

2024 Annual Report



Prepared By:
The Hamilton Dismas
Steering Committee

A Community of Hope

We provide a safe place for people returning from prison to meet with community volunteers to share a time of fellowship & friendship.

We welcome and celebrate one another, regardless of religious or criminal convictions, knowing that we are all "offenders".



Dismas Fellowship Hamilton

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THE ST. LEONARD'S SOCIETY OF HAMILTON

MCC closed down the CoSA program in June. Thankfully, Ryan Johnson (Executive Director, SLSH) managed to secure funding to keep the CoSA program running in Hamilton for the next 2 years!

Hamilton Dismas Steering Committee

Chair | **Robert Monster**

Vice-Chair | **Sarah Tuck**

Treasurer | **Ian Sutherland**

Secretary | **Tee Mann**

Coordinator | **Jeff Smallwood**

Coordinator | **Donna Hill**

Advisor | **Rick Pauw**

DFN Community Coordinator | **Paul Tuck**



INCOME

Friends of Dismas

We received \$650 in donations through Friends of Dismas throughout the year. We can receive funds through Friends of Dismas, which is our charitable organization who can issue tax-deductible receipts for donations by visiting friendsofdismas.com or by visiting canadahelps.org to donate to your desired Dismas Fellowship location.

MCC Grants

Paul Tuck was able to collect one final grant of \$2,800 from MCC to help cover the costs for liability insurance, rent of First Pilgrim Church, Office/Administration expenses etc... This is the final grant we expect to see from MCC. The Steering Committee will need to explore other ways to generate funds to keep Hamilton Dismas going strong.

Cash Donations

We received a total of \$2,281.25 in cash donations at our monthly Dismas meetings with a whopping \$443 cash collection at our Christmas Dismas where we had a record attendance of 51 people! What a way to close out 2024!

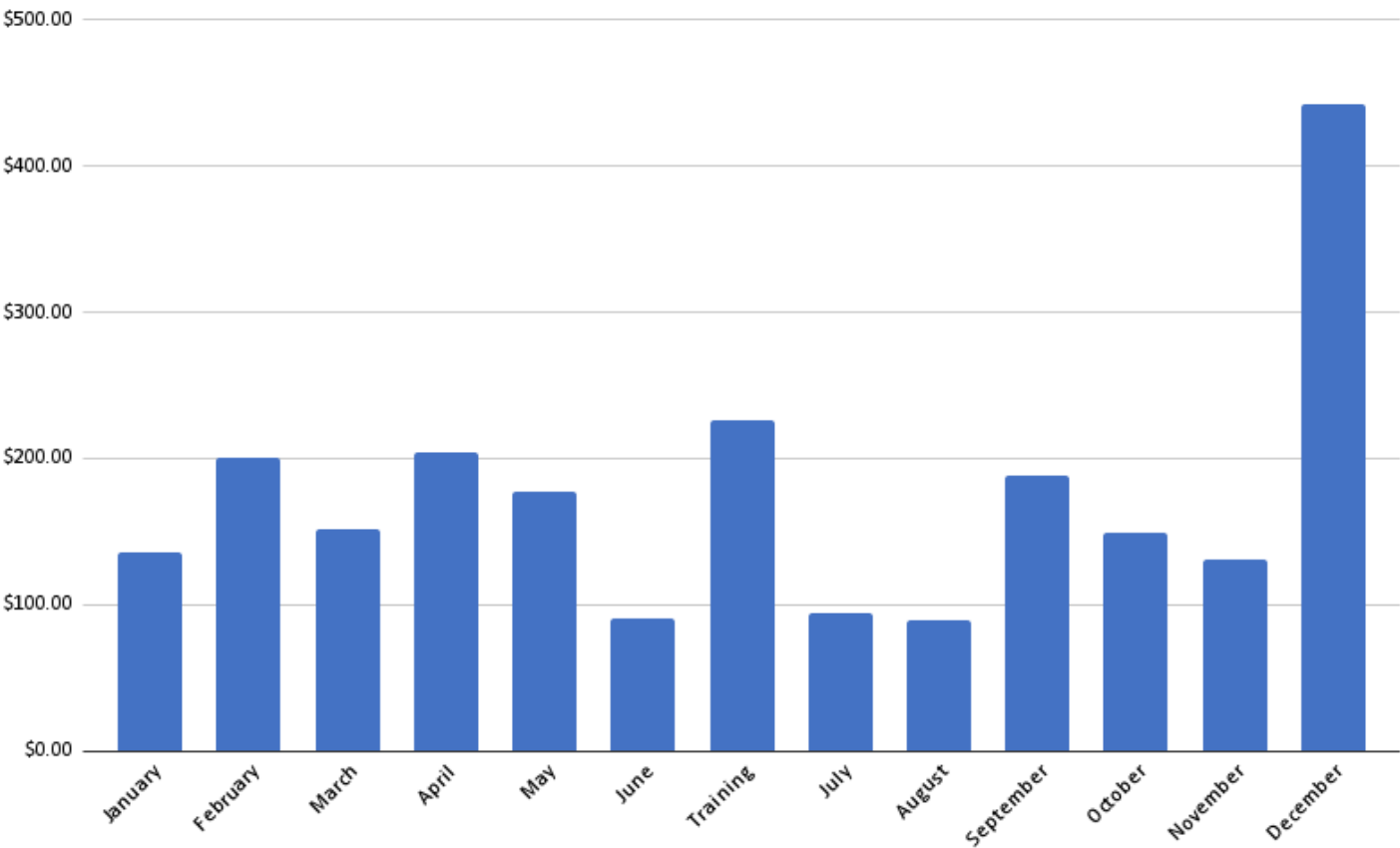
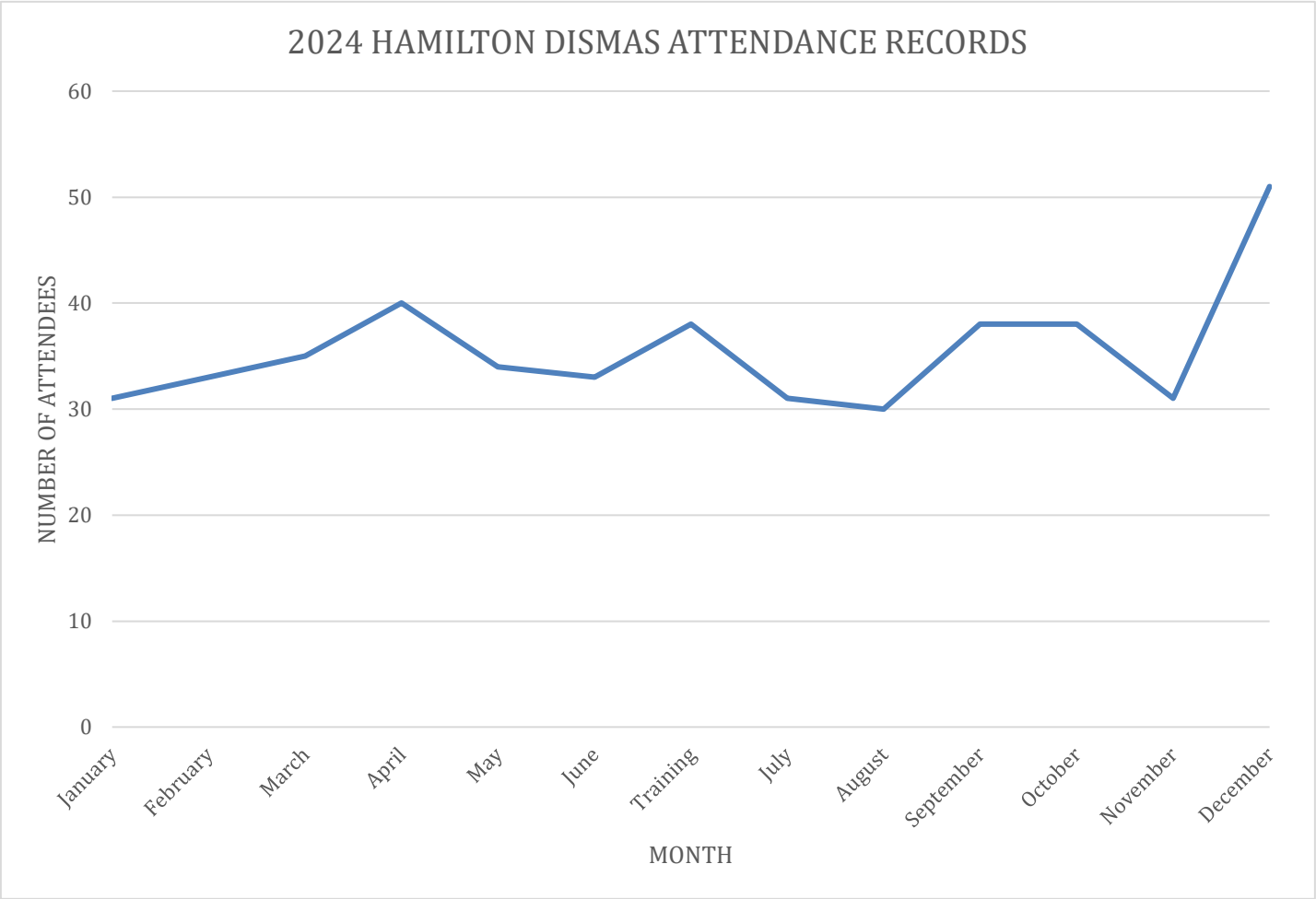


