



# SPRING 2022

## Message from our Chair:

Finally! With spring around the corner and restrictions easing, we can start getting our lives back on track. We know the past 2 years have been extremely difficult for everyone - your Board included. We did our best to continue to provide our families with fun, safe, affordable events while still funding the essential supports such as parking.

It was a challenge, to say the least. Rules surrounding getting together both inside and out was a big issue, as you know. But in addition, we saw a significant loss of revenue because these restrictions forced the cancellation of almost all of our in-person fundraisers for the past 2 years – our main source of revenue. Even donations dropped considerably because so many people lost their jobs or had their hours slashed. But now we are happy to be able to look at the return of many of your favourite family events. Keep an eye on your email and our website for details as venues and dates are confirmed and our budget allows.



Some of our families have been asking when we might begin offering trips to Give Kids The World Village again. Unfortunately, that is not yet possible due to the Village's current quarantine and vaccination requirements. We are monitoring the situation so that as soon as their restrictions ease and our budget allows, we can begin reaching out to qualified families. Meanwhile, we will be in touch with those families whose trips were already in the works before the pandemic forced the cancellation of all travel. Those who meet the criteria will be allowed to start planning their wish trip. It's a beginning!

Hopefully, things will be back to normal (or as close as we can get) very soon. Meanwhile, your Board will continue to do everything we can to provide your family with all of the support and fun events that we can fit in our budget. And as we discover new venues we think your family might enjoy but that we can't add to our lineup at this time, we will post them on our FB page and Bulletins page on the For Our Families tab on our website.

<https://helpachildsmile.com/bulletins/>

In fact, here's one for Long Point Eco-Adventures that we think looks awesome for kids who are past the Disney age:

<https://www.lpfun.ca/play>

Joyce Hutson

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

On-line ticket sales only!



**CATCH  
THE  
ACE  
For Childhood Cancer**

Help A Child Smile & OPACC are Ontario charities that support children and families affected by childhood cancer.

 **Help A Child Smile**  
For a child with cancer... every day matters

 **OPACC**  
Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer

**Proceeds Benefit:**

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## EVENTS

We are excited to once again offer

### DISNEY ON ICE Tickets!

Families are invited to choose from a matinee

on Saturday, March 19

or Sunday, March 20 at 3:00pm

at the FirstOntario Centre

in Hamilton

All guest tickets are \$27 and must be paid

at registration.

Register here for Saturday:

[Disney On Ice - Saturday, March 19 - 3:00pm - Help A Child Smile](#)

Register here for Sunday:

[Disney On Ice - Sunday, March 20 - 3:00pm - Help A Child Smile](#)



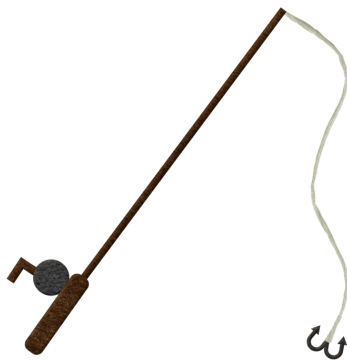
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

### SPRING FISHING DERBY

SATURDAY, MAY 28

More information

will be emailed to families soon!



### FAMILY EVENTS PLANNING TEAM

Bertha, Rehanna and Nick have been working hard to create a wonderful line-up of events for 2022! Keep an eye on your email and our website for updates.

Thank you to Bertha, Rehanna and Nick for all of your hard work!

## CANJAM FOR KIDS WITH CANCER

Plans for **CanJam for Kids with Cancer** are well underway in Brantford. We are pleased to have the United Mustangs of Ontario involved with plans this year and have opened up the car show to other makes & models of cars. The 4 local bands are raring to play and help raise funds for our cancer kids & HACS. Other surprises are in the works as well.

Mark August 13 on your calendar and plan on joining in the fun!

We are asking for assistance getting items for our silent auction table or door prizes. If you have family or friends in a business that would like to help us out and also have their business recognized at the event please let Joyce Hutson or Beth Walsh know. We are also looking for donations or great deals on larger items for a ticket raffle such as a propane fire pit, patio furniture, BBQ etc. Your help would be appreciated.

Beth Walsh

## SANDRA ALLEN MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL AWARDS

Congratulations to our inaugural winners of the Sandra Allen Memorial Educational Awards!

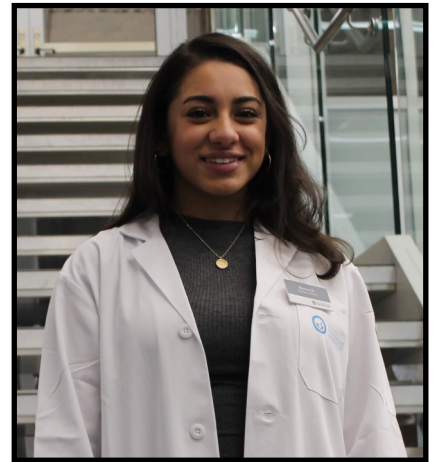
Applications for the 2022 awards will open later this spring.



**NOELLE AUSTIN**



**CLAUDETTA PUGLIESE**



**MARINA ROBIN**

For more information on the Sandra Allen Memorial Education Awards

Visit [Sandra Allen Memorial Education Award - Help A Child Smile](#)

## THANK YOU CARDS

We would love to feature our kids and their stories on our new Thank You Cards.

Here is an example of one that Everlee made.

Have your child draw a picture and then take a picture of them holding it with a blank wall behind them.

They can share a thank you message as well.

Email the pictures and message to Joyce at

[jhutson@helpachildsmile.com](mailto:jhutson@helpachildsmile.com)

My name is Everlee. I am 9 years old. When I was 4 my family was told I had cancer. We spent a lot of time in McMaster Hospital. Help A Child Smile helped us get through my treatment. They still help by giving us fun things to do as a family. Thank you for helping them so they can keep helping families like mine.



## SEND US YOUR PICTURES & VIDEOS!

We would love to share your pictures and videos from our events.

Please email them to [admin@helpachildsmile.com](mailto:admin@helpachildsmile.com)

If the file is too large, you can visit

[WeTransfer - Send Large Files & Share Photos Online - Up to 2GB Free](#)

and upload your files there and then send it to [admin@helpachildsmile.com](mailto:admin@helpachildsmile.com) for us to download.

When you submit your photo to us, you are agreeing to allow us to use the photos on our social media pages, website and in our newsletter or other Help A Child Smile brochures.

## Memorial Donations:

Rose Porkolab  
Kayla Bonnel Lewis  
Lucille Gefucia  
Dino Sabucco  
Margherita Milazzo  
Mary Fast  
Jonathan Brown  
Giuseppina Citrigno  
Ken Seal  
Isidora Lakin  
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