



Huron House Boys' Home CHRISTMAS BULLETIN 2018

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Matt returned recently to visit his mentors

Making a Difference One Boy at a Time

Matt Dikih returned to the Boys' Home recently to visit, and to let the staff know just how much of a difference living at the Boys' Home and working with them made in his life.

Matt, who is now 29 years old, came to live at the Boys' Home when he was only 11. While living here, he finished elementary school and went on to graduate from Northern Collegiate.

Visiting with his wife Tiffany, Matt came to say hello to Huron House staff members Mick Mullen and Paul Kern and to thank them for the positive impact they had on his life at the time he was living here and helping him achieve success later in life.

In addition, Matt was surprised to find out that Andrew Shaw, one of his English teachers from Northern Collegiate, is now the Fundraising and Events Coordinator at Huron House Boys' Home.

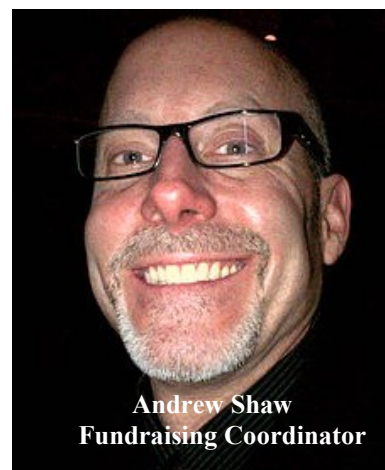
Matt and Tiffany, who have been together since Matt lived at the Boys' Home, are the proud (and busy) parents of four children aged 11, 9, 6, and 2.

Tiffany was quick to point out to Mick and Paul that Matt is a great husband and father. Matt, Tiffany, and the kids live in London, where Matt works with his father on a factory assembly line.

Unexpected visits from former residents like Matt bring to mind the mission of Huron House Boys' Home, which is to provide life-changing opportunities for adolescent boys to make positive changes in their lives in a safe and structured environment by developing unique programming and services to meet their complex needs.

Recent statistics show that Huron House staff have been making significant improvements in the lives of more than 80% of residents by providing an effective treatment perspective to help the boys grow into successful adults.

Seeing former residents and hearing first-hand from them about all the successes they have achieved since leaving the Boys' Home is very rewarding for the staff. As Paul told Matt after hearing about his great family life and excellent work situation: "You made my day!"



Andrew Shaw
Fundraising Coordinator

Happy Holidays from all of us at Huron House Boys' Home!



Tossed Italian Salad
House Made Focaccia Bread
Penne Pasta with
House Made Tomato Sauce
Two House Made Meatballs
per person

Save the Date: Huron House Pasta Fest!**THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019**

5:00--7:00 PM

DANTE CLUB

1330 LONDON ROAD

SARNIA

(Raising funds and awareness for Huron House Boys' Home. Eat-in or Take-out available. Stay tuned for more details...)

CHUCK-A-PUCK at Sarnia Sting vs. Guelph Storm Game

On October 13, Huron House Boys' Home was the chosen non-profit organization for the Chuck-A-Puck fundraiser at the Sarnia Sting game. Thanks to the efforts of players/parents from the Minor Sting Atom AA team and from Huron House boys/staff/family members, we raised \$750. Special thanks to our prize donors: Imperial Theatre, Staples, Sarnia Sting, Sarnia Legionnaires, Sport Chek, and The Book Keeper.

**From the Executive Director**

With the change in Provincial Government there will be many changes. We were under the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS), but are now under the Ministry of Children and Community Social Services (MCSS).

Word has it that all Children's Mental Health Programs will move to the Ministry of Health (MOH) beginning April 1, 2019. We are all a bit concerned that Children's Mental Health Programs will be a very small part of the MOH and we hope we don't get lost in it. We also hope the Provincial Government will maintain its promise to increase funding to Children's Mental Health Programs

over the next 10 years.

If both the federal and provincial governments don't address Children's Mental Health, we are headed for a catastrophe.

One staff change of note: Sharon Crowe, our Fundraiser and Event Coordinator over the last 10 years, has retired. We wish her all the best and safe travels!

