

Summer, 2021 Newsletter

IMPORTANT NOTES FROM THE BOARD...

FROM THE CHAIR:

With Ontario moving to Step 2 of the reopening plan, we can finally start getting excited about summer being here. We have missed not being able to host all of the fun events for you as much as we know you have missed coming together to enjoy them. But things are starting to look up! We have been doing our best to find safe new experiences for all ages, and on the upside because we had to get creative, we have discovered activities that have been very popular with our families. Niagara Go-Karts & Mini-Putt comes to mind – huge hit so we will keep it! And we will continue to look for new activities in other communities.

If you have found venues in your area that your family enjoys, please share with us at events@helpachildsmile.com or call 905-385-4227 and leave a message. If you had fun, there's a good chance other families would too! Wishing you all a safe, happy summer and looking forward to seeing everyone at the Family Picnic in the fall.

Joyce Hutson

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

SMILEY'S 50/50



This May, we held our first On-Line 50/50 Lottery. Congratulations to the winner, Valerie Buekert.

The final prize was \$11,830!

Thank you to all of our friends and families that supported us by buying tickets, sharing our posts and sharing their stories for media interviews.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION

2021-2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair: Joyce Hutson
Co-Treasurers: Peggy Charron,
Ramona Durkin
Family Events Coordinator: Bertha Bertrand
Family Events Committee: Nick Ferreria
Director: Chris McCullough
Honourary Director: Donna Woodruff

Vice-Chair: Amy Watson
Secretary: Sheryl MacNamara
Hospital Support: Nelson Mota
Family Events Committee: Rehanna Bachan
Trips Committee: Sean & Sheryl MacNamara
Director: Beth Walsh

Nelson Mota served as our board chair for 8 years. We would like to take the opportunity to recognize and thank Nelson for his commitment and leadership to Help A Child Smile. Nelson will remain on our board as Director and will focus on hospital support.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

SECRET CITY ADVENTURES VIRTUAL ESCAPE ROOM

Saturday, July 17 - 7:00PM
On-Line
Ages 10 & up

Participants will be divided into teams of 4-8 where you'll work together to solve a room using a virtual meeting. The game is web based, but you will not need to download anything. You will need to have 2 tabs open and have a desktop or laptop to play. Children between the ages of 10 and 15 require adult accompaniment.

Register now!: [Family Event Registration - Help A Child Smile](#)



Help A Child Smile's Annual Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 11. Details will be provided closer to the date and based on public health directives and gathering limits for COVID-19.

PAINT & POUR ART ACTIVITY COMING SOON!

We will be offering Paint & Pour kits to our families! Details to follow.
For more information on this and other fun activities visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/artwithheartstudio> or <https://artwithheartstudio.ca/>

Watch Lucas Wilson demonstrate the paint & pour art:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFc3VBSHLKU>

Stay tuned for more event announcements!
Bertha, Rehanna and Nick are working on more events now that the province is moving to Stage 2 of its reopening plan.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS:

The 30th Anniversary Jim Walsh Bike Ride for Kids with Cancer
will be held virtually July 5-17.

Register with this link: <https://raceroster.com/events/2021/46951/the-jim-walsh-bike-ride-for-kids-with-cancer> or get pledge sheets by emailing jimwalshbikeride@gmail.com

Ride or walk the trail of your choosing and send in pictures of your journey. All riders and walkers will receive a t-shirt and BBQ meal at the Knights Hall starting at 1:00pm on Saturday, July 17.



CanJam for Kids with Cancer will be held on Saturday, August 14th at the Knight's Hall in Brantford. Tickets are \$15 per person and must be purchased in advance due to COVID-19 rules. This year, you'll enjoy a fun day of music, a pig roast, silent auction, a Mustang car show and much more!

Get your tickets by calling Rick Locke at 226-802-1597 or Beth Walsh at 519-757-7258 or by contacting Ray Knight via Facebook Messenger <https://www.facebook.com/RRRAAYYY2>

Donations for the silent auction and door prizes are gratefully accepted, as well as monetary donations for sponsorship.



A Charity Golf Tournament will be held in support of Help A Child Smile on Saturday, August 14th at the Freedom Oaks Golf Course located on 612 Sandy Bay Road in Dunnville.

\$125 per person includes 18 holes with a cart, light lunch, prime rib dinner at 6:30pm, prizes and a welcome bag. Payment is due upon registration. To book your spot, donate prizes, silent auction items or make a cash donation call Linda McDermott at 289-253-8466.



This fall, we're launching **Catch Smiley's Ace**, an on-line progressive, multiple-draw, weekly raffle where ticketholders have the chance to win a Weekly Prize and the Catch the Ace Jackpot! Watch our website and FaceBook page for more details!

In memoriam donations:

Mike Modesty
Catherine Durkin
Damian Thomas
John Prime
Giovana Macaluso
Keith Mule
Jean Haines
Vincenzo Ricottone
Patti LeBlanc

We are very sorry for loss.

Other donations:

Valerie Bueckert - \$1000
Sheryl Christian - \$500
Anna Stremmerne - \$250
Euro Mobil Autohouse - \$250

TO OUR NEW FAMILIES...

We are saddened to hear that your child has cancer. Since 1986, Help A Child Smile has been providing support to children being treated for or that have been treated for cancer at McMaster Children's Hospital. We know that a cancer diagnosis affects the whole family and that's why we offer a variety of events and activities that everyone can participate in. It's a chance to leave the diagnoses, treatments and hospitals behind, if only for a few hours. Our organization also provides parking passes, gas cards, and support to pay for medical procedures not covered by OHIP. If you have any questions regarding our programming, visit our website at or email us at admin@helpachildsmile.com. Once COVID-19 is behind us, we look forward to meeting you in person when our events resume.

Keep up-to-date on our events, programs and fundraisers by visiting our website or by liking and following us on Facebook [Help A Child Smile | Facebook](#)