

# **SPRING & SUMMER 2022**



#### Message from our Chair:

Happy Spring, everyone! Well, it was kinda warm, that one day, a week or so ago..... anyway, moving on. Your Events Committee has been working very hard to find just the right venues and activities for you. Their mission has been to provide opportunities to get together to have fun while still being safe.

Keep checking our website for updates: <a href="https://helpachildsmile.com/family-registration/">https://helpachildsmile.com/family-registration/</a> to see what they have found. It feels as though things are finally moving towards some sort of normal - whatever that's going to be post-Covid. We look forward to seeing all of our familiar families and meeting our new ones soon.

While you are at the events page, please also keep an eye on our Fundraising page. We could use your help to spread the word and help get our

fundraising back on track. For instance, Brantford's CanJam For Kids With Cancer in August will feature dozens of specialty cars, music, a huge silent auction, raffles and more. And we will soon be kicking off an exciting raffle with 2 great prizes - 2 WestJet tickets to any of their destinations and a Super Pac-Man Home Arcade Machine!

So please, check out and share our fundraisers.

Have a safe and happy summer!

- Joyce Hutson





CanJam for Kids with Cancer made a donation of \$5,900 to send our families to Disney On Ice in March.

The pandemic has affected our ability to fundraise due to cancelling events in 2020 and 2021. CanJam wanted to make sure that our families could still attend Disney On Ice and they provided this significant donation to cover the costs. Thank you CanJam!

Pictured left to right:

Enzo D'Ignazio, Rick Locke, Joyce Hutson, Ray Knight and Beth Walsh

# **NEWS**



The Isaak family were special guests at a recent Niagara Ice Dogs game to represent POGO.

Brooklyn is a Help A Child Smile Alumni

Thank you to everyone that played Catch the Ace of Childhood Cancer!

The Ace of Spades was revealed on Friday, March 18 on the 23rd week!
Congratulations to Jerry Draper of Brantford for winning the Catch the Ace Jackpot!



#### **SANDRA ALLEN MEMORIAL EDUCATION AWARDS 2022!**

Applications will be accepted from May 1-31

The Sandra Allen Memorial Education Award aims to provide access to post-secondary education and reward youth who demonstrate community leadership.

For more information and to download an application visit Sandra Allen Memorial Education Award - Help A Child Smile

# **FAMILY EVENTS**



## Register by May 13!

Family Event Registration - Help A Child Smile

All children attending will receive a rod/reel gift package to take home!

This event is not open to guests, except for grandparents.

They must be registered to attend.

#### **Register by June 2!**

#### Family Event Registration - Help A Child Smile

Free to our families and you can register additional guests.

Adults: \$22

Children (3-12): \$19



# Keep an eye on our Family Events Page and your e-mail for other events this summer and fall!

Bulls & Bikes - July

Safari Niagara - August

Family Picnic - September

Go-Karting & Mini-Putt - October

### **FUNDRAISERS**



Message Circle Fundraisers: Limited seats are available for 2 very special sessions with internationally respected psychic medium **Kerrilynn Shellhorn** in Brantford from 7-9 pm on May 27<sup>th</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup>.

In a safe, friendly and protected environment, Kerrilynn will use her unique intuitive gifts to channel information, guidance, psychic impressions and messages from the other side. Tickets are \$50 each to a maximum of 20 people.

Contact Joyce Hutson for details and to book at <u>jhutson@helpachildsmile.com</u>



#### **FUNDRAISERS**



Emma, Micah and Lily are a Help A Child Smile family who have turned a hobby into a way to give back. They offer photography services in exchange for donations to childhood cancer related charities. Emma and Micah's daughter Lily was diagnosed at 3 days old, and has now been cancer free for over 18 months. However, they understand the pain of what can feel like so much lost time. To help combat this, Emma and Micah want to capture the smiles you have today - because no matter what you're going through, you are still a family.

They are offering active Help A Child Smile families a free 1 hour session, with a guarantee of 30 edited images at the destination of your choice.

For alumni families, a \$50 donation to Help A Child Smile is suggested - however they are more than happy to work with whatever each family can afford.

To book your shoot, please visit <a href="https://www.emmamicahphotography.com/">https://www.emmamicahphotography.com/</a> and fill out the form on the contact page. For other examples of their work, please visit them on Instagram: @emma.micah.photography

# CANJAM FOR KIDS WITH CANCER RAFFLE



Win 2 Flights to any WestJest Destination

Prize 2



Win an Arcade1Up Super Pac-Man Home Arcade Machine with Riser

Tickets will be available soon
Draw takes place at CanJam on Saturday, August 13

Follow our Facebook page for updates:

Help A Child Smile | Facebook

# JIM WALSH BIKE RIDE FOR KIDS WITH CANCER



SAVE THE DATE!!
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
starts and ends at
the Knight's Hall
12 Catherine Avenue, Brantford
Registration will open soon!

Proceeds benefit Help A Child Smile

Follow <u>Jim Walsh Bike Ride For Kids With</u>
Cancer | Facebook



Help a Child Smile recently lost one of its longest serving administrators and volunteers. **Lyn Becket**, a remarkable woman who was friend, sister, mom and grandmother to so many of us passed away April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Lyn wore many hats with HASCS and was most admired for her compassion towards our kids diagnosed with cancer and their families.

As long time administrator, not only did Lyn steer the ship but also facilitated support groups for parents, children and bereavement groups. As a mom to Jimmy who lost his childhood battle many years ago, she continued to provide comfort and inspire all those in our childhood cancer community.

At this time we celebrate Lyn as a wife, mother and grandmother and keep them in our thoughts. Her husband Ken (former Chair of HACS), sons Jeff, his wife Robin and daughter Autumn. Rich, his wife Stacy and their son Joshua, and of course Jimmy. Lyn we were all inspired by you and we were all better for having you in our lives. Rest easy Lyn.

Memorial donations: Wilma Winger, Carla DeAngelis, Robert Donahue, Joyce Hopkins, Loretta Mego, Gavin Shaw, Wilma Crosby, Evelyn Beckett

#### 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

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.



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