



History

Founded in 2000, Fontbonne Ministries is the response of the Sisters of St. Joseph to address current social needs. Named after Sister Delphine Fontbonne, who came to Toronto with three other Sisters of St. Joseph in 1851, the ministries continue the Sisters' tradition of nurturing community and assisting with the food, shelter, education and health care needs of their neighbours.



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Mission

Fontbonne Ministries is a non-profit, charitable organization of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto. True to the charism of the Sisters, Fontbonne Ministries responds practically to social needs by nurturing community with our neighbour, especially the homeless, alienated, economically poor and women at risk. Fontbonne Ministries welcomes everyone without distinction and offers opportunities for participants, volunteers and staff to be nourished in body, mind and spirit.

Goals and Values

- We respect each person as a unique expression of God's love and invite each one to discover her/his giftedness.
- Attentive to changing societal needs, we commit to being a catalyst for change and to providing prophetic leadership.
- We foster a climate of mutual support and collaboration for the fulfillment of human potential.
- We value a quality of presence that is compassionate, hospitable and nourishes body, mind and spirit.
- Valuing the gift of our natural resources, we commit to ecologically sustainable choices.

Our Ministries

Fontbonne Place

Fontbonne Place provides affordable, rent-g geared-to-income housing for older, single women – 18 apartments in South Riverdale offer a home and the chance to build community with other residents.

Mustard Seed

This outreach centre in South Riverdale offers an accepting environment and sacred space for participants and volunteers. Participants have the opportunity to cook, sew, learn about computers and experience hospitality and community. All are welcome without distinction, especially those who might not otherwise have access to such opportunities.

In Good Company

This friendly visiting program responds to individuals seeking emotional, spiritual and social support. Volunteers visit clients in person or by phone for social interaction and to help the clients maintain and extend independence. The ministry serves people throughout the Greater Toronto Area.

Studio on the Hill

Located in East York, this ministry offers opportunities to work creatively with clay in a relaxing and friendly studio. All age groups are welcome – no previous experience necessary.

Etobicoke Ministry

Our latest ministry offers a welcoming space in Etobicoke for participants to come together for hospitality and community building.

Opportunities for Involvement

Volunteer Support

Our volunteer program provides diverse opportunities within each ministry, such as assisting participants with crafts or pottery, providing companionship at a drop-in, visiting isolated individuals in their homes or helping with administrative functions. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at (416) 465-6069 for more information.

Financial Support

Fontbonne Ministries is funded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto and by individual donors. Your ongoing contributions enable us to respond to many unmet needs in our city.

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