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Everyone's Favourite Father's Day Event



It's that time of year again! The 36th Annual Run/Walk/Skate/Bike is happening at Mike Weir Park in Bright's Grove on Sunday, June 18th.

This event has become a tradition for so many local families. It is a great way to get outside, enjoy the early summer weather, and stay active together. This year's events includes a 5 km walk, 5 km

fun run, 10 km timed run, 7 km bike/roller skate, and FREE Kid's Adventure Course. Every participant will enjoy a pancake and sausage breakfast after their run, walk or ride.

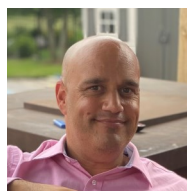
We welcome everyone in the community to come and see what the event is about. Run/Walk/Skate/Bike is our largest annual fundraising event and funds are used to support all aspects of our operations. The funds raised during this event make a huge difference to us every year!

For more information to register, please visit hhbh.ca/events.

We can't wait to see you there!



Message from the Executive Director



Hello and thank you for your dedication to Huron House! I am continuously wowed by the generous support of this community. Without our faithful donors, we wouldn't be able to provide this level of life-changing care to the youth at the Boys' Home.

I am excited to announce that we have recently onboarded a new clinician to our team. This exciting change allows us the opportunity to offer new programs to our boys, including: art therapy, animal

therapy, and horticultural therapy. I am confident that these programs will have a significant impact on the boys!

Without our incredibly hard-working Resident Counsellors and Youth Workers, we would not be able to do what we do. They are the backbone of our organization and I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge all their hard work. I am proud to lead such a fantastic group of individuals.

- Brett Gatt



Inside Huron House

Since the start of the year, we've had three more boys join us at Huron House. We are consistently reviewing referrals from local and Ontario-wide organizations. There will be more boys joining us soon.

The boys have been enjoying lots of fun activities recently. Over March Break they visited District Beta, attended a Sting hockey game, played at The Factory in London, and watched a movie at the theatre. As the weather warms up, everyone is looking forward to enjoying the nearby parks, beaches, and nature trails.

We are currently working hard on a number of updates to our building and property. Thanks to a substantial grant from the Ministry of Health, we have been able to update our HVAC system, lighting, doors, windows, and storage sheds. While these updates aren't the most fun, they are necessary for the longevity of our facilities. In addition to these building upgrades, we are also revamping our outdoor sports court to provide an improved

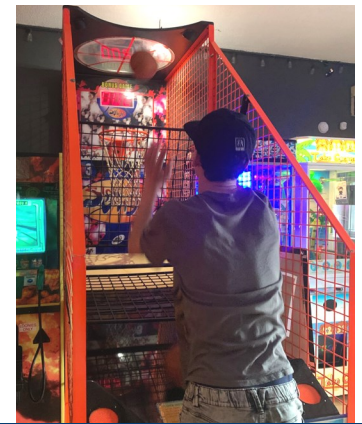
outdoor recreation space for the boys.

This spring we are preparing for the arrival of some very exciting new Huron House residents - our chickens! The 'Breakfast Barn' chicken coop is going to be built in May. Then it will be time for us to prepare the space for our food garden. The boys will have the opportunity to get their hands dirty and learn how to collect eggs, care for chickens, and grow their own food. This will be a part of the new horticultural therapy program.

Three of our boys are graduating high school in June. We can't wait to celebrate their accomplishments and hard work. High school graduation means that these boys will soon be aging out of our care. It is bittersweet to say goodbye, but we are committed to supporting our boys as they begin their lives beyond the Boys' Home.



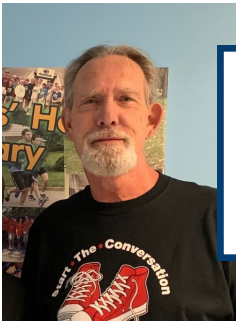
Brandon (Resident Counsellor) and the boys enjoy the beautiful spring weather at Mike Weir Park.



Shooting some hoops during a March Break visit to District Beta.

Celebrating Our Team

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to three of our valued team members. Mike, Brian and Karen have been working at Huron House for a combined 62 years! Thank you for your dedication to the Boys' Home.

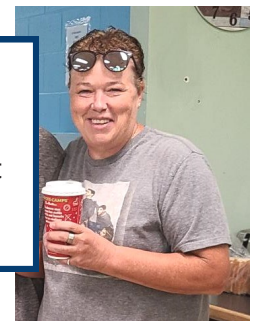


Brian has been working as a dedicated Resident Counsellor at Huron House since September 1998.



Mike joined HHHB as a Relief Youth Worker in October 2007. He has since worked his way up to Staff Supervisor.

Karen joined the Huron House team in February 2002. She has enjoyed making a positive impact on the lives of youth for the last 21 years.





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 winter Orange Door Campaign. Huron House received over \$4,300. **We will be the beneficiaries of the next campaign from May 30-June 25, so please consider giving a donation if you're shopping in-store or online.**
- Progressive Auto Sales Sarnia for their generous donation of \$25,000 to support our ongoing operations and continued growth.
- The families and friends of: Mary Forbes, Pauline Walsh, John Dionne, Emily Lambert, and Isabelle Hutchinson for the donations received in their memories.
- The Sheila and George White Foundation for the recent donation facilitated by the Sarnia Community Foundation.
- Everyone that supported the April 27th Pasta Fest fundraiser. We sold over 100 meals!



Foundation Board President, Rob Longo, and Board Member, Carly VandenEnde accept a generous donation from Progressive Auto Sales.

Save the Dates!

June 14, 2023
10am-6pm

Age-Friendly Expo

@ Pat Stapleton Arena

Visit us and 100+ organizations with information on how to support you through every age and stage!

September 8 - 9, 2023
8am-8am

24 Hour Charity Hockey Game

@ Progressive Auto Sales Arena

Enter a team to support the Huron House Boys' Home today.

January 20, 2024
Huron House Chili Cookoff

@ Dante Club Sarnia

Face off against other local professional and amateur chefs. Showcase your best chili recipe for a great cause!



Bright's Grove Music Fest July 14 - 15, 2023

We are thrilled to have been selected as the 2023 Bright's Grove Music Fest beneficiary!

The music festival takes place at Kenwick Park in Bright's Grove on July 14 & 15. Keep an eye on their Facebook page for updates about the event. It's sure to be a great weekend of live music.



Making the Most of Your Donation



It's true, small amounts of money 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 hhbh.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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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*

Credit card donations can also be made securely online at: hhbh.ca/springbulletin

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