

Huron House Boys' Home SPRING BULLETIN 2008

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A message from the Executive Director . . .

Finally! Spring has arrived! At times, it felt like we'd never get out of the house to enjoy the outdoors. Now that we have, the boys are taking advantage of the weather. In addition to enjoying lots of physical activities outside, the boys have begun the leaf raking and lawn cutting jobs they do each year. Their jobs are a great way to learn responsibility, and give back to the community.

Preparations for the 22nd Annual Run/Walk/Skate/Bike event are coming along well. This year's event will be held at Mike Weir Park again. Thanks to everyone for the great feedback about our change in venue and the use of chip timing. For the last few years, we have had a great number of requests for 'tech shirts' for the runners. I'm pleased to let you know we have listened to what you have said, and the first 500 runners registered will receive a tech shirt. Whether you are running, walking, skating, biking, or cheering on those who are, we invite everyone to join us for a fun morning at Mike Weir Park on June 15th. Our delicious pancake breakfast - expertly prepared by our Board of Directors - is a great way for the entire family to start out Father's Day!

Without our generous donors and the fundraising events such as Run/Walk, the important work with the boys who reside at Huron House would not be possible. We work hard to give the boys the opportunity to learn so many valuable life lessons.....responsibility, the connection between good choices and good outcomes, a strong work ethic, and the importance of education. Your ongoing support makes it possible for this program to continue to help the boys of Huron House to make positive changes in their lives. On behalf of the boys, staff, and board of directors, I want to thank you for the important role you play in the boys' lives.

With gratitude,
Ken Akers

What a child doesn't receive, he can seldom later give.

- P.D. James, author

It's easy to smile when someone cares!

Enjoy Father's Day with us!

22nd Annual Father's Day Boys' Home Run/Walk/Skate/Bike Sunday, June 15, 2008 Mike Weir Park

Please join us on Father's Day for this great family event. Whether you're up for the 10 km run, the 7 km bike/skate, or the 5 km walk, it's always an event that everyone enjoys. Our delicious pancake breakfast is free for participants and only \$5 for non-participants. It's a great way for the entire family to start Father's Day!



Runners starting at the 2007 event



Taking the kids on the run.



Board members making your breakfast.



*Huron
House
boys
work
hard to
make the
morning
a great
success!*

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 Shopper's Drug Mart stores. Or, you can also register securely online at www.runningroom.com

We need pledges!

It's easy to collect pledges, and you'll earn rewards. Ask your family, friends, and neighbours to sponsor you.

For information, call 519-869-4000

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After homework and chores comes some fun....



*Left: Jim coaches the boys on the finer points of a game of flags.
Right: In addition to the mess, there were some great results in the pumpkin carving contest.*



*Left: Andrew shows good sportsmanship as one of the boys clobbers him at table tennis.
Right: Some of the boys were able to take in the sites in Toronto while attending a Blue Jays game.*

Leaving a Legacy

Huron House Boys' Home is honoured to be the recipient of a bequest from the estate of **Elizabeth Stewart**. We are forever grateful for her desire to leave a legacy by remembering Huron House and the boys who will benefit from her generosity.

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***For information on how you can leave a legacy,
call 519-869-4000 or visit www.leavealegacy.ca.***

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FRONTLINE SPOTLIGHT

Each bulletin spotlights one of our staff.


Jim Mitchell - Residential Counsellor

Jim returned to Sarnia in 1999 after living in Victoria, BC, and has worked at Huron House since May, 2000. After 8 years at Huron House, he still loves working with children. Jim has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from University of Windsor. Recently, he has completed Teacher's College at University of Windsor.

He and his wife have four children. Favourite past-times include reading, working out, and watching movies. He also played football while attending University of Waterloo, before transferring to Windsor.

Some of his most memorable residents include: Daryl, Jeremy, Justin and Matt.

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Since 1970... a Home and Future for Boys

Yes, I would like to make a difference in a boy's life! Please accept my gift to Huron House Boys' Home.

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