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2024 Attendance Records

In total, we had 463 people attend Hamilton Dismas in 2024 which includes one extra training meeting in June where we invited other key people from all Dismas locations to workshop ideas to keep Dismas going strong. This graph shows the attendance records per month that add up to the total of 463 people who attended Dismas Hamilton in 2024.



EXPENSES

We had a total of \$4,688.05 in expenses throughout the year. This includes an honorarium of \$1,000 paid to First Pilgrim United Church where our Dismas meetings are held, a \$300 honourarium to Justin Guille who facilitated our Dismas workshop in June. Also, we paid a \$200 honorarium to L’arche who hosted our Summer BBQ. We paid a total of \$437.40 in Liability Insurance, \$331.80 in office expenses, \$400 in Tim Hortons gift cards (\$10 x 40 Cards) were handed out at Christmas Dismas. We spent \$2,105.58 in groceries. So, on average it costs approximately \$176 per month to serve food & drink to our Dismas Fellowship community.

HAMILTON DISMAS BUDGET COMPARISON 2023 & 2024

	2023 ACTUAL	2024 ACTUAL
REVENUE		
Friends of Dismas	\$940.00	\$300.00
MCC	\$5,300.00	\$2,800.00
Meeting Collections	\$1,224.30	\$2,249.45
Directed Donations	\$2,000.00	\$650.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$9,464.30	\$5,999.45
EXPENSES		
Meeting Space	\$1,080.00	\$1,200.00
Insurance	\$388.80	\$437.40
Food	\$2,589.26	\$2,105.58
Kitchen Supplies	\$97.04	\$0.00
Office	\$586.85	\$331.80
Special Item	\$1,362.40	\$0.00
Service Charge	\$50.00	-\$41.15
DFN Event	\$300.00	\$300.00
Special Events	\$0.00	\$400.00
Balance Adjustment	\$0.00	-\$45.58
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,454.35	\$4,688.05
	\$3,009.95	\$1,311.40
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