

# 'Powerful snapshot' into lives of homeless at new Latcham show

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to get people talking about social change," Ms Wedlock said. "It takes a while for people to wrap their heads around what is happening in this municipality because we are very prosperous."

About 100 disposable cameras were given to the region's homeless in 2007 and 2008 so they could document their living circumstances and whatever else they wanted to photograph.

About 35 cameras were returned filled with photos of people sleeping inside playground equipment and dumpster diving. Other imag-

es included pay phones, doors, key holes, toilets and vehicles turned into sleeping quarters. "They don't tell the whole story by any means," Ms Wedlock said. "It's a snapshot. But it's very powerful."

There is even a photo of Stouffville's Care and Share thrift store in the exhibition.

"I interpret that one as where the person wandered around," said Maura Broadhurst, curator for the Latcham Gallery, which is next door to the store.

Ms Broadhurst brought the exhibition to Stouffville with the hope of educating people about the region's homeless situation.

"I'm interested in the power of these imag-

es because they do give a voice to people who otherwise are not heard," she said. "Just because you don't have to step over people

when you're walking down the street, doesn't mean it's not there, which makes it more difficult to comprehend."

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