



Huron House Boys' Home

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A grateful farewell to a great community

Our Executive Director, just our 3rd in our 51 years of service, is retiring at the end of 2021 so we want to share his final message to start off this bulletin with the positivity and enthusiasm he has always brought to the role.



It is with mixed emotions that I informed our Boards' Presidents in August that I will be retiring at Christmas. I have so enjoyed working at Huron House, the best facility that I have been involved in during my 43 years in the field. The staff are amazing, the kids are AWESOME, and the boards are SO supportive of the kids, myself and the staff.

A special shout out to our staff team! They have been totally AWESOME in selflessly coming to work during the pandemic, investing in our boys, being totally flexible and providing excellent service in very difficult times.

I have also enjoyed working and collaborating with the different agencies in Lambton and the surrounding areas. There is truly an amazing Social Services Network here,

pushing political agendas to the side to provide needed services to families and youth.

I have told many people about Sarnia and what an AWESOME place it is. I have told individuals that I believe the ethics of people here are higher than in most parts of the province. When I first arrived from Kitchener, I was SO AMAZED at the support Huron House received and receives from this community. For a non profit agency, that is so needed. Thank you.

While we love it here, it is likely that we will move back towards Kitchener to be closer to our daughters and grandchildren. Many of you will have met our son, who wishes to be in Kitchener as he still has quite the community there. So it is again with mixed emotions that I say thank you and goodbye.

Take care everyone.

- Don Adam, Executive Director



The staff and board members of Huron House would like to offer our most genuine appreciation and best wishes to Don for his service to Huron House these past eight years. His dedication to the boys, care for staff and appreciation for this community was evident throughout his tenure and his leadership will be missed.



Life at the Boys' Home

Over the past few months, we've had three boys graduate and three new boys move in, so there are still ten boys living at Huron House. Two boys are participating in our Independent Living Program where they are given more autonomy and are learning skills like menu planning, budgeting, and cooking.

The boys have adjusted well to being back in school and on top of their happiness about the end of

virtual schooling, they are enjoying being able to participate in extracurriculars and other in-person, out of the house activities again.

What does a day at Huron House look like?

An average weekday at Huron House starts with breakfast and then off to school. After school usually means free time or sessions with our clinician, and after dinner

our evenings vary between therapeutic art, recreation, and life-skills groups and then packing lunches and getting ready for the next day. Weekends include more free time and chores that range from yard work to room cleaning and laundry.

Boys in our Independent Living Program follow a similar schedule but are also responsible for preparing their own meals.



Boys enjoy a bike ride down to the beach in July.



Olympic Day is an end of summer tradition, including the slip-n-slide and other outdoor games.



Skateboarding is always a popular activity, especially trips to the skate park.



Members of the Sarnia Chapter of the 999th Legion for Child Rights rode out for a visit in July. The boys loved getting their photos taken with the bikes.

Join our electronic mailing list!

Get regular updates about what's happening at Huron House and how you can get involved. Sign up using the form at hhbh.ca, or just check the box to be included when making a donation.



Fundraising Events

We are excited to be back to planning for in-person events in 2022!



First up will be Men Who Cook on **Saturday, March 5** at the Dante Club. Sample mouth-watering dishes prepared by some of the area's best amateur and professional cooks and make your vote for the winner while enjoying an evening of entertainment and friends.

Run/Walk/Skate/Bike is set to take place on **Father's Day - Sunday, June 19**. Get your family and friends together to create a team or sign up as an individual and join us for the return of this great tradition. Many distances and ways to participate are available plus free activities for kids. See you at Mike Weir Park!



Plans are still in progress for both events but ticket/registration details will be available soon so keep an eye on our social media and hhbh.ca/events for details.

Community Appreciation

We receive such wonderful support from this community and we could not be more grateful to be part of it. To name a small few of our recent generous supporters:

- All the store employees and everyone who donated at the checkout at Home Depot Sarnia during the summer Orange Door Campaign.
- Sarnia Legion Branch 62 and their ongoing generosity.
- The Sarnia Rotary Club provided a \$10,000 grant to support our Independent Living Program.
- Call the Chef donated the proceeds from their delicious savory waffle cones sold at the Bright's Grove Farmers Market.
- The Dante Club who hosted, and everyone who bought tickets to our successful October Pasta Fest.
- Carpenters Local 1256 and their donation in honour of Children's Mental Health Week.
- The families and friends of Wilma Blondin, Ann Fraser, Marcel Bourassa, Don Moberly, Philip Reece and Trudy White for the donations received in their memories.



Some of the Libro Credit Union team came by with a cheque for \$13,000! The funding will be used for the boys in our Independent Living Program as they learn the life skills they'll need after graduation from Huron House.



Progressive Auto Sales donated an amazing \$25,000 for the second year in a row to support our ongoing operations.



How to make the most of your donation

It might be a cliché, but small amounts of dollars really do add up to make a big difference. If you haven't contemplated becoming a monthly donor before, we encourage you to think about it, and consider how much of an impact it can have on a teenage boy who needs our mental health supports.

Benefits to Huron House

- We're able to more accurately predict our monthly income and plan for upcoming expenses.
- It keeps our administrative costs lower.

Benefits to you

- It breaks up your investment into a more manageable amount. It's easier to not miss \$10 each month than \$120 at once.
- Take something off your to-do list. Set it and forget it and don't have any end-of-year worry about whether or not you've made your donations.
- It's flexible. Stop or change it whenever you need. Option to choose cumulative or monthly tax receipts.

So what could your monthly gift do?

\$10— one month of toiletries for a boy

\$25—one month of school snacks for a boy

\$50— supplies for one month of therapeutic group programs

\$100—one month of counselling sessions for a boy

How do you set it up?

Visit our secure form at hbbh.ca/monthly and choose your donation amount, how often you would like to receive your tax receipts, and provide your contact information. That's it. You'll receive a confirmation email and be good to go!

Future donations will be taken on the same day of the month as your first monthly transaction, so pick whatever day works best for you.

Give a hand to a boy who needs it



Become a monthly donor today and join a community of supporters committed to youth mental health.

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