



Fall 2022



From the chair:

Welcome to our beautiful fall season. The morning air is crisp (which is just a pleasant way of saying “it’s chilly out there”), leaves are turning colour and signs of Halloween are everywhere. We trust you had a wonderful summer. Things were almost normal (not pre-Covid normal, but getting there), so we were able to offer some of the old favourite events again. We hope you enjoyed them.

And speaking of events, the Board particularly enjoys the family picnic as it’s the only time we get to spend an afternoon visiting with all of you. So it was great to see many of you there. Thanks again to the Gallant family for hosting us. Remember that Colton’s Fun Farm is open every weekend until October 30th so please go back, pick a pumpkin, have a fun family day and support their fundraising effort. (<https://www.facebook.com/coltonsfunfarm>) Oh, and they have partnered with Winner Winner Chicken Dinner so there will be food available for purchase. You will also be able to buy 50/50 tickets if you didn’t have a chance to get some at the picnic. Or if you can’t make it back but want tickets, just email me at jhutson@helpachildsmile.com to find out how to get yours.

On another note, would you like to share a brief story that we can send to sponsors when they ask how their donation has helped or will help our families? It can be as simple as a picture of your family having fun at one of our events with a short note. It could be a brief message about how our hospital support programs such as paid parking helped you. It could talk about what the trip to Give Kids The World Village meant to your family. Anything you are comfortable sharing, really. It would be very helpful when we are looking for financial support. If you can help, please email me at the address above and thank you!

- Joyce Hutson

Family Picnic 2022



Making memories...



CanJam for Kids with Cancer raised \$35,000



Our hosts from the Knight's Hall Tina and Donal O'Shea had a very busy time keeping up with bar chores and Alex Dmani did a fabulous job in the kitchen serving up delicious meals. Thank you folks for donating your time plus a venue each year for us.

Our bands Hwy. 24, Vooo Dooo Kings, Tyler Wilson Band, Brandon Silver & Sylvrado and special guests Two for the Road kept the crowd on the "dance floor" all day. We give you all a very special thank you for sharing your time and talent with us to help our local kids with cancer.

The "all makes and models" car show put on by Route 24 Auto and United Mustangs of Ontario was fantastic with close to 100 cars entered. Trophies were given in 5 different classes of cars - the field at the Knight's was full! Thanks to Ezio and Dan for organizing this great addition to CanJam.

CanJam is very pleased to have presented a Brantford family of 7 with their trip to Give Kids The World. Excitement galore from the family and the presenters Jim Jardine and Rick Locke. Our friends of Let's All Spin To Win Canada, run by Rita Owen, donated a huge cheque for \$6,000 which will go towards sending the Robinson family on their magical trip.

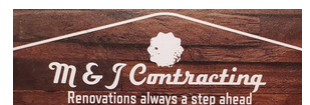


CanJam presented three Sandra Allen Memorial Education Awards for 2022. From left to right: Christen Gemmel, Franziska Eisenhuth, Maxwell Loslo



Joyce Hutson, Chair of Help A Child Smile presents Cathy C. of Brantford with her WestJet Gift of Flight prize.

SPONSORS



Thank you for your support!



Abate 8 held their 6th annual Poker Ride in support of Help A Child Smile on Saturday, September 10.

Kickstands went up at the Knights Hall in Brantford and the day ended with a Beef Bash!

Thank you to Abate 8 for your continued support of Help A Child Smile!

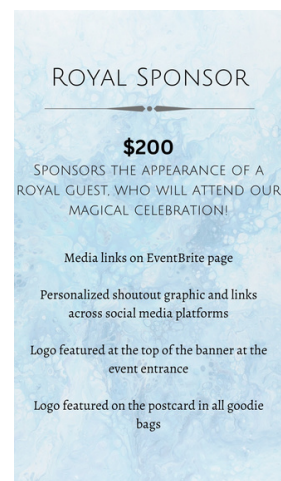
The **Used Car Dealer Association of Ontario** presented us with a \$5,000 donation in September! The UCDA has been a long-time supporter and we appreciate their continued contributions.



Upcoming fundraisers



Email: xtheglassslippercompany@gmail.com





Do you love a treasure hunt?

Great – have we got one for you! We have had hundreds (yes, I said hundreds) of TY Beanie Babies donated to us – ours to do with as we please. But before we go looking for loving homes for them, we need to sort through and thoroughly examine each one to see if there are any ‘special’ babies among them. You know what we mean – rare Beanies said to be worth thousands of dollars to the right collectors! We need people with a keen eye, who are focused and have patience that would be willing to help us sift through the small mountain of Beanies hoping to spot even one of those special little guys. (The time spent qualifies as volunteer hours, by the way.) We have tentatively set aside Saturday, October 29th for the hunt. It will be held in the Smokey Hollow Country Club, 118 Powerline Road, Brantford, ON N3T 5L8.

If you can help, please email Joyce at jhutson@helpachildsmile.com and let her know. And don't be shy about asking your friends if they would like to help – the more the merrier! Details will be firmed up when we know how many helpers we have but for now, we are planning to start at 1pm and run until about 4.



It's back!

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is once again hosting our annual **Christmas Party** on Saturday, December 3rd. Doors will open at 12:30 to sign in. The party runs from 1 until 4 at 701 Stone Church Road East, Hamilton, ON L8W 1A9.

Registrations opening soon!



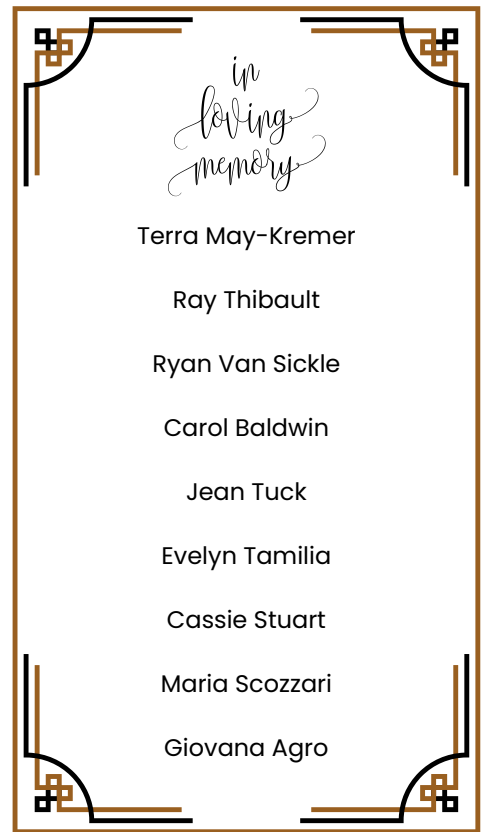
TO OUR NEW FAMILIES...

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 helpachildsmile.com or email us at admin@helpachildsmile.com.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Active families have a child who was diagnosed or relapsed within the past 4 years.
- Immediate family members are parents and siblings living in the home at the time of diagnosis plus additions to the family since diagnosis who are living in the home.
- Alumni families are those whose child was diagnosed or relapsed more than 4 years ago.
- If a child passes, the family remains Active for 1 year then become Alumni.

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