

## July 2015 Newsletter

### Notes From The Editor:

Wow! What a busy summer this has been so far. Or maybe it just seems that way because it took sooooo long to get here. Either way there is still a lot of summer left and a ton of stuff to get out there and do. We hope you are all having a great time and enjoying all of our family activities and outings.



### What Happened?

Well, let's start with **Marineland**. A record number of families came out to enjoy the day. The weather was great and the meal delicious. For some, like little Myles Mota, it was a first encounter with 'wild-life'. Everyone reported having a great day. "It was fabulous. HACS is fabulous. We never could have had this day with out you. Thank you!" from the Messier family. {Big Smile}



The **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual HACS Family Fishing Derby**, hosted by Ontario Kayak Fishing Series and held at The Sportsman Club (Galt) was awesome! We can't say enough about Matt Moser, Jeff Wall and the entire crew of 'Helpful Experts' who were on hand to make sure our families had a great time. Next year's date has already been reserved - hope to see you there.

**Note:** The Gallery and Video sections of our website are about to be revamped. When that project is complete there will be lots more pictures and video clips to see of this and other events.



### What Have Our Partners Been Doing?

Mother Nature was not very nice for the **Jim Walsh Bike Ride** on May 31<sup>st</sup>. In fact she was downright nasty! Still, a handful of staunch supporters donned rain gear and set out to ride as far as they could before the cold and wet forced them to head back. Well, she may have damped the ground, but not the spirits of Jim's friends! They gathered indoors and had a great time just the same. Just ask Ava Sevier and her family. They had a blast with all the dancing and kids' zone activities and Elsa - yes, even Elsa came out in the rain to make sure everyone had a great time! And if that wasn't enough, Elsa surprised Ava with a trip to Give Kids The World. That's one happy little girl, right there! Big



shout-out to Denis Larocque, Marc Dubeau, Steve Brown and their tireless crew of many for carrying on Jim's legacy. By the end of the day, they raised a whopping \$3176 which was then matched by Scotiabank!!!!



Our families were invited to enjoy a free day of activities and entertainment at the **Moonstone Rising Music Festival** held in Brantford. It was non-stop fun with a huge range of things to do.



There were animals to pet, a real car to paint, celebrities to have your picture taken with, a mad science show, music, crafts, games and even a flash mob! Well done RMP Kids First Foundation. Kudos and a big thank you to Pam Stoutenburg and Ray Knight - can't wait until next year!





Ashley Stefureak, left, was one of the models in the recent **Fashion Show** at McKinnon Park Secondary School in Caledonia, which featured 31 different outfits designed and sewn by Rachael Warner, second left. The \$807 raised at the fashion show was added to two other initiatives. The combined funds were matched by Scotiabank in Caledonia, represented by branch manager Gary Nelson, and presented to Joyce Hutson, who accepted it on behalf of the Help a Child Smile Foundation.

And speaking of 'other initiatives', the winner of the **Tiger-Cat** season's tickets draw was Vince Passaretti of Hamilton. Congratulations Vince and thanks to everyone who bought tickets and to the Scotiabank for their continued support.

## Donations In Memory Of...

Barbara McAllister, Bryan Hart, John Butz, Licata Frances, Rose Kormos, Doris Sendek, Dianne Sodtka, F. Parker, Anne Belcastro, Walter Bernard, J. Alonzo, Marino Gandin, Anita Napper, Marga DeJong, Riley Montgomery, Donna Nash

*We are sorry for your loss and grateful for your generosity.*

## Donations from our communities:

Kauth Family Charitable Fund Strategic Charitable Giving Foundation \$933; Tigercat Industries \$75; RMP Kids First Foundation \$915; Sportsman Club (Galt) Inc \$2050; Elkin Natural Health \$150; Laurel Steel - \$587

*We appreciate your continued support of our kids and families.*

## To Our New Families...

We are saddened to hear your child has cancer. We hope you will find encouragement, fun and support through the activities, programs and camaraderie that we have to offer. Since 1986 Help A Child Smile has been providing support such as parking passes, gas cards, teen outings and more to families who have a child being treated for cancer at McMaster Children's Hospital. And to help you and your family smile, we fund day trips to events like Disney On Ice, Wonderland, Marineland, African Lion Safari and Merrittville Speedway to name a few. Ultimately, your family may choose to enjoy an all-expense-paid week at Florida's Give Kids The World Village, including day passes to Disney World, Sea World, Universal Studios and more **on us**.

