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Rotary Club of Mississauga Meadowvale
3187 Malham Gate
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Dear Rotary Club of Mississauga Meadowvale,

Thank you for your donation to The Dam.

It was a regular drop in - making snacks, chatting with youth, playing card games, and more when a couple of older youth we hadn't seen for a while came in. It soon became evident that they were not sober. After talking with them for a while we discovered that they were both facing issues no one should have to deal with alone. They were in a low place. Numbing the emotional pain hadn't worked. They came to the Dam.

After feeding them, listening to their stories and making sure they were safe for the night, they were invited to come back the next day for more help. Through the follow-up conversations, one youth in particular shared the struggle of feeling the need to provide financially for his family. The lure of making fast money through illegal means seemed the only answer. The stress and suicidal thoughts this caused were too overwhelming. He was set up with a mentor at The Dam and encouraged to follow through on a legal job and maybe begin planning for post-secondary education to increase long term financial stability.

A regular day at The Dam makes a big difference for this one youth and his family. Your donation is a part of making each day at The Dam a life-changing moment for a youth. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Carol Reist
Executive Director

What a great night! Congratulations on running a great event. Thank you for choosing The Dam. The Rotary Club of Mississauga Meadowvale has always valued and supported providing a safe place for youth to gather and grow. Thank you for your example and encouragement of the work of The Dam.