

Open Door Centre

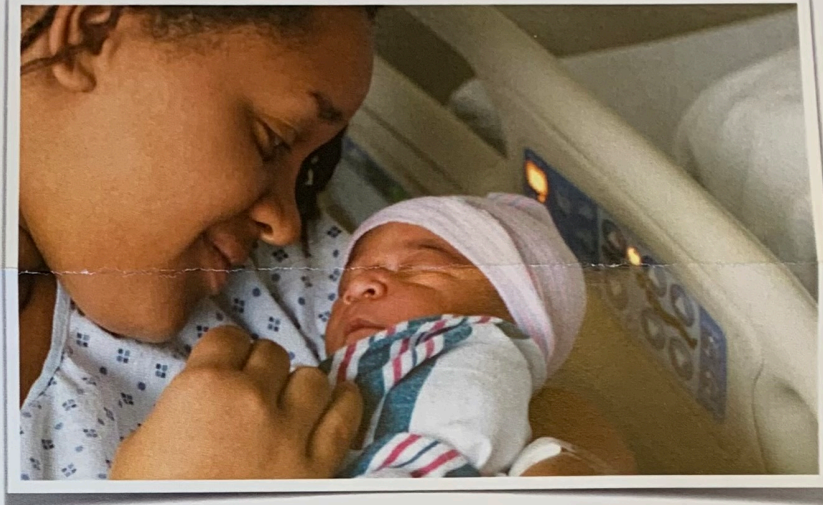
we invite you to relax and enjoy our client stories...

Door of Hope



Each October we have hosted a Door of Hope Gala, an annual event to share special client stories with those who partner with us. This year we are unable to plan and host the event. The Centre depends on the generous giving of our supporters through the Door of Hope Gala. As you read these stories please consider a generous donation this October to ensure we can continue to keep our door open to all who come through it.

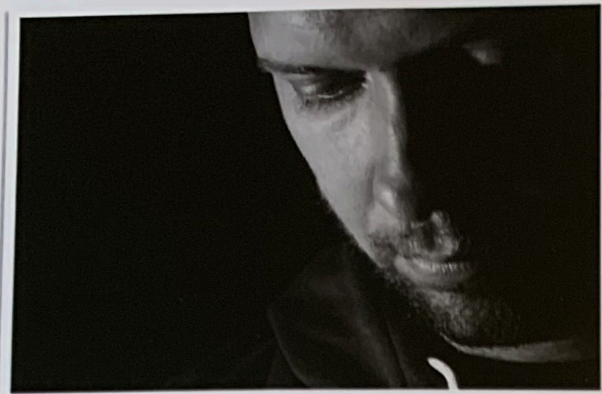
Heather Harman
CEO



Meet Callie

*Callie came to the Centre with her husband Tom on a cold wintry day. The young couple was anxious and emotional and needed immediate support. The pregnancy test confirmed their fears and the unexpected pregnancy was overwhelming to them as it did not fit in their plans. This was not their first pregnancy, an abortion was in their history. Now faced with the same choice again many emotions surfaced. Gently walking them through the decision making process was imperative. Through their discussions with us, they gained hope and strength and decided to have this baby. Callie had a huge fear about becoming a mom so she regularly came to the Centre throughout the pregnancy to talk through her fears and to learn how to parent. She was sick all the time, struggled to go to work and sometimes just to get through her days. Callie and Tom are welcoming a baby girl home! She is so excited to bring her daughter into the centre, she now has confidence in her ability to take care of her baby. Tom attended the sessions with Callie and he is excited to be a dad to this precious little one. Your partnership with us enables us to help support young parents just like Callie and Tom.

Our new Open Door website: Pregnancypathways.ca

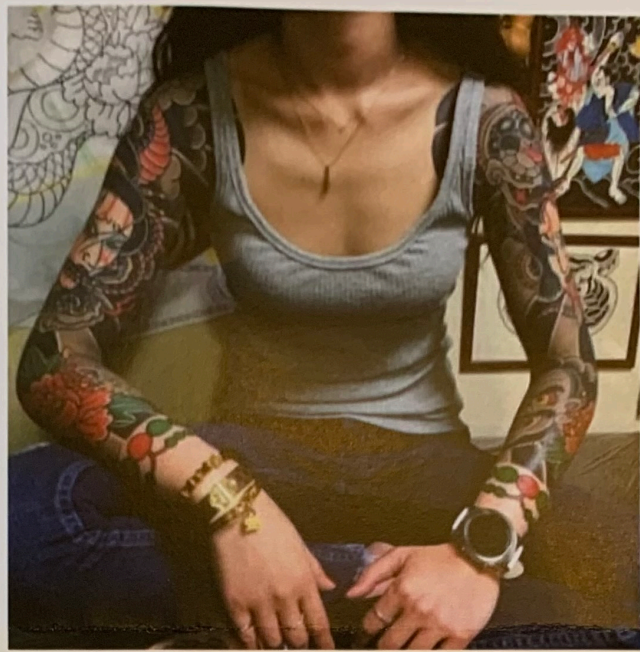


Meet Chad

*Chad emailed into the Centre this spring. He had tried everything and yet his addiction had control over him. Pornography was ruining his life. And his marriage. When his wife Sarah found the images on his phone and looked at this search history, she told him she wanted to leave and take their three kids with her. For Chad, life was falling apart. He heard about Open Door through a friend and came into the Centre as soon as he could get an appointment, desperate for help. Chad and Sarah are now both coming to the Centre weekly for support, addiction recovery and healing in their marriage takes serious commitment and lots of time. Chad is going through the Unwanted Men's Program and Sarah's sessions are for betrayal trauma. We are here for them every step of the way, praying for them and supporting them. They have remained together through disclosure and the ups and downs, their commitment to each other and to God has held them together through this difficult time.

Infinite Pornography Recovery

is the new name of this important work at Open Door. Thank you to everyone who has supported us through the recent changes!



Meet Charlie

*Charlie is a beautiful youth and a veteran of hardship. Growing up in a community where sex work was normalized for teenage girls and women, she struggles to figure out how life can be lived away from the sex industry she was enslaved in for a few years. She came to Open Door after she ran away from her trafficker. Even though she has left her life with him, her mind is never far from what she has been through. Charlie is trying to pursue completing her high school education as she is on income assistance and struggling to get by. The temptation to go back to the sex industry where she could make more money is very real. Open Door Centre is a lifeline for her. A safe place to talk about her struggles and critical life choices. She is young and vulnerable and we are here to help her with empathy and trauma informed care. Thank you for partnering with us to help youth like Charlie who need ongoing support.

Thank you!

Through your partnership we are able to reach vulnerable clients like Callie, Chad and Charlie offering them help, hope and healing. Many of our supporters financially donate to us in October at the **Door of Hope fundraiser**. This is critical to our funding and we are unable to host the annual event this year. So instead this fall, we invite you to respond to this letter by giving online or filling out the enclosed card. Our need is \$30,000 again this year!

