

Summer 2017 Newsletter

IMPORTANT NOTES FROM THE BOARD...

In case you haven't heard, Goliger's travel plus and FM Audio Video in Brantford have teamed up to sponsor a raffle draw with proceeds going to Help A Child Smile. Prizes include a **\$5,000 travel voucher and a 55" TV!** Any form of travel to any destination any time before Dec 31st, 2018 – no restrictions or blackout dates! Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Second prize is a 55" HD TV valued at \$1,000. And grab some tickets for your friends, co-workers and family too. Whoever sells the most tickets by the family picnic wins 10 free tickets!

Volunteers wanted to help sell tickets at **Johnny Be Good Saturday Night Cruisers (car show)** at **Ben Mar Family Fun Centre** just outside Paris. Volunteers needed 6 to 8 pm. Come out and enjoy the classic car show and great 50's to 70's music while supporting our raffle! Contact Beth at 519-753-2224 if you can spare a couple of hours on a Saturday night or two!



It's been **30 years!** You read that right – 30 years of bringing smiles to the faces of our families!

We have been told that many of you miss the Extravanzas and would love an opportunity to reconnect with your 'other families' again. So, to that end, and to celebrate this milestone, we invite all of our families, old and new, to come out on **September 16th** for a **HACS Family Reunion Picnic** at **Colton's Fun Farm** in **Brantford!** The Board will kick off the event at 11am and will provide a schedule of the day's events and a map to help find everything. We have pulled out all of the stops and lined up a wide assortment of family entertainment. There will be giveaways for our cancer warriors and 30th anniversary t-shirts in a range of popular colours, as well as hats and key



chains available for purchase at great prices. We promise that besides each other's company, there will be activities for everyone, young and old to enjoy. There will be food trucks with a varied menu and you can order whatever you want (our treat). Activities include a corn maze, hay rides, laser tag, a pumpkin patch, pumpkin carving, a Thomas the Tank Engine ride, live entertainment and lots more. We are still adding to the list so watch our website and Facebook page for updates.

We are grateful to the Gallant family. They are one of our very own HACS families and they have offered to host this special day at their family-friendly fun farm. The Gallants run this annual not-for-profit event to raise money that they donate to Help a Child Smile!



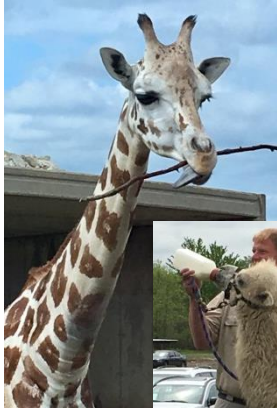
REGISTRATION NOTES: By now you all should have received a letter explaining how our new event registration process will work and why we are implementing these changes. The new process means that we will still list the coming events for the next quarter in the newsletters, but will not include registration forms. All details about events will continue to be posted on our website on the 'Family Events' registration page <http://helpachildsmile.com/family-registration/>. However, we will now send an email to let you know when an event is coming up and provide all pertinent registration details in plenty of time for you to register your family.

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

African Lion Safari – May 27

The weather was nice for our families who attended the African Lion Safari day with HACS. Families were treated to a private visit from special guests, Steve the baby camel and Maggie the elephant. This was followed by a BBQ lunch with a visit from ALS mascot, Zulu the Zebra. Families then had

the day to ride the train, riverboat and safari bus to get up close and personal with birds, lions, zebras, giraffes and monkeys.



Stampede Days Bikes and Bulls Rodeo – July 9

Once again Rawhide Rodeo put on an amazing show at the Paris Fair-grounds. Volunteer Director Beth Walsh welcomed the crowd and introduced them to who we are and what we do. She then surprised Brooklyn Isaak with an all-expense paid trip to Give Kids The World for her and her family. Brooklyn's mom, Pam, shared with the packed stands her family's journey with cancer.



Fishing Derby – June 3

Our HACS families enjoyed a day of fishing and sunshine thanks to Matt Moser and the Galt Sportsmens Club along with Jeff Wall and the Ontario Kayak Fishing Series



WHAT HAVE OUR PARTNERS BEEN DOING?



North Park Collegiate Grade 9 student **Emily Morrison** loves to bake and saw a great opportunity to use that love to help kids like her friend Olivia Kaczur. When Emily was assigned by her family studies teacher to pick a challenge to tackle with her talents, she knew what to do. Emily decided to bake and sell chocolate chips cookies and then donate the proceeds to Help A Child Smile. She sold a total of 74 dozen cookies. She also made a very special big cookie for her young friend Olivia. Over two weeks, Emily raised a whopping \$800 for Help A Child Smile.

Jim Walsh Bike Ride For Kids with Cancer - Many thanks to Brantford's **Denis Larocque** and his tireless volunteers for once again organizing the Jim Walsh Bike Ride to not only raise money but also awareness for HACS.