## What's Coming Up?

Brantford will once again **'Go Gold'** in recognition of September's designation as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. All HACS families and friends are invited to enjoy this free event in Harmony Square at 4:30 on August 30<sup>th</sup> and join in. There will be children's entertainers, special guests, music by Marc Dubeau, food, a variety of presentations, performances by a youth dance group, and illuminating the square's fountain in gold.

**Surprise!** The **Blue Jays** are back in our line-up! We will have a limited number of tickets for the August 29<sup>th</sup> 1pm game against Detroit. Tickets will be available for Active families - ONLINE registration **only** - between July 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. On August 1<sup>st</sup> if there are still tickets available, we will open registrations to Alumni families until 5<sup>th</sup>. All tickets are \$10 each. <http://helpachildsmile.com/family-registration> (not open until July 24<sup>th</sup>)

A family favourite - **African Safari** will be on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Lunch is at 12:15 **sharp** please! This event is free for HACS families, and guests are \$22 each, which includes entry, tour bus ride and lunch. Registrations must be received **by** August 14<sup>th</sup> either online at <http://helpachildsmile.com/family-registration> or by mailing the attached form to Bertha with money orders included if you are bringing guests.

There are **Merrittville** tickets available **BUT** you must email Bertha at [family.registration@helpachildsmile.com](mailto:family.registration@helpachildsmile.com) **BY** July 22<sup>nd</sup> 8 pm. Free to all families and guests.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Active families have a child who was diagnosed or relapsed within the past 4 years

Immediate family members are parents and siblings at the time of diagnosis

Alumni families are those whose child was diagnosed or relapsed more than 4 years ago



Please check <http://helpachildsmile.com/html/events.shtml> regularly and support a fundraising event near you!



The 1st annual **Sandra Allen Memorial Golf Tournament** will be held on Sept. 13 near Brantford. As most of you know, Sandra was our long-standing Board member and parent of a cancer patient. Her sudden passing in May 2014 left a huge void on our Board and in our hearts. This event is dedicated to her memory. There will be 18 holes of golf, steak dinner, prizes, silent auction table and more. Watch for details to follow soon on our website.

**Win 2 round-trip tickets** anywhere in the world WestJet flies! All taxes are included. \$5 per ticket or 3 for \$10!!!

Draw is Sept. 14th - find a seller near you by emailing us at [info@helpachildsmile.com](mailto:info@helpachildsmile.com) For a complete list of WestJet destinations visit us at [www.helpachildsmile.com](http://www.helpachildsmile.com)



Win this beautiful **Rhythm Small World Musical Clock** valued at \$1,200! Plays 30 melodies with full face movement on the hour. Must be seen and heard to be appreciated! Visit our website [www.helpachildsmile.com](http://www.helpachildsmile.com) for a short video. Tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Draw is Sept. 14th. Email us at [info@helpachildsmile.com](mailto:info@helpachildsmile.com) to find out where you can get tickets in your area.



**Online Fundraisers** - Shop from the comfort of your home and we all benefit! These kind supporters who also happen to be vendors of top-of-the-line products are making donations to us for every purchase during the special! Please check out their online catalogs and share with your friends, family and co-workers.

**Christina Doucette** is donating 20% of your purchases on the complete **ARBONNE** line of products. Visit [www.arbonne.ca](http://www.arbonne.ca) then click on the 'Join Arbonne' link in the top right corner of the screen to have your purchase tracked under Christina's account. On the next page you are given 3 ways to join - click the 'Select' button in the 'Client - FREE' box. Scroll down and make sure the country and language are set correctly, then type Christina's code 115672056 in the 'Sponsor's Arbonne ID' box. Now enjoy your shopping! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Christina at [Ibelieve-18@hotmail.com](mailto:Ibelieve-18@hotmail.com) or 519-865-8084.

