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Welcome to Our New Executive Director

We are thrilled to announce that Mike McGill has officially stepped into the role of Executive Director at Huron House Boys' Home! Mike has been a valued member of our team for the past 17 years, starting as a relief worker in 2007. Over the years, his dedication and commitment to helping our youth has made a profound impact on countless lives. Mike's journey with Huron House has shown his passion for empowering our youth, and we are confident that his leadership will continue to strengthen our mission.

Summer Programming

This summer, Huron House Boys' Home was filled with fun, adventure, and creativity! Thanks to our summer students and staff, the boys participated in a wide range of daily activities and crafts. Each day, they planned engaging projects that sparked creativity, teamwork, and hands-on learning. The boys eagerly embraced these opportunities, building skills and memories along the way.

In addition to the crafts and activities, the boys enjoyed several exciting trips that made their summer unforgettable. Highlights included a day at Canada's Wonderland, a wildlife adventure at African Lion Safari and taking in the sights at local car shows and parades. They were especially excited by the roaring action of a Monster Truck show and had a lot of fun at The Factory, an indoor adventure park in London. Another memorable activity was playing Gellyball at Valley Axe, where they enjoyed some friendly competition.

These incredible outings were made possible through generous donations from our community, helping the boys create lasting memories and experience new adventures. We're grateful for the support that allows us to continue offering these enriching experiences!

New Website Launched

We're excited to announce the launch of our brand new Huron House Boys' Home website! Visit us online and explore all the new features!

www.hhbh.ca

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

Inside Huron House

We are excited to share that two of our boys celebrated important milestones this year. One graduated from grade 8, while the other proudly completed high school. These achievements highlight their hard work and determination, and we couldn't be more proud of their success.

Our boys have settled back into school and their daily routines smoothly. We're proud of how well they've adjusted and look forward to seeing their progress. As the year goes on, we'll continue to support them every step of the way, helping them grow both academically and personally.

Everyone at Huron House is eagerly looking forward to the holiday season. With a variety of fun activities planned, there's a sense of excitement in the air. This time of year brings everyone closer, fostering a spirit of togetherness as we prepare to celebrate and make lasting holiday memories.

Community Notes & Appreciation

We want to extend a most sincere thanks to:

- The families and friends of: Ed Sauve, Audrey Garrison, John Roman Sr., Dr. Charles Monk, Brenda Ward, Pat Barton, Leo Beland, Amby Kostyk, Marilyn Lea, and John Dionne for the donations received in their memories
- Jackpot Time for their generous support. Their essential monthly contributions we receive help cover our grocery expenses.
- Sarnia Lakeshore Optimist Club for their donation of $500 to go towards new baseball equipment for our baseball diamond.
- Sarnia Horticultural Society for donating $1,000 to purchase new plants for the property.
- Kathleen Foubister for making a donation in recognition of her Father Jim's 90th birthday
- The estates of Gary Wayne O'Dell, Lyle Mitchell and Dennis Michael Joseph Shannon
- Everyone who made a donation through our Spring Bulletin
- Huron House participated in The Big Squeeze this year and raised $210 for Big Brothers and Big Sisters

Happy Holidays

From our home to yours, the boys, staff, and Board of Directors at Huron House wish you a joyful holiday season filled with love, peace, and warmth. As we reflect on the year, we're grateful for the support of our community, which has helped us create a nurturing environment for our boys. May your holidays be bright, and your new year full of happiness and hope!

Become a Monthly Donor!

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

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Save The Date

Behind Closed Doors

Lambton Mall

December 1, 2024

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Huron House Boys' Home has been selected as a charity for Lambton Mall's Behind Closed Doors event. Tickets are just $5 each, and all proceeds from ticket sales will directly support the boys at Huron House. To purchase a ticket, contact Denise at Huron House or visit www.hhbh.ca/events

Charity Takeover Event

Refined Fool London Rd.

December 4, 2024

4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Join us for a Charity Takeover at Refined Fool London Rd. where 15% of all food and taproom sales will be donated to Huron House Boys' Home. The event will feature live music, a 50/50 draw and a silent auction, making it a fun-filled night for a great cause. Come out and help support Huron House!

HHBH Run/Walk/Bike

Mike Weir Park

June 15, 2025

8:00 am - Noon

Our Run/Walk/Bike is returning for its 38th year on June 15th, continuing our Father's Day tradition. Early bird registrations open December 1st, making it a perfect stocking stuffer for the active people in your life. Join us for a fun and meaningful way to support Huron House!

If you have any questions about these events please contact Denise at dmcmillan@hhbh.ca or 519-869-4000

The Gift of Life Insurance - By Julie Ward

Life insurance is an effective tool for legacy giving, allowing individuals to create a significant financial impact for their chosen charitable organizations. One of its key benefits is the ability to secure a substantial death benefit with relatively low premiums. This means that even those with limited financial resources can leave a meaningful legacy, ensuring that their favorite causes receive support that might otherwise be out of reach. This allows for a lasting impact, amplifying the policyholder's intentions beyond what their current assets might allow.

In addition to its financial benefits, life insurance offers flexibility and tax advantages. Death benefits are typically paid out tax-free, enabling the full amount to be used for its intended purpose without tax burdens. Policyholders can also name charitable organizations as beneficiaries, directly aligning their legacy with their philanthropic goals. This strategic approach not only helps fulfill personal values but also ensures that one's legacy continues to make a difference long after they are gone, fostering a sense of purpose and continuity that resonates with future generations.

For more information on how to support Huron House with a gift of life Insurance contact:

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A Word From Our Executive Director

As we look back on an exciting and activity-filled summer at Huron House, I want to share how incredible the past few months have been for our youth and team. Our boys had the opportunity to explore and experience so much, from trips to Canada's Wonderland, Blue Jays games, Monster Trucks or participating in various community events. Each day brought a new adventure, whether through local outings or engaging in summer activities at the house that fostered creativity, teamwork, and exploration. These experiences not only allowed the boys to enjoy themselves but also helped them build valuable life skills and lasting memories.

As we now transition into the school year, the boys are returning to their routines with a renewed sense of energy and focus. It's inspiring to see how much they've grown over the summer, and I am confident that the lessons learned will positively influence their academic and personal development moving forward. In my new role as Executive Director, I am excited to continue supporting their journeys, as well as Huron House's mission to provide a nurturing and supportive environment.

With the holiday season just around the corner, this is a special time for all of us. The boys are already excited for the festive activities that bring warmth and joy to this season. It's a time to come together as a family, to reflect on the year, and to celebrate the bonds we've built. I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to our incredible community for their ongoing support. Whether through donations, volunteering, or simply spreading the word about our mission, your generosity ensures that we can continue to offer life-changing programs for the boys. Together, we are making a real difference, and I am grateful to be part of such a compassionate and dedicated community.

Sincerely,
Mike McGill

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