

JUSTWORK

economic initiative

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A STORY OF COMMUNITY

A new, unlikely community is emerging in the basement of Grandview Calvary Baptist Church. Each Tuesday, a group gathers in the church's pottery studio to make ceramic pieces for the production days of JustPotters. Most of these participants share a common standing on the margins of the neighbourhood, a standing brought on by poverty, mental illness, physical disability, and/or ethnic background.

Within this common place there is much diversity, and when diversity is present distrust is often close by. However, those gathering around the task of pottery are building trust, friendship, and community.

So, we celebrate the small signs of community that we see each week: the relaxed conversations around the worktable, the patience and assistance workers provide to others who are having difficulty with the day's tasks, the emerging friendships that cut across boundaries and cut through stereotypes. We are grateful for the individuals who regularly gather each week - Andrea, Anthony, Noah, Peter, Roger, Ryan, Tom, Tonia, and Tyler - and for the community that is being formed in their midst, a community being shaped by the grace of God.

JustWork fosters dignified, positive work opportunities for people facing multiple barriers to the traditional workforce.

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