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Join us online or in person for the Centre 507 Annual General Meeting. Centre 507 is a safe and welcoming community support centre in the heart of Ottawa. Every day, we serve hundreds of people. With dignity and compassion as our guides, we offer meals, care and connection.

Our AGM comes at a challenging time for our community. The province ordered the closure of all safe consumption sites across Ontario by June 15, including the two remaining sites in Ottawa. As Ottawa's only drop-in and respite program open over night, Centre 507 recognizes that service closures across the community may increase demand for support.

We have reviewed staffing, supplies, meal capacity and operational procedures to respond effectively to increased needs. We are also working closely with community partners to share information, coordinate resources, and help ensure vulnerable residents remain connected to essential services.

While challenges may arise, Centre 507 remains committed to its role as a critical part of Ottawa's social safety net. We are grateful for the dedication of our staff, volunteers, donors,

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and community partners who help make this work possible every day.

Join us for our annual general meeting to find out how you can support our mission.

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Richard LeBlanc, Centre 507's Executive Director, started as a frontline support worker in 2006. From the start, he was always looking for new ways to support our community.

Over the last two decades, Richard spent time as part of a bike patrol, he has cooked meals, cleaned spaces indoors and out, and counseled vulnerable people. He also met with community, political and business leaders to enlist their support and to show what a positive force Centre 507 can be.

Through it all, Richard kept saying we need to put nutritious food at the heart of our service. In May, alone Centre 507 served almost 12,000 meals.

Thank you Richard for your vision and dedication and for making Centretown is a stronger community! Join us [in-person](#) or [online](#) at the Centre 507 AGM to help celebrate Richard.

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For 20 years, Richard LeBlanc has been a steady and compassionate presence in our community. Through his leadership at Centre 507, he has helped create a place where people are treated with dignity, respect, and kindness, regardless of the challenges they may be facing.

Richard's commitment to helping others has made a real difference in countless lives, and Ottawa is stronger because of his service.

Congratulations on this remarkable milestone and thank you for everything you have done for our city.

Mark Sutcliffe
Mayor, City of Ottawa

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Richard LeBlanc and the team at Centre 507 are community heroes. From serving meals, to finding people housing, to engaging, with neighbours about community security, they help hundreds of people each month who have nowhere else to go.

I am so thankful to Centre 507 for delivering services that are truly inclusive and barrier-free and doing so in a way that respects the humanity of absolutely everyone in Centretown.

Thank you Richard for 20 years of making a difference and changing countless lives.

Ariel Troster
Councillor, Somerset Ward

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The Centretown community is fortunate to benefit from the passionate work of Richard LeBlanc. For 20 years he has offered support to our neighbours with dignity and respect.

Thank you Richard for all that you have done for our community.

Catherine McKenney
MPP, Ottawa Centre

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**Centre 507 Makes
Every Dollar Count**

A \$15 gift provides a hot meal for 10 people.

A \$35 gift helps ensure dozens of people get a warm drink on a freezing night.

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CENTRE 507: COMMUNITY NOURISHED BY GOOD FOOD AND OPPORTUNITY

With your support, we are keeping Centre 507 going and continue to serve our community with vital support and services. Our sincere thanks to you and all those in our community who continue to support us.

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Free services offered at Centre 507

Nutritious food and coffee • Supportive listening • Advocacy and referrals • Crisis intervention • Information on community resources • Community outreach workers from other agencies • Clothing and toiletries • Telephones • Computers • Harm reduction services • Sewing • Recreational events and special outings

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