



Our Response to the City of Brampton

For over 20 years, **Regeneration Outreach Community** has served as a lifeline for Brampton's most vulnerable, those facing **homelessness, addiction, trauma, and poverty**. We provide **life-stabilizing care**, housing navigation, daily meals, and support services that help people move toward stability and dignity.

We recognize and **hear the concerns** of nearby residents and the City of Brampton. Safety matters to us, to our neighbours, and to those we serve. We share the goal of creating a **safe, welcoming community for everyone**.

The issues that confront us, mental illness, substance use, and the **severe lack of affordable housing in Peel Region** are complex and systemic. They cannot be solved by enforcement alone, nor by service agencies working in isolation. We remain deeply committed to **working in partnership** toward solutions that protect both **public safety** and **human dignity**.

In **2024**, Regeneration served **45,228 meals**—a **13% increase** from 2023. Each day, **150-200 people** come through our doors seeking community, referrals, and crisis support. Homelessness in Peel Region has risen **93% since 2021** (Everyone Counts Peel 2024). Our operations at **Grace United Church** are stretched in both operational hours and facility space, but we remain committed to doing our part.

We know we can do more with the right partnerships and collaboration, particularly with partners like the City of Brampton. This is why on **July 12, 2024**, we presented to Brampton City Council, requesting support to secure a **long-term, appropriate facility** near our current location—one that will meet the needs of our guests and reduce pressure on surrounding neighbourhoods. Council passed a motion directing City staff to investigate options. We remain ready to move forward together.

Affordable housing, treatment programs, and emergency shelters are stretched beyond capacity. Regeneration has always operated as a **bridge**, doing our part while long-term solutions are developed. We cannot solve this crisis alone, and we will not walk away from those who rely on us. We do not abandon our neighbours.





Your Voice Matters

We know we are not alone in believing Brampton must be a city that cares, responds, and does not turn away.

We invite our community, to stand with us in calling for compassionate, collaborative solutions.

Send a Letter of Support to the Mayor and City Councillors

Share your support for Regeneration, highlight the real lives impacted, and call for long-term, collaborative solutions that preserve safety and compassion.

FIND YOUR COUNSELLOR HERE. Use our letter template (found on the last page in this document) to help draft a message to send them.

Our mission continues, not in conflict with the City, but in alignment with our shared vision of a safer, more compassionate community.

We remain open to dialogue, committed to partnership, and steadfast in our service to Brampton.

In service,

The Regeneration Team





LETTER OF SUPPORT TEMPLATE

Date:

To: [COUNCILLOR NAME]

Subject: Support for Regeneration Outreach Community

Dear [Councillor Name],

As a [resident / business owner / faith leader] in Brampton, I am writing to express my strong support for **Regeneration Outreach Community** and its continued, vital presence in our city.

For over two decades, Regeneration has been a lifeline for our community's most vulnerable—those facing homelessness, addiction, trauma, and poverty. Their work is not simply an act of kindness; it is an essential service that saves lives and fosters hope. Each day, Regeneration provides hot meals, housing navigation, identification support, addiction recovery referrals, and compassionate care for individuals who often have nowhere else to turn.

The work Regeneration does out of **Grace United Church** makes a critical difference. While we understand and acknowledge the concerns raised by nearby residents and City officials, we believe these challenges reflect broader systemic issues like the growing mental health crisis, substance use, and the acute lack of affordable housing in Peel Region.

In 2024 alone, **Regeneration** served over **45,000 meals**, a 13% increase from the previous year. On any given day, **150-200 people** come through their doors seeking community, connection, and support. According to Everyone Counts Peel 2024, **homelessness in Peel Region has surged by 93%** since 2021. The existing support systems are stretched far beyond their limits.

These numbers are not just statistics, they represent real people, our neighbours, who are struggling. Regeneration's team works tirelessly, with limited resources, to be part of the solution.

I urge you, as my representative, to continue to work with Regeneration to identify and secure a permanent facility that meets operational needs while addressing neighbourhood concerns, and to support collaborative approaches that balance **public safety** with **compassionate care**.

Brampton's future must include care, compassion, and real solutions. **Regeneration Outreach Community** is and must remain part of that future.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address or Ward, optional]