



Huron House Boys' Home CHRISTMAS BULLETIN 2019

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Making a Difference One Boy at a Time Since 1970

Huron House Boys' Home was established as an agency in 1970 by a group of concerned citizens from Sarnia who saw a need for a safe, warm, and home-like environment for teenaged boys. The positive response from the community was so great that in 1972 a 12-member volunteer Board of Directors incorporated the agency to form Youth Services of Lambton County Inc., commonly known as Huron House Boys' Home. The Board of Directors immediately purchased the 10-acre property known as Our Lady of Sorrows Junior Seminary, which they had been leasing from the Catholic Diocese of London.

Huron House is now accredited as a Children's Mental Health Centre with an excellent staff and diverse and unique programs. Since its inception, Huron House Boys' Home has helped more than 1,000 boys. They have grown into strong and community-minded men who have found success as teachers, principals, child care workers, engineers, and mechanics as well as in business and many other careers.

TESTIMONIAL FROM A FORMER RESIDENT:

"I am who I am today because of Huron House Boys' Home and the staff. I feel really indebted to them for who I am and where I am in life today. I feel truly thankful and blessed for having lived at Huron House. It is my hope that other kids that find them-

self in the same situations as my brother and myself were in have the same opportunities as we did."

Testimonials like this and frequent visits from former residents bring to mind the mission of Huron House, which is to provide life-changing opportunities for adolescent boys to make positive changes 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.

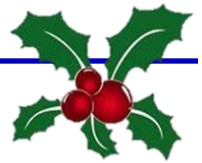
As our 50th anniversary approaches, we'd like to thank our community partners and donors for your ongoing and generous support in the past and we look forward to our next 50 years!



Huron House celebrates 50 years in 2020

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




SAVE THE DATE

HHBH PASTA FEST

Thursday, April 9, 2020

5:00—7:00 p.m.

Dante Club

1330 London Road, Sarnia

Eat In or Take Out Available

Tossed Italian Salad
Home Made Focaccia Bread
Penne Pasta With
House Made Tomato Sauce
Two House Made Meatballs
Per Person



50th Anniversary Homecoming

Saturday, October 10, 2020
Stay tuned for our Open House details.
Please help spread the word to former residents, staff, and board members. Follow us on Facebook for details.

From the Executive Director...

There are many challenges being faced by Lambton County Children's Mental Health Service providers currently. Funding is by far the biggest one. The Core Services group of Children's Mental Health Service providers (lead agency St. Clair Child and Youth Services, Rebound, Sarnia Lambton Community Living, Family Counselling Centre, and Huron House) are trying to reconfigure our system so that crisis services are available 24/7 but CANNOT do so without more funding unless current services are cut. Residential Children's Mental Health services may be cut/reduced!

Ontario Health Teams are being established in each community to look at priorities, but no one knows



what this will look like, especially for Children's Mental Health.

Having said all that, we continue to be supported by our GREAT community and are pleased that Blackburn Radio has offered to partner with us on their CHOK Bridge Race since the YMCA has withdrawn. Thank you Blackburn Radio.

Additionally, Huron House will be celebrating its 50th year in 2020, a HUGE milestone. We couldn't have done this without the great and ongoing support from our community.

***We wish everyone a Happy Season
and all the best in 2020,***

Don Adam

Want more information about Huron House Boys' Home?

To find out more about who we are and what we do, visit our website at <https://hhbh.ca>.

It's easy to smile when someone cares!



At the Boys' Home

The boys took part in recreational time over the past few months and along with the staff enjoyed a very busy summer this year. Highlights included a car show, camping, the Toronto Honda Indy, and a Toronto Blue Jays game at the Rogers Centre.

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.

All our 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, and our art program

are all tools that help to teach the boys skills and how to cope with stress.

Inside and out, maintenance done this fall was appreciated. On the United Way Day of Caring in September, volunteers from Suncor's Refinery and Ethanol Plant and Lambton College did a superb job of painting rooms and completing landscaping projects. In October, Home Depot staff members shared

their skills by painting our outside buildings.

Thank you!



Run/Walk/Skate/Bike — Sunday, June 21, 2020

- ◆ Register by January 31, 2020 for early discounts
- ◆ Gift Registration: A great Christmas present
- ◆ Register by Mother's Day (May 10, 2020) for **Team Name/Gender-specific T-Shirt Options**
- ◆ **Family/Group Discounts** for groups of four or more registering at the same time
- ◆ **Discount** for signing up for the **CHOK Bridge Race** (June 7, 2020) and our **RWSB**

For further information and online registration, visit www.raceroster.com/

Men Who Cook

Saturday, March 7, 2020



Help us to celebrate "50 Years of People Who Care" by planning to attend **Men Who Cook**, one of our major fundraisers, 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 on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Dante Club.

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

To find out more about **Men Who Cook**, or to get involved as a cook or committee member, please contact Huron House Boys' Home at info@hhbh.ca or 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 securities and/or investments (such as stocks) by donating them

to their charity of choice (such as Huron House) and then receiving a tax receipt for the full market value of security/investment based on the close day price.

Life insurance policies and other financial products 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 Tax Accountant by December 15.

Thank you for considering making a donation to Huron House of \$222 to "sponsor a boy for a day" as a way to help us to continue to provide high-quality services as well as to help us to celebrate fifty years of making a difference — one boy at a time.

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* All donations are collected by the Huron House Boys' Home Foundation and provided to Youth Services of Lambton County (o/a Huron House Boys' Home) as needs are approved.

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 ☐ \$222 (Sponsor a boy for a day) ☐ \$300 ☐ Other \$ _____

Please make cheque payable to: **Huron House Boys' Home.**

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