We welcome Andrew Shaw to the position and hope that you will feel free to be in touch with him, if you have any questions.

Happy Holidays and thank you for your continued support, Don Adam

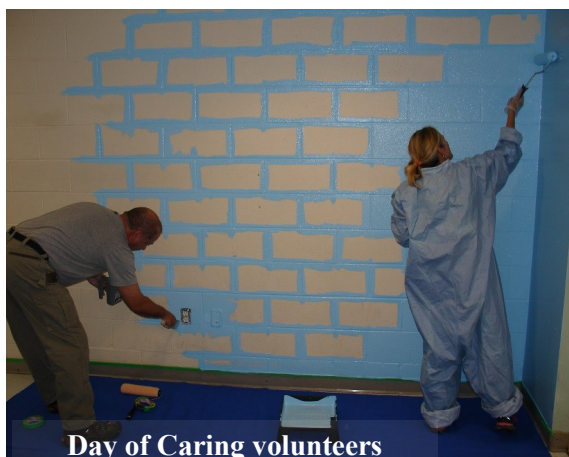


Sharon Crowe

Want More Information about Huron House Boys' Home?

- To find out more about who we are and what we do, please visit our website at: <https://hhbh.ca>.
- For all the latest information on upcoming fundraising events, check out our Facebook page as well.

It's easy to smile when someone cares!



Day of Caring volunteers

At the Boys' Home

While many local youth indulged in leisure activities during the September Professional Activity Day, Huron House boys spent the day planting 70 Christmas trees. The boys followed that up with an even more impressive effort by planting another 101 trees on October 13, bringing our healthy tree count up to 521. The trees will rest for the winter and start growing again in the spring. Thanks to Libro for funding this project and to our volunteers Clive and Steve for keeping the project on track. We hope that the trees will be ready for sale to the community in three to five years.

All programming continues to evolve in response to the needs of the youth currently in our care. Our Group Therapeutic Programs, Independent Living Program, individualized motivators, as well as our art program are all tools that help make a difference to teach skills and cope with stress.

Inside and outside, maintenance done this fall was appreciated. During the United Way Day of Caring in September, volunteers from Imperial Oil, Suncor, and the Lambton College Alumni Association did a wonderful job of painting the hallways and the upstairs living space (in a colour chosen by the boys).



Day of Caring volunteers



Run/Walk/Skate/Bike

Sunday, June 16, 2019

- **Register by January 31st** for early discounts.
- **Gift registration:** a great Christmas present.
- Register by Mother's Day (May 12, 2019) for **Team Name/Gender-specific t-shirt options.**
- **Family/group discounts** for groups of four or more registering at the same time.
- Get ready with our **Running Clinic** or earn your t-shirt as a **'Remote Runner.'**
- For further information and online registration, visit www.raceroster.com/20361.

Men Who Cook

Saturday, March 2, 2019



Men Who Cook, one of our major fundraisers, is an end of winter highlight featuring prizes for exceptional men and their exceptional cuisine.

Local men of influence cook and invite their friends, family and/or business associates to experience their party within our party.

There's no event like it, where formal atmosphere, elegant setting, and inspired food come together.

To find out more about *Men Who Cook*, contact Andrew Shaw at Huron House Boys' Home: ashaw@hhbh.ca; 519-869-4000.



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Leaving a Legacy

As the end of the calendar year draws closer, did you know that now is an excellent time to consider how strategies related to charitable giving/donations can have positive tax implications for donors?

One example involves individuals saving Capital Gains taxes on certain investments (such as stocks) by donating them to their charity of choice (such as Huron House Boys'

Home) and then receiving a tax receipt for the value of the donation.

Other financial products such as life insurance policies can also be used to help individuals increase their charitable giving while decreasing their taxes.

If you would like more information on how to leave a legacy through charitable giving, inquiries should be directed to a Certified Financial Planner, Life Insurance Agent, and/or a Tax Accountant.

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Yes, I would like to make a difference in a boy's life!

Please accept my gift to Huron House Boys' Home Foundation*

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