*Fifth Avenue Collection*  
BEAUTIFUL JEWELLERY

Aside from holding the position of our Family Events Director for the past 28 years, Bertha Bertrand is also an independent Fifth Avenue Collection Jeweller. She was introduced to HACS when her beautiful young daughter was diagnosed in 1987. Charlene lost her battle in 1988 and HACS has been very close to Bertha's heart ever since. As a way of giving back, Bertha is pleased to donate 25% of the online sales of the Fifth Avenue Collection from July 15th until September 30th. Visit <http://www.fifthavenuecollection.com/jeweler/bbertrand> and enjoy shopping, knowing that your purchases will not only make you smile, but will also help our HACS families smile too! Bertha can be reached directly to answer any questions by phone at 289-241-3184 or by emailing her at [machar7980@gmail.com](mailto:machar7980@gmail.com)

**Erie Shores Smile for Miles Poker Run** roars into action on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am from 4179 Hwy 20, St. Anns, ON rain or shine! Visit their website at <http://www.southerncruiserserieshores.com/> for details or sponsor a rider by visiting our event page: <http://helpachildsmile.com/suite/list/hacs-event.php?eventId=10>

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual **Keiffer Memorial Golf Tournament** on August 15<sup>th</sup> is sold out! However, there are still tickets for the Celebration Dance and sponsorship opportunities. This amazing family has honoured the memory of their son for 15 years and raised over \$120,000! Please come out to the dance and help us say 'thank you' one last time (yes, this is the final time for this event) to this wonderful, generous family who has given so much. Check our events page for more details then email Scott and Maureen at [scottandmo@rogers.com](mailto:scottandmo@rogers.com) to get your tickets or for more details about sponsorship packages.

**The Cowboy Classic** is approaching fast! If you haven't secured a spot for your group on August 14<sup>th</sup> you'd better hurry! This event honours the memory of longtime supporter and benefactor Claude Poulin. The day includes 18 holes of golf with a riding cart, lunch, steak dinner, goodie bag, prize table, silent auction, \$10,000 hole-in-one hole and more! See <http://helpachildsmile.com/html/events.shtml> for more details.

# Family Event Registration Form

If you received this newsletter by email, please register online at <http://helpachildsmile.com/family-registration/>

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient's full name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Can we send newsletters  
to this email address? Y N (circle) Is this a new mailing address? Y N (So we can update our records)

- 1) **African Lion Safari : Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** Lunch at 12:15 sharp, FREE to all HACS families.  
Guest \$22 each - includes entry, tour bus and lunch.

# of immediate family adults attending \_\_\_\_\_ Are you joining us for lunch? Y N # of vegetarians \_\_\_\_\_

Names of immediate family children attending:	Age (2 or under free)	Vegetarian? (Circle one)	
1) _____	_____	Yes	No
2) _____	_____	Yes	No
3) _____	_____	Yes	No
4) _____	_____	Yes	No
5) _____	_____	Yes	No
6) _____	_____	Yes	No
7) _____	_____	Yes	No

# of adult guests attending \_\_\_ x \$22 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # of vegetarians \_\_\_\_\_

Registration form with money order if requesting guest tickets **MUST** be received by August 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- ❖ Pay strict attention to the deadlines - they are NOT 'mail by' dates. They are when the registration forms with money orders (no cheques) **MUST** be in our hands! Failure to get them back in time will result in not enough tickets being ordered! Don't let your family miss out on this memory-making adventure!
- ❖ Money orders are to be made payable to: Help A Child Smile
- ❖ Mail forms with money orders to Help A Child Smile, 61 Canboro Rd, PO Box 1262, Fonthill, ON L0S 1E0

PS: You may find the process much easier and faster by using our online event registration page! We can accept MasterCard, Visa and now, e-Transfer payments as well! (Most financial institutions only charge \$1-\$2 per transfer which is cheaper than sending money orders!)