

## WATER FILTER FUND

On June 7, 2007, the Ministry of Environment announced Ontario's Action Plan on Lead. One component of this plan is to provide financial assistance (up to \$100) to low-income parents with infants and young children (6 and under), and pregnant women living in households with elevated lead levels to purchase on-tap water filter systems and replacement cartridges that will remove lead content from the drinking water.

### To be eligible for the Water Filter Fund you must:

- Be in receipt of social assistance (OW or ODSP) with family members that are pregnant or with children aged 0 to 6; or have a net household income of \$20,000 or less with family members that are pregnant or with children aged 0 to 6;
- Live in a designated area in the City of London where lead water services **may** be present;
- Live in a residence built before 1952;
- Live in a single family residence or building with no more than 6 residential units; and,
- Have notification/verification from the City of London that your drinking-water has been tested and the lead content exceeds the 10 µg/L Ontario Drinking Water Standard.

### Households must provide documentation to verify:

- Age of children
- Income level/ receipt of social assistance
- Pregnancy
- Ontario residency

### How to Apply to the Water Filter Fund:

1. Contact The Salvation Army, Centre of Hope at **519-661-0343 Ext. 300** and identify that you are applying for the Water Filter Fund.
2. Centre of Hope staff will pre-screen for initial eligibility criteria over the phone.
3. If initial eligibility requirements are met, staff will schedule an appointment at the Centre of Hope.
4. At the time of appointment, an application form will be completed and signed and an appointment for water testing by the City of London, Water Operations Division will be scheduled.
5. Water testing is a FREE service and must be done in your home at your "drinking" tap. The water test takes only 10 minutes and you must arrange to be at home for this appointment.
6. Your water will be sent to a lab and tested for lead levels. Results will be received in 10 days.
7. The City of London will notify you by letter indicating the lead level in your household drinking water.
8. If your lead content exceeds the 10 µg/L Ontario Drinking Water Standard, The Salvation Army Centre of Hope will issue you a \$100.00 voucher to purchase a water filter that meets the NSF 53 standard (information regarding brands and costs will be attached to the voucher).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT 519-661-0343 Ext 300**