



Huron House Boys' Home CHRISTMAS BULLETIN 2013

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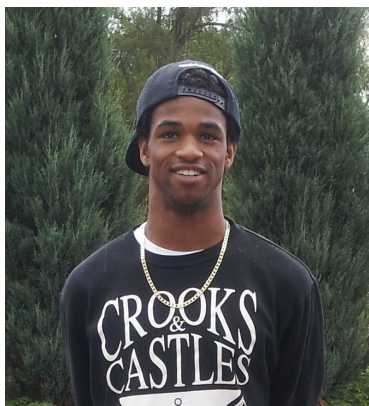
Making a Difference One Boy at a Time Celebrating Two Boys Continuing Their Education

Although he clearly has genuine affection for his family, tensions with his mom were threatening to derail his efforts to complete his education. After taking the time to repeat a couple of courses to bring his marks up to the university level Kayne needed a more supportive living arrangement, and he found Huron House Boys' Home. His year here was spent mainly in the independent living program apartment upstairs, where he "tried not to cause trouble". The staff support and structures at

Huron House were just what he needed to help prepare him for university. He completed high school with marks in the high 80s and he is now studying Engineering at the University of Western Ontario.

Well into his first semester Kayne is doing very well, but finding the courses a bit too similar to his final year of high school to really challenge him. Fortunately he has learned patience, and he knows the increased learning and engineering competitions are coming, and looks forward to being fully involved.

Meanwhile he is settling into residence life, avoiding the rowdy parties that take place a little too often. He opts instead for studying and hanging out with more serious students. He also enjoys occasional visits from his family and spending time with his girlfriend.



Jawon too found success at Huron House. Once he figured out that the Boys' Home was an opportunity for a fresh start, he took full advantage and in his 3 ½ years here staff and residents became his second family. Apart from learning things like cooking, communication, time management and respect, Jawon was so impressed with how staff "were there for him" that he still comes for visits. He's particularly amazed at how, on days after he engaged in unusually bad behavior, staff would start fresh with him without animosity or grudges. Consequences were real, but so were acceptance and positive reinforcement.

Jawon is now living in an apartment while completing the Developmental Service Worker program at Lambton College. He is extremely grateful for the continuing financial support from Huron House.

All things considered, it just wouldn't be right if our boys left 'home' without support, so when it became apparent that two of our youth were bound for higher education we wanted to make sure they were well supported.

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Kayne and Jawon, are able to continue their studies because of the generosity of **Lanxess**, the **Errol Egremont IODE Educational Bursary**, the **Skippon Educational Bursary** and the **Farndale Educational Bursary**. Lanxess and its predecessor corporations have also been major sponsors of the Father's Day Run/Walk/Skate/Bike. Many participants will remember when it was known as the Bayer Boys' Home Run!

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Boys' Home Running Team

If you haven't been to our event-dedicated website, we encourage you visit www.boyshomerun.ca. Among other things, you can find photos, including family and team photos, and race results there. We also took baby steps into Twitter and Facebook this year, and we expect electronic communications will grow again in 2014.

Whether or not you are technologically savvy, you'll be happy to know the \$23,000 plus raised by nearly 700 participants at this year's event will directly benefit the boys at Huron House. Thanks to all of you for making a difference in your community.

News at the Boys' Home

New Connections - We've joined the Chamber of Commerce and look forward to interacting with supporters, the business community and other social service agencies through the Chamber.

New Support for Boys - Clinical Psychologist Dr. Kim Harris is now providing additional support for boys at Huron House.

Annual Ministry Licensing - Sandi Sole-Turner of the Ministry of Child and Youth Services completed the annual inspection of Huron House Boys' Home and gave a great review, including citing some best practices. It's nice to have staff recognized officially for the great work they do.

Social Media - At this time last year we let you know that the communications team was making a foray into social media. Huron House has joined the twittersphere. We just love the opportunity to share important daily details as they come to mind. If you are a twitterer, please follow us @Huron_House.

Men Who Cook 2014 ... (Not News But Still Great!)

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 1, at the Dante Club

Once again you can expect an evening of excellence as you enjoy the offerings of local leaders and the company of friends. To book your tickets contact Sharon at 519-869-4000 or scrowe@hbbh.ca.

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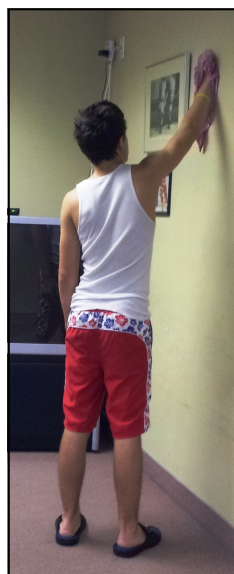
In 1973 Red Orr purchased the **Bayview Chrysler Dodge** dealership on the corner of Front Street and Exmouth Street. Shortly thereafter, sons Dave and Steve joined him, and together they built the business into one of Canada's leading Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep franchises. Throughout the years, they always followed Red's principle to "support the community where you do your business".



Steve Orr with donated van

Steve & Dave have long appreciated the importance of Huron House Boys' Home, and in conjunction with their 40th anniversary as **Bayview Chrysler Dodge** they are pleased to donate a new Dodge Grand Caravan for the Boys' Home to use for the next four years.

Working and Playing at Huron House



From the Executive Director

Once again, I am deeply moved by the support of this community. **Steve Orr at Bayview Chrysler Dodge, Lanxess, and The Errol Egremont Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire**, have helped us help our youth and continue operations. The **Skippon** and the **Farndale Educational Bursaries**, established years ago, continue to help graduates of Huron House. We are proud of the accomplishments of Kayne and Jawon, who have both made positive changes in their lives. Both are reaching their potential thanks to the support and guidance of Huron House Boys' Home, which in turn thanks its supporters who help make it possible.

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SUPPORT STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Featuring Business Manager—Jane Johnston

Our Business Manager, Jane Johnston, came to Huron House in 2001. She is responsible for all financial requirements for the Boys' Home including financial statements, budgeting, payroll, Ministry reporting, and annual audit preparations. Jane developed our accounting processes, ensuring they would provide the Board and the Ministry with consistent and reliable information. As well, there are many unofficial tasks that made Jane the go-to person for things like computer problems, Run/Walk photography, and proof-reading promotional material, Bulletins, or reports with her infamous red pen.

Jane recently announced that she will be leaving the Boys' Home in January to live closer to a family member with health issues. Although necessary, this was a difficult decision to leave a job she loves, and an agency whose work she believes in. "It has been an honour to be associated with Huron House Boys' Home and the important work we do with the youth in our care. I will always be proud to have worked with the staff and Boards of Huron House, and wish you continued success", says Jane. Although not directly involved with the boys, Jane will miss seeing the changes that occur in them as they participate in the Boys' Home program, and also will miss working with the very dedicated staff.

In her spare time, Jane enjoys travel, photography, golf, and has even developed a 'love' of camping. We wish Jane and Doug all the best in their new home in Port Hope, where she will be able to be near her grown daughters, Sandy and Jennifer.

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