mission Food Bank. Motorcyclists attending the show are asked to bring one can of food to help those less fortunate. All items collected will be donated to the Scott Mission to support homeless veterans, the unemployed, underemployed and disadvantaged families within the GTA.

The Scott Mission has been responding to the needs of the poor, homeless, abandoned and vulnerable of all ages since 1941 by offering practical, emotional and spiritual support for thousands of people each year. Through its efforts, the Mission, a Christian non-denominational organization based in downtown Toronto, offers many programs to support the poor and homeless in their community.

In a typical year The Scott Mission:

- serves 86,358 hot meals to homeless and needy people and 47,880 bag lunches
- schedules 29,696 clothing bank appointments for men, women and children
- gave free groceries to 41,861 individuals and families through their Food Bank
- serves 14,643 hot meals for the 57 children in their Childcare Centre
- gives 5,869 baby items to needy parents
- gives new toys to 2,304 children this Christmas
- provides 16,545 bed-nights to homeless men
- hosts 588 children and youth at the Caledon summer camp
- gives 2,630 free Christmas hampers to low-income families
- provided an after-school program for 219 children and youth in Lawrence Heights



The Toronto International Spring Motorcycle Show has put the word out to the motorcycling community to show that Motorcyclists have BIG hearts. “We know that the Motorcycling community has a huge capacity to help out when needed and we are happy to provide them a way to show it. And it’s a chance to bring the issue of homeless veterans into the forefront while helping the Scott Mission’s Food Bank.”, said Bar Hodgson, founder of the North American International Motorcycle SUPERSHOW and the Toronto International Spring Motorcycle Show.

Canned food donations can be dropped off at the new Hall 6 entrance where the Canadian Dispatch Riders will be loading them into military motorcycle sidecars.

The Toronto International Motorcycle Spring Show takes place April 10 & 11, at the International Centre, 6900 Airport Road in Mississauga. Parking is free. For show times and information at www.supershowevents.com or call (905) 655-5403. Photos available upon request.

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