The weather cooperated and riders had a great day on the trails to Cambridge and back. Once they returned to the Knights Hall there was plenty of food and entertainment to help them relax. The event brought in \$1,700 for HACS.

The **Brantford Red Sox Inter-county Baseball Team** was privileged to

have HACS 's very own Olivia Kaczur throw the first pitch at their game June 30th. She made a great pitch and was applauded by all. We thank Olivia for being a great sport & representing Help A Child Smile.



Ride for Smiles – Our dedicated volunteer **Ray Knight** had a very successful event with his Ride for Smiles. The riders had a beautiful day for the ride and were entertained at night with 4 different bands donating their time and talent for Help A Child Smile. Ray had a raffle for a BMX bike donated by Tradebank and another raffle for a Summer Surprise Package; both these draws were made the night of the event at an Ancaster location. The lucky winners were Steven Porter who won the bike and Eliva Hill won the Summer Surprise. We thank Ray and all concerned for the donation of \$3,659.



We thank everyone so much for all their efforts!

Our most sincere 'Thank you' to all of our partners for their dedication, hard work and support. We couldn't make any of the great events happen for our families without all of you.

We are always looking for people to either lead or assist in annual fundraising. If you have a suggestion or would like to help with a fundraiser in your community we would love to hear from you! Just send a quick note to info@helpachildsmile.com

DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF...

Katie Herron, Anna Nikon, Donna Mary Fish, Deborah Haines, Jack Riddell, Steve Bronszvich, Hazel Smith, Debbie Haines, Susan Albano, Cliff Pidgeon, Micheal Madere, Dominic Panetta

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

OTHER DONATIONS RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM...

- ☺ Lanhack Consultants Inc. Golf Tournament - \$21,500
- ☺ Galt Sportsman Club Fishing Derby - \$2,000
- ☺ Hub International Employee giveback donation - \$800
- ☺ Studio A Academy - \$1,000
- ☺ Together WE Can re: Keith White, employee Walker Aggregates Inc (Ridgmount Quarries) – \$500
- ☺ RBC #420 sale of cookies - \$800
- ☺ Marianne & Rocco Ventresca - \$200
- ☺ St Michaels Anglican Church Hamilton - \$450
- ☺ Ronald Parker - \$150
- ☺ Ecole Saint-Joseph - Dress down Days - \$435.80

We are excited to announce that HACS is now part of the new **'Mobile Giving Text To Donate'** campaign! Please share this opportunity to support us with your friends and family! All they have to do is simply **text SMILE (all caps) to 20222 between July 12th and August 31st to donate \$10**. All cell carriers (except Telus) will add their donation amount to their bill or subtract it from their prepaid account.

- ☺ No standard text messaging fees are incurred by mobile users to complete a text message donation.
- ☺ No portion of any amount donated is held by participating wireless providers. All donations are passed through at 100% back to the beneficiary charity.
- ☺ All mobile users can obtain a tax receipt for their donations made via text message by visiting: <http://receipt.mobilegiving.ca>.
- ☺ Mobile users can donate up to \$30 per month.

**Donate \$10 to Help A Child Smile by
texting 'SMILE' to 20222.**



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 parking passes, gas cards, food and lodging vouchers, and paying for medical procedures that are not covered by OHIP - just a few of the services we fund to support the families. And, of course, we offer adventures to places like Marineland, African Lion Safari, Wonderland, Disney on Ice, Blue Jays and NHL Alumni games and a week's stay at Give Kids The World in Florida to help our children smile!

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 a**
- ☺ **If a child passes**, the family remains on our Active list for **1 year after**.



WHAT'S COMING UP?

July 29th 5-7pm

BBQ to Support HACS

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 605
9 Main St N,
St George, ON N0E 1N0

St. George Legion is hosting a 'Support our Community BBQ' with proceeds going to HACS. Please come support our charity and enjoy BBQ Sausages, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Cheeseburgers with all the fixings - kids welcome and live entertainment too!

Aug. 3rd - 2 - 7 pm
Spiritual Medium Sessions
with Kerrilyn Shellhorn

Internationally respected spiritual medium Kerrilynn Shellhorn will once again be bringing her unique gift, insight and spunky sense of humour to a HACS fundraiser! Seats are limited for the 45-minute private sessions. (Private can mean you can bring others to share the experience with you but in a closed room.) The cost is \$125 per session. Email Joyce at jhutson@helpachildsmile.com now to lock in your spot. For those of you who are not familiar with her gift, visit her website at <http://www.kerrilynnshellhorn.com/> and watch her mini-series 'Extraordinary Connections' on Rogers to see her in action.



