



Six Ways to Support the Drop In Meal Program and the Church of the Redeemer

1. Through United Way

If you give to the United Way, by either a receiptable cash donation or through payroll deduction, you can have your gift designated to an eligible charity, like the Church of the Redeemer.

By cheque - Write on your cheque that the donation be designated to the Church of the Redeemer, quoting our charitable number 118863729RR0001. If you want your gift to be specifically designated to the Drop In Meal Program, please indicate so.

By payroll deduction - Look carefully on the payroll deduction form.

2. Matching Gift Program

Find out if your employer has a matching gift program - an eligible employee's gift to an eligible institution, like the Church of the Redeemer, is matched in cash by a gift from the employer. The list of companies with matching gift programs changes constantly. Please check with your human resources or payroll department to confirm whether your employer has a matching gift program.

Some employers restrict their matching gift policy for religious institutions. You can designate your gift exclusively to the Drop In Meal Program. Our Outreach Coordinator can provide a supporting letter to that effect for your employer.

3. Company Foundation

Does your employer have a foundation or charitable giving committee? If so, is there a way that your interest in the Drop In Meal Program would be supported by the foundation or charitable giving program?

4. Get Paid for your Volunteer Time

Some employers will match your donation of volunteer time with a financial donation. For example, if you work for RBC, your donation of 40 hours of volunteer time could be matched by \$500 from RBC. The Drop In Meal Program wins in two ways!

5. Round up your credit card statement

There is a program through www.changeit.com that allows you to 'round up' your credit card purchases to the nearest dollar. If your financial institution is a subscriber, you can register your debit or credit card. You name Church of the Redeemer as your designated charity. If your grocery bill is \$78.12, your bill is automatically rounded up by the amount you have registered for (usually the nearest dollar), and the difference is remitted to the Church of the Redeemer. You qualify for a tax receipt at year end, and you set a monthly or annual limit if you wish.

This is no substitute for the faithful use of PAR or offering envelopes, but if you are looking for a relatively simple way to support the Drop In Meal Program or Church of the Redeemer, this might be a way of doing so.

6. Donate shares

Canada Helps www.canadahelps.org has a procedure that allows you to gift common shares or mutual fund units. Because a gift of appreciated shares receives favourable tax treatment (No capital gains tax to worry about), some donors have replaced their monthly (cash) donations with a lump sum donation of shares (mutual fund units). The beauty for you is that if your shares are worth \$2500, but you only want Redeemer to have 20% of that (\$500), you can designate another charity or buy a Canada Helps Gift card with the other \$2000.

7. Donate Air Miles™ Mileage

Are you an Air Miles™ collector? If so, here's an easy way to add to your support for Church of the Redeemer. Go to <https://ca.changeit.com/>. If you have an Air Miles™ card, you can register your card with Changeit and donate your points to Redeemer. The points have a cash value for donation purposes and you receive a receipt for the donation of your mileage.