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Run/Walk/Skate/Bike Returns!



We are thrilled to have our signature Run/Walk/Skate/Bike back at Mike Weir Park on Father's Day 2022 after cancelling in 2020 and having a virtual edition in 2021.

The event has become a tradition for so many families, with father and child teams signing up year after year to celebrate Father's Day together. We have others who participate in honour of loved ones who have passed on, like the families of Andre Morin and Pete Fisher, two dedicated Huron House volunteers who are greatly missed. In recent survey of participants who have been coming out for multiple years, their top reason for coming back each year is the cause and wanting to support Huron House, with the atmosphere and lakeside routes coming a close second.

We welcome everyone in the community to come and see what the event is about. We have participants of all ages— in last year's virtual event they ranged from 2 to 86. Even if you don't participate, come cheer on those who are! A big pancake and sausage

breakfast is available for free for all registered participants, and for just \$5 for everyone else.

Why is Run/Walk/Skate/Bike such a big deal to Huron House? This is our largest annual fundraising event and funds are used to support all aspects of our operations. With lower donations and other event cancellations over the last two years, this year's event means even more to help us keep offering quality mental health programming.

We're encouraging our participants to join in Sarnia's quest to be named Canada's Most Active Community through the [ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge](#). Anyone can download the ParticipACTION app and track their activity during the month of June to contribute to the community total. The winning community gets \$100,000!

When? Sunday, June 19, 8 a.m.

Where? Mike Weir Park, Bright's Grove OR participate virtually from anywhere

How to register? Visit hhbh.ca/events





Message from the Executive Director



Hello, and thank you! I started as the Executive Director at Huron House in December 2021, also known as the

boys' home, HHBH, and several other acronyms for those who don't know. Amongst all those names, though, one thing has been made very clear to me in the short time I've spent here: the people of Bright's Grove, Sarnia, Point Edward, and all the surrounding communities are some of the most caring and giving people I have ever encountered.

Traditionally, the boys' home was a refuge for troubled male youth.

However, over the past fifteen years, the needs of the youth have significantly expanded. As a result, Huron House continues to work with youth with behavioral challenges; though, most of those living at Huron House have significant mental health, developmental delays, autism, and trauma needs. Our staff team is highly trained and develops specialized, individualized programming (SIP) for each youth. This SIP program, in conjunction with our community partners, allows us to offer an unparalleled level of quality service.

What does the future hold? Please keep your eyes and ears open as we move forward into the post COVID

era; Huron House will be unveiling new programming and improvements to allow this new vision to become a reality. Over the next year, our team's goal is to develop a STEM lab, respite services, play therapy, animal therapy, horticultural therapy, and explore traditional health practices. These are a few of the new and innovative that will continue to strengthen our program and community.

I look forward to leading Huron House and especially look forward to working with such a supportive, generous and caring community!

-Brett Gatt



Brett's already rolling up his sleeves and digging in wherever he can. In this case, fixing up our kitchen sink while some of the boys look on, ready to help

Basketball and ball hockey are two popular outdoor activities at Huron House once the weather starts getting nicer. We love having so much outdoor space for the boys and staff to take advantage of.





Inside Huron House

We've had two more boys join us since the start of the year and another has moved up to join our Independent Living Program (ILP), so we now have eight boys living on our main floor, plus three in ILP. We are regularly reviewing referrals from organizations in Lambton County and across Ontario and will likely have more joining us in the coming weeks.

The boys have been enjoying getting back to a more "normal" life and getting out for things like Sting games, bowling, District Beta, and other activities out in the community. The summer will bring more fun, like trips to the beach and bike rides down the Howard Watson Trail.

Become a monthly donor!

To set up your monthly contribution fill out the form at the back of this bulletin, visit hhbh.ca/monthly, or call us at 519-869-4000.

Community Notes and Appreciation

We want to extend our most sincere appreciation to:

- Home Depot Sarnia/The Home Depot Canada Foundation for their support through the December Orange Door Campaign. Huron House received nearly \$8,500 from the most recent campaign. **We will be the beneficiaries of the next campaign from May 31 - June 26 so please consider giving a donation if you're shopping in-store or online.**
- The families and friends of: David Elliott, Jim Darrach, John Vail, Marg Stewart, Rod Brown, and Sylvia Blain for the donations received in their memories.
- The Hogan Family Fund for two recent donations facilitated by the Sarnia Community Foundation.
- The families and friends of Jim & Marie Foubister and Donald & Catherine Wardell who donated honouring their wedding anniversaries.
- The men of Bad Men Association for making Huron House the beneficiary of their December fundraising concert.



The ladies of the Tuesday morning curling league at Sarnia Golf & Curling Club donated the proceeds from their December spiel to Huron House.

If you would like to donate to Huron House to celebrate an event or occasion we will happily send a card to notify the honoree(s), just provide the details at the time of donation.

Get your donut fill - Friday, May 27



Treat yourself to a specially decorated cream puff at Global Donuts & Deli (1603 London Line, Sarnia) and the proceeds will be donated to Huron House. Grab a coffee or treat yourself to lunch while you're there!

Pre-ordering available for larger amounts, call them at (519) 542-6121.



Planned Giving Made Simple

Huron House has been the recent recipient of several generous bequests and gifts of securities, so we've put together some information to share how simple planned giving can be to help you get started if it's something you're considering. In addition to the well-known bequests, some other types of planned gifts are:

Gift of Life Insurance

- Open a new policy, or update a current one, make Huron House beneficiary and receive an annual tax receipt for premiums paid, plus know you're leaving a large gift when the policy is paid out.

Gift of Securities

- Donate stocks, bonds, mutual funds or other securities, get a tax receipt right away, plus don't pay any gains taxes.

Gift of Real Estate

- Donate a property and get a tax receipt for the appraised market value, plus pay either reduced or zero gains taxes depending on the situation.

Gift of RRSPs/RRIFs

- Indicate Huron House as the beneficiary for all or a percentage of any un-used portions of your RRSP or RRIF with no costs to your estate.

Why consider a planned gift?

Maximizing your impact on a cause that matters to you

- Wills are more than a legal formality, they can be a powerful tool for change in the world. A gift that may not seem like a lot now can mature and provide more than you might think.

Tax Benefits

- Bequests don't have to compete with providing for family members, you can easily do both and reduce the taxes that need to be paid on the estate. Other methods of planned giving can offer you tax benefits right away.

Flexibility

- A bequest can be for any specific amount, percentage or residue of your estate, and you can adjust any time.

Cost-effective

- There are no, or very small extra out-of-pocket costs. Your current income won't be affected.

****This information is not comprehensive and we recommend speaking with your financial planner for more details and guidance. More information at: hhbh.ca.**

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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 needed.

Tax receipts will be issued for all donations over \$20.

Yes, I would like to support youth mental health!

Please accept my gift to Huron House Boys' Home Foundation in the amount of:

☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$_____

Name: _____ Address: _____

City, Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

☐ Please add me to the Huron House electronic mailing list for updates on news, events, and needs

All cheques should be made payable to Huron House Boys' Home.

Credit card donations:

Cardholder Name: _____

Card #: _____ Expiration: _____ CVV: _____

☐ I want to make this a monthly gift!

**Tax receipts will be automatically emailed to all donors who provide their email address*

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