



# Huron House Boys' Home SPRING BULLETIN 2019

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## Making a Difference One Boy at a Time

Recently, Jack Quinn dropped in to Huron House Boys' Home to say hello to his mentor Brian Clarke and to update the staff on his life since leaving Huron House.

Now 29 years old, Jack came to live at the Boys' Home when he was 15, and stayed for three years. While living at Huron House, Jack completed high school at Alexander Mackenzie Secondary School in Sarnia and then worked at Kelsey's Restaurant and Fairwinds Lodge Retirement Residence before deciding to go to college. He attended Lambton College for Culinary Management in the Community Integration through Cooperative Education (CICE) Program, and was grateful to receive a Huron House post-secondary bursary which helped him to pay off his student loans. Thanks to generous donors, Huron House is proud to support boys even after they have left the Boys' Home.



Jack Quinn (right) stopped by to visit his mentor

Since September, 2017, Jack has been working at Mucho Burrito, and is quick to point out that he loves the job. In his words: "Great job, great co-workers, great boss!" He credits the Boys' Home with helping him to develop a good work ethic, thanks to the house belief that having the boys complete regular chore responsibilities helps to build strong values for the future. Jack especially liked cutting grass on the riding lawnmower. He also liked playing outside and in the gym with the staff and other residents.

In looking back at his time at Huron House, overall Jack enjoyed his stay at the Boys' Home and remembers having a lot of fun on trips. He also says that being at Huron House helped him to have a better relationship with his mother and brother as a result of the effective family counselling that they received. Jack is pleased that what he learned at the Boys' Home has also helped him to sustain the supportive relationship that he is in currently with his girlfriend Amber.

Success stories such as Jack's 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. We are proud to say that Jack is one of our many success stories.

## 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.

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## NEW LOGO REVEALED FOR 2019 RUN/WALK/SKATE/BIKE

**Join us at  
Mike Weir Park  
on Father's Day  
Sunday, June 16**

**Enjoy:**

- Pancakes and sausages (\$5 for non-participants)
- Coffee and bagels
- Family/friends/fitness/fun!



**An event for the entire family  
with scenic lake view routes:**

- 10k run
- 5k timed fun run
- 5k walk
- 7k skate
- 7k, 20k, and 40k bike
- Jr. Adrenaline Trail (free)

**Register at  
Race Roster.com  
/20361**

**Want to make a difference? Helping us fundraise by collecting pledges is a win-win!**

**Collect pledges for a chance to win:**

- \* Stratford overnight getaway
- \* \$300 Via Rail Pass

**Great participant and volunteer prizes, too:**

- \* Two bicycles from The Bicycle Shop
- \* Many more!



### Message from the Executive Director

There are many challenges being faced by Huron House currently. Funding is one. We are provincially licensed for 28 beds, but only provincially funded for six. Recently, there has been discussion of “reallocating” funding for one of our beds from Huron House to St. Clair Child and Youth Services to help expand the Walk-In Clinic from two days to four. While this is a good idea (for youth to have a place to go when in crisis instead of going to Bluewater Health), at what cost to the youth who cannot access Huron House? Robbing Peter to pay Paul is not the answer. Additional funding is needed to ensure our youth get the help they deserve.

Additionally, Day Treatment is being discussed as being desirable in this community. Again, a great resource to have and also needed, but where is the funding going to come from?

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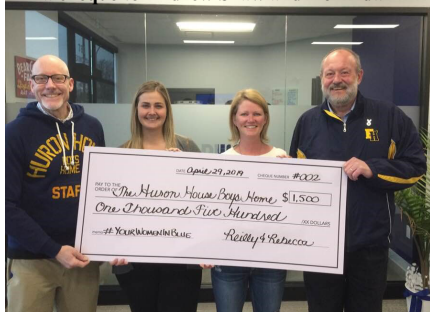


## At the Boys' Home

Thanks to some very generous donations that came in over Christmas, the boys took part in recreational time over the winter and along with the staff enjoyed a very busy March Break this year. Activities included Rock 'N Bowl bowling, a team scavenger hunt, paintball, swimming, Movie Night, 3-on-3 Mini Basketball Tournament, Karaoke Night, and a Sarnia Sting game.

