

Huron House Boys' Home SPRING BULLETIN 2007

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A message from the Executive Director . . .

I'm sure everyone is happy to see spring finally arrive. This is no less the case here at Huron House. Though the boys have activities, responsibilities, chores, and outings year-round, it is the same here as in any household - everyone likes to be able to get out of the house after being cooped up through winter.

At Huron House, we know that if it's spring, then it's Run/Walk/Skate/Bike season! Preparations are in high gear, and we are excited about the changes in place for the 21st Annual Run/Walk/Skate/Bike. This year, we have a new venue at Mike Weir Park and a new route. One thing that isn't changing though is our popular pancake breakfast which participants can enjoy for free and spectators for just \$5. It promises to be an enjoyable morning on Father's Day. It's a fun time for all, and I encourage you to come out - bring the entire family!

As the end of another school year approaches, the boys are encouraged to keep up with their schoolwork so they can achieve success. The importance of education and setting personal goals is a valuable lesson for the boys. They see the positive consequences of these successes, and are encouraged by their accomplishments. All boys who reside at Huron House experience a program that provides stability, structure, and support. Our program emphasizes the connection between choices made, and consequences of those choices. Boys have the opportunity to learn good decision making skills that will help them in school and for the rest of their life.

This very important work with the boys in our care would not be possible without the continued generous support we receive from the community. Because of your contributions in the past, hundreds of boys have had the opportunity to change their lives and go on to become mature, responsible, contributing men in our community. Your ongoing support will make it possible for this program to continue to help the current and future boys of Huron House to make the same changes in their lives. Thank you from.....the boys whose lives are changed for the better, the families who welcome back a young man with a promising future, the community who benefits from a productive member of society, and the staff who work so hard to guide and support the boys.

With gratitude,
Ken Akers

It's easy to smile when someone cares!

Come join the fun!!



And they're off!

21st Annual Father's Day Boys' Home Run/Walk/Skate/Bike Sunday, June 17, 2007

Mike Weir Park

Please join us at Mike Weir Park on Father's Day for this great family event. Challenge yourself with the 10 km run, roll through the 7 km route on your roller blades or bike, or enjoy a more leisurely pace while doing the 5 km walk through picturesque Bright's Grove. Then enjoy our delicious pancake breakfast. It's a great way for the entire family to spend the morning on Father's Day!



Enjoying the route along the lakefront.



Register soon!

Registration forms are available at the Boys' Home, The Running Room, Lambton Financial Credit Union, Tim Horton's, Play It Again Sports, and the YMCA. Or, register securely online at www.runningroom.com

Collect pledges! It's easy to collect pledges, and earns you rewards.

For information, call 519-869-4000



*Left: Crossing the finish line.
Below: SCITS - one of our school teams*



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Winter Fun

Heavy rains followed by the winter freeze made a great skating 'rink'. The boys often enjoyed spending their free time playing hockey. They also show lots of patience helping one of the staff who was a little unsteady on her skates.



Leaving a Legacy

Long time supporter, **Paula Skippon**, has made a charitable donation to Huron House in memory of her parents, Jessie and Jim Skippon who were strong believers in the value of education. Paula's generosity will provide for an educational bursary for many years to come. The Skippon Educational Bursary will be awarded annually to a Huron House resident attending full time studies at college or university.

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Huron House is honoured to be the recipient of bequests from the estate of **Maude Hayes** and the estate of **Marion Barkwell**. We are forever grateful for their desire to leave a legacy by remembering Huron House.

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For information on how you can leave a legacy, call 519-381-3776 or visit www.leavealegacy.net.



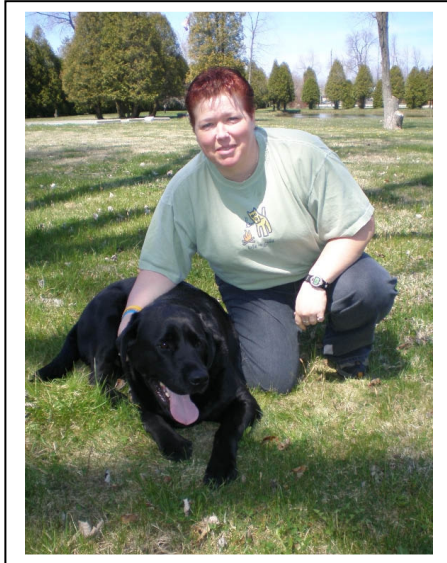
Good behaviour, school successes, and finished chores are rewarded with healthy fun activities. The boys always look forward to the annual sailing night and the creative activities on Olympic Day.

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FRONTLINE SPOTLIGHT

Each bulletin will spotlight one of our staff.
Our Spring 2007 Bulletin highlights Karen Machan.



**Karen Machan
Residential Counsellor**

Karen has worked at the Boys' Home for 5 years and obtained her Child and Youth Worker diploma from Lambton College in 2002.

Hobbies: Scrapbooking, camping, gardening, spending time with my nieces and nephews.

Family: Parents, 2 sisters and 1 brother all live in Sarnia - nice close family.

Other job: Teach scrapbooking at Sarnia Craft Supply

Favourite TV shows: Prison Break, Survivor, Friends

Pets: 3 cats at home, and 'my' dog Max at Huron House

Where would you like to retire?: Probably here in Sarnia, on the lake.

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