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"IF YOU EVER THINK WE ARE TOO SMALL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, TRY SPENDING THE NIGHT COOPED UP WITH A MOSQUITO."

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A Decent Pair of Shoes

I would wholeheartedly like to thank you for your support and assistance with getting a new pair of shoes. In Canada, most people would assume that it is the basic right of everyone to own a decent pair of shoes, yet fail to understand just how challenging this may be for some. I have been in this challenging category for some of my 55 years, and can honestly say that for a variety of reasons, it has never been an easy accomplishment. In recent times, the major barrier has been financial. As you know, the current pair (that is three pairs with one build-up on a left), is costing almost \$900. I have not been able to afford

this and frankly not sure when I will be in more favourable financial circumstances.

At this time, Thunder Bay Orthopedic have special ordered three pair of shoes. I have tried them on, and currently, they are proceeding to build up one left shoe. It will probably be ready at some point over the next couple of weeks. I am looking forward to this as it is a significant event. What might be considered a necessary accessory by most, for me, shoes have always been a part of my core identity. I always feel more confident, and my self-esteem raises with new shoes.

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Simply, I stand and walk more assuredly.

For me, this is an accomplishment.

Over the twenty-five years that I have lived in Thunder Bay, this is the first time I have received any assistance with this matter. It moves me that you made the effort to initiate a series of processes so that I get what I need. Furthermore, I thank you for recognizing and seizing an opportunity to make a very positive difference in someone's life.

Many Regards,
Lorne Glena



Submission of a Job Developer

The Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel & Suites have been extremely supportive of OMOD Employment Programs for many years. Mr. Jari Pulkkinen, Executive Chef for the hotel and Portside Restaurant is a great supporter in working with individuals of all skill levels. He has been terrific in training and orientating people to the behind the scenes activities of a kitchen. His patience, understanding and

overall insight into the needs of his staff and the kitchen have enabled several individuals the opportunity to grow, learn and succeed in various positions.

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The Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel & Suites has been a very positive role model, in demonstrating how a business and community work together in achieving both the goals of the hotel/restaurant and the participants of the employment programs at OMOD.

It takes community minded supervisors like Mr. Pulkkinen to see the value in working together to achieve a good working relationship that benefits both his business and the new employees he hires.

As a Job Developer with OMOD, it is a pleasure working with Mr. Pulkkinen and the staff at the Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel & Suites.

Thanks for all your continued support and for making Thunder Bay a better place to work and play.

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