Team-building activities such as these help the boys to build self-confidence and improve their social skills. The variety and creativity of on-site and off-site activities provided for the boys on an ongoing basis is also a reflection of the excellent staff at Huron House Boys' Home.

Reilly Stead and Rebecca Murray present a cheque to Andrew Shaw and Don Adam



## Community Support

Our thanks for generous donations from: Reilly Stead and Rebecca Murray of Coldwell Banker (Clothing Swap), Grace United (Soup Luncheon), Central United (Trivia Night), Twisted Arm (Band Night), Lakeshore Community Church (Golf Tournament), Royal Canadian Legion, CineSarnia, St. John in the Wilderness Church (donations), and Noelle's Gift.

We appreciate our caring community! For more information on donating proceeds from fundraisers to Huron House, please contact Andrew Shaw, Fundraising and Events Coordinator at [ashaw@hhbh.ca](mailto:ashaw@hhbh.ca) or 519-869-4000.

## Thank You Volunteers!



Dedicated volunteers prepare breakfast at RWSB

Volunteers have been at the heart of Huron House Boys' Home since the very beginning. Although we have many wonderful, dedicated Run/Walk/Skate/Bike volunteers, we are currently looking for people to join the RWSB committee. If interested, please contact Andrew Shaw at [ashaw@hhbh.ca](mailto:ashaw@hhbh.ca).

We appreciate all of our volunteers very much. From Run/Walk/Skate/Bike and Men Who Cook, to Christmas trees, Bingos, our recent Pasta Fest, and general assistance, we couldn't do the great things we do without our volunteers' dedication and support.

## 20 Years of Men Who Cook!

On March 2, we celebrated 20 great years of Men Who Cook with an "Ebony and Ivory" Gala Dinner held at the Dante Club. Filled with greetings, delicacies, music, and lots of smiles, this year's event included wine and craft beer samplings by Pelee Island Winery and Refined Fool Brewing Company. With the generosity of participants and sponsors, \$35,000 was raised.

Congratulations to this year's winning cooks: 1st—Jason McMichael (Candied Bacon-Wrapped Sweet Potato Truffles), 2nd—Gabe Ponce (Petit Crème Brule), and 3rd—Alex Tsaprailis (Stuffed Mushroom Caps).

## Executive Director's Message (Continued from page 2)

It only makes business sense to provide this funding. Recent research estimates that it costs \$421 million a year in lost work as parents care for their children with anxiety issues; 1 in 4 parents miss work for this reason and 1 in 3 parents are seeking Mental Health services for their children and 40% don't find the help they need (Canadian Centre for Health Economics). Huron House can play a key role in a solution to this important issue.

If both the federal and provincial governments don't address Children's Mental Health, we are headed for a catastrophe, locally, provincially and nationally. Our great staff team members continue to work hard to service our kids and absolutely appreciate all the support we get from the community.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support, Don Adam

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Marty Raaymakers receives the  
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 from Don Adam

### Volunteer SPOTLIGHT Marty Raaymakers

At the recent Men Who Cook Gala, long-time cook and Huron House supporter Marty Raaymakers was presented with the 'Outstanding Super Cook Award' by executive director Don Adam.

Marty deserves the special recognition. He has been a participant and donor at the event since its inception, and has generously shared his talent and personal space with winners and helped raise thousands of dollars for the Boys' Home. At this year's event, to mark 20 years of Men Who Cook, Marty, his wife Pam, daughter Kirby, and son-in-law Jason donated a catered dinner for 20 at

Marty's CarBar that was the highlight of the Live Auction. But Marty didn't stop there. The day after Men Who Cook, Marty started a Facebook challenge to get 100 of his friends to donate \$100 each, and within weeks \$9,000 was raised.

As great as Marty is, it is important to note that his support of Huron House is made possible through the affection and hard work of his wife, Pam. They love and support each other intently. Marty and Pam are a blessing to this community and all who know them. Thank you, Marty and Pam, for all you do.

(with files from Sharon Crowe, retired Huron House Fundraising and Events Coordinator)

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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 Foundation\***

☐ \$50    ☐ \$75    ☐ \$100    ☐ \$250    ☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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