



## FALL 2020



Help A Child Smile

[www.helpachildsmile.com](http://www.helpachildsmile.com)

### Message from the chair:

The weather has become cooler and the leaves are changing colours. Fall is always a great time to reflect on the summer and what is ahead for the winter.

In the spring, we had to make the decision to cancel many of our regular events. Thankfully, we were able to offer a few family friendly and safe activities for our families over the summer and fall including the African Lion Safari, Safari Niagara, Drive-In Movie Nights, Niagara GoKart & Mini-Putt and the upcoming Dinosaur Drive-Thru.

We continue to provide parking for families of children in treatment and have continued other programs such as transplant supports, fertility banking and our Welcome packages to newly diagnosed families, just to name a few.

Looking ahead, our Board of Directors is committed to continuing our core programs. We will continue to monitor public health's guidance and will only resume family events when it is safe to do so.

**Nelson Mota**



Due to the pandemic and related world-wide travel restrictions, our Disney Give Kids The World Village trips have been put on hold indefinitely. We receive regular updates from Village staff, and their status remains that the Village will be closed until there is a vaccine in use world-wide. If your family was hoping to take our trip in the next 1 to 2 years, you may be able to wait, depending on your child's age and duration of treatment. You may also want

to consider having your worker at Mac refer you to Make A Wish or Children's Wish and have your child choose something else instead. If you need more info to help you decide, please contact our Trip Coordinator, Joyce Hutson at [trips@helpachildsmile.com](mailto:trips@helpachildsmile.com) or by phone at 519-770-8088. If your child had already accepted our trip as his/her wish and you want to change it or discuss your options, please reach out to Joyce.



## RECOGNIZING CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



Brantford Mayor Kevin Davis & City Councillors Joshua Wall & Rick Weaver raise the Childhood Cancer Awareness Flag at Brantford City Hall .



Our Leukemia Warrior, Michela De Marzo (pictured) in the middle , took the time to pose in front of Oakville Town Hall with her family. Oakville Town Hall was lit in gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness.



Thank you to the County of Brant for turning the Paris Dam gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness and to Mayor David Bailey for raising the flag for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.





*Help A Child Smile would like to thank Beth Walsh for her all of her hard work volunteering with us. We are excited that Beth will remain a Member at Large on our Board of Directors.*

"Since I have completed my "working " volunteer stint with HACS I must say I have enjoyed everything I have done. I have learned a lot in so many ways doing things I have never done before. I have learned about our families and grown to love them as my family. I have met many people that are very willing to help our families and donate their time and talents to make sure we can continue to provide for them.

To the people that always had my back -- the volunteers. We could not have carried out any of our Brantford functions without YOU! Being on "the other side of the fence" I realize - even though you may not - that YOU are the most valuable asset to our charity. I can't thank you all enough for the wonderful job you always did.



I can't go without thanking my "always there" team mate Joyce Hutson. We made a great team, worked well together and backed each other up as it should be. "

**Beth Walsh**



A big WOW factor happened as Joyce Hutson and Beth Walsh received a \$5000 donation from our loyal supporters at **ABATE Chapter 8** in Brantford. The proceeds were from the Poker Run that the club held in September. The riders started the trip at the Knight's Hall and ended in Brant Township after a long but fun ride. An after party was held with lots of food, beverages and great music. A huge thank you to all at Abate 8 for organizing the ride and to all the riders that joined in to help raise the funds for HACS. Also, many thanks to the Knight's Hall for giving the bikers a good starting point.

*Thank You!*



## JUNK IN THE TRUNK RAISES \$1200

Our first annual "Junk in the Trunk" garage sale was held on Saturday, September 26. We had beautiful weather and welcomed many vendors and guests.

Thanks to the Knight's Hall in Brantford for allowing us to use their parking lot and for keeping us fed!

Our thanks to Rick Locke that supervised the parking and COVID-19 regulations, the Knight's Hall for letting us use their location and making sure we didn't go hungry, Marg Watt, Marg Lee & Janine Hann for donating their sales to HACS and the vendors for their participation.



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NIAGARA GOKART & MINI-PUTT**





## 2021 GREG FREWIN MAGIC SHOW

### ONLINE BROADCAST

### In support of Help A Child Smile

Join us for a spectacle to remember featuring  
The International Grand Champion of Magic, Greg Frewin  
as he takes his world class show online and to the comfort of  
your own home on!

Saturday January 30th at 7pm  
in support of Help A Child Smile.

#### QUICK FACTS:

**EVENT:** 2021 Greg Frewin Magic  
Show Online Broadcast

**LOCATION:** Online Broadcast, link  
to be provided

**DATES:** Saturday January 30th  
7pm

**TICKETS:** 1-844-600-0041

Greg Frewin, **The International Grand Champion of Magic**  
has won every major award offered within the magic  
community. He has placed first in numerous magic  
competitions including the International Brotherhood of  
Magicians, the Society of American Magicians, the Canadian  
Association of Magicians and the Federation Internationale  
Society of Magique.

Frewin was awarded **Magician of the Year** in 2009.

In his fifteen-year professional career Frewin has performed  
live all over the world, from Japan to Monte Carlo, cruise ships  
on the high seas to the Vegas Strip. He currently performs  
sold out shows at one of the top Niagara Falls, Ontario  
attractions; the Greg Frewin Theatre. Frewin has also  
appeared on over 35 television programs!

For our new families: We are saddened to hear that your child has cancer. We hope that you will find encouragement, fun and support through the activities, programs and camaraderie that we offer. Since 1986, Help A Child Smile has been providing parking passes, gas cards, food and lodging vouchers, and paying for medical procedures that are not covered by OHIP—just a few services that we fund to support families. We also offer daytrip adventures and trips to Give the Kids the World in Orlando Florida.



We would love to share your stories with our families, funders, volunteers and supporters. Our Administrative Assistant can capture video interviews for our website and social media, as well as write articles about your story and how Help A Child Smile has made an impact on your family's life. These smile stories are important for us to share because it shows why it's important for people to support us through donations. Please contact Patti Berardi: [admin@helpachildsmile.com](mailto:admin@helpachildsmile.com).