August 6th 10am – 4pm

Canadian Military Heritage Museum Open House

347 Greenwich St, Brantford, N3S 7X4

Our families have been invited to come out and enjoy the Canadian Military Heritage Museum's Annual Open House in Brantford on Sunday, August 6th from 10 AM to 4 PM. Tour the museum, witness artillery firing demonstrations and the 1862 13th Battalion Drill Team. Enjoy a pipe and drum band, re-enactors in full WWI and WWII military dress, and enter for a chance to win one of many door prizes. A silent auction will be held with great items to bid on. Check out the used book sale table where you can purchase at a very low price numerous military books. Lunch will be provided for our families (pre-registration is required) and there is ample parking. The museum is also fully accessible.



August 12th 7pm

Meet the Driver Night

Merittville Speedway

2371 Merrittville Hwy Thorold, Ontario

Gates open at 5:30, races start at 7. Check out the website for details on how your kids can compete in Box Car Races!

<http://www.merittvillespeedway.com/>

This exciting night is free to all HACS families and their guests but register online as pre-registration is required

<http://helpachildsmile.com/family-registration>

Aug 12th 9:30am

Help a Child Smile for Miles Poker Ride

Tour the scenic Niagara Region, all while playing poker and raising money for HACS. \$25/rider, \$15/passenger or \$50 in pledges/person ride and eat for free. Includes BBQ, door prizes and more. See website for details and to join:

http://southerncruiserserieshores.com/hacs_poker_run.htm

Aug 26th 11am-8pm

CanJam Revived

Knights of Columbus Hall
Brantford

This event is in honour of long time HACS President Sandra Allen. It is a day full of music, food and family. Kid Zone 11am-3pm including Slip N Slide, Fishing pond, Bouncy Castles, Water games and children's entertainment. There is also an all-day BBQ. For more info call Beth at 519-753-2224 or Joyce at 519-900-3447.



WHAT'S COMING UP? CON'T

Sept 10th – Tee off at 11am

The 3rd Annual Sandra Allen Memorial Golf Tournament

Fescue's Edge Golf Club

18 Hagen Rd, Scotland, ON

Come on out and enjoy a round of golf for a great cause! Tournament includes 9 holes, a 4 bagger cart, meal and chance to win prizes including longest drive, closest to the pin and other prizes. Fees: \$50 Adults, \$20 Youth under 13. For registration details, email info@helpachildsmile.com.



September 23rd - 1pm

Blue Jays vs New York Yankees

Tickets are limited – Active and Alumni immediate family members only. Tickets are \$10 each. Registration will open Aug 20 at 8am and will close Aug 31 at 9pm (or until tickets are gone) Register at: <http://helpachildsmile.com/family-registration>

Saturday, September 16th – 11am

HACS Family Reunion Picnic

(rain date Sept 17th)

Colton's Fun Farm

109 Jerseyville Road, Brantford N3T 5M1

Please register at <http://helpachildsmile.com/family-registration> before August 15th at 11pm. Please bring lawn chairs.

All Active and Alumni family members welcome but pre-registration either online (preferred) or by phone is required for planning purposes. If you are calling to register, please be sure to give THE NAME OF THE CHILD THAT WOULD BE IN OUR RECORDS and the number of family members attending, along with your phone number in case we need to call you back.

Sunday Sept 24 1-4pm

The Victorian High Tea and Fun Fair

Best Western Inn Coburg Ballroom

930 Burnham St, Coburg

Enjoy wonderful food, fun fair, bag pipes, ballet recital, old fashioned games, floor hockey (with the Mayor & Deputy Mayor of Coburg), live music & entertainment, door prizes and gift bags. This is a free event for girls and boys 4-18yrs old courtesy of the Rotary Club of Coburg and the Best Western Inn. To register, **email: info@opacc.org or call: 705-828-7965**



CF Limeridge Mall, Hamilton

This is our signature event – Come out and celebrate HACS 30th year! Register a team – we would love to see HACS families & friends come out and get involved. For more information and to register, go to www.Hamilton.theinsideride.com

Oct 5 5pm

**Inside Ride
for Help A Child Smile
and McMaster
Children's Hospital**

Registration Notes:

Please note that **ALL** online payments are sent to pcharron@helpachildsmile.com The security 'question' **is always** your child's name plus the name of the event (ie: Mary Smith Wonderland or Bobby Jones Marineland). **Pay attention to the security answer as noted on the registration page.** Once you click on 'PROCEED' you cannot go back to look up this information!

If you sign up for an event that has a charge, please process your online payment no more than 7 days after registering. If we have not received payment within 7 days (or money orders within 14 days) we cancel your registration. This is to avoid buying tickets for families that are no longer planning to attend. If you have a problem with the online payment system, please notify jhutson@helpachildsmile.com immediately.

If you are mailing your registration to us, 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 these memory-making adventures! **Money orders are to be made payable to: Help A Child Smile** and mailed to **Help A Child Smile**, 61 Canboro Rd, PO Box 1262, Fonthill, ON L0S 1E0.