



Summer 2023



From our Chair, Joyce Hutson



Summer is here at last, so let the sun 'n fun begin! We have a great lineup of events planned so be sure to keep an eye on the Family Events page on our website <https://events.helpachildsmile.com/> - you won't want to miss anything!

Now that our in-person events have returned, we are also ramping up our fundraising. Please consider telling us your story so that we can share it with potential sponsors and donors. It can be anything from your family's favourite event to a bit about how our support has helped you on your journey. Pictures are always welcome, by the way! You say it way better than we can!

At our recent AGM we welcomed cancer mom Pam Isaak to our Board. Pam has a solid background as a community builder who has spent her career nurturing authentic relationships between grassroots organizations, businesses, students and the community at large. We are excited to see how her expertise can help us become even stronger.

As we welcome Pam, we also bid adieu to Sean and Sheryl MacNamara as well as Nelson Mota and say a heartfelt thank you to each for their years of service. They may no longer sit on the Board, but you will still see them around as they are sure to pop up at various events.

We are pleased to announce that we are working with the hospital staff to introduce a new program. COVID made it virtually impossible for parents whose children were diagnosed from early 2020 until recently to get together and share experiences. They have not been able to learn from and be supportive of one another as pre-COVID families did. So the new initiative will offer a common space where our Vice Chair Amy Watson and various members of the hospital team will host informal get-togethers for parents on a regular basis. Stay tuned for more information on this as the plans progress.

Wishing you all a safe and fun-filled summer!



Making memories...

In April, our families enjoyed a visit to Treetop Trekking! It was a beautiful spring day and our families had the chance to choose their adventure - from the Tree Walk to Zip Lining. Thank you to Rehanna for organizing and helping our families on the day of the event.



What a great way to kick off our summer (ok late spring) family events! We couldn't have asked for better weather for our annual Family Fishing Derby at the Galt Sportsmens Club. While the fish were a bit slow to start biting, the mosquitos made up for it! But, there was plenty of insect repellent available to protect everyone, so they soon gave up and left.

The club members and event volunteers took care of all of the messy stuff, like baiting the hooks, untangling lines and cleaning the prize catches. And they all did a great job! Of course, some of our families chose to 'catch and release' and the volunteers were at the ready to quickly remove the hooks so the fish could safely be returned to the pond.

Just when everyone had worked up quite an appetite from all the fresh air and exercise around the pond, a delicious lunch of pizza, salads and cold drinks was served. No need for anyone to go hungry or thirsty!

Besides a great day of fishing, every family was also presented with a Cineplex gift card and, in the spirit of enjoying the great outdoors, a tent!

We want to say a most sincere thank you to Chris McCullough, the club, and all those responsible for making this day such a great experience for our families.

We can't wait to come back next year.





Thank you for your support!

On Saturday, April 29th we held our first annual Help A Child Smile Bowl-A-Thon! Teams participated in Brantford, Hamilton & St. Catharines.

We're delighted to announce that between sponsorships and pledges, we raised over \$20,000! Thank you to all of the teams that participated.

Mark Saturday, May 4, 2024 on your calendar for next year's Bowl-A-Thon!



Fundraising

Help A Child Smile
Help A Child Smile Poker Run
Saturday, July 15, 2023
Rain or Shine

supported by
Erie Shores Chapter 129

SOUTHERN CRUISERS RIDING CLUB

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
 Rose City Branch 4
 383 Morningstar, Welland, ON
 Registration: 9:30 am - 10:30 am
 ALL MOTORCYCLES WELCOME

Tour Niagara and the Shores of Lake Erie
 \$30.00/Rider & \$20.00/Passenger
 \$50.00 dollars in pledges/person & you RIDE & EAT for FREE!
 Includes BBQ at the Legion

<http://helpachildsmile.com>

Legion

TONS OF BIKE GEAR
 Mens and Ladies Bike Apparel
 at Discount Prices!
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CANJAM
2023
ROUTE 24 AUTO

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

AUGUST 12, 2023
 KNIGHTS HALL, 12 CATHERINE AVE, BRANTFORD, ON.
CANJAM OPENS AT 12:00 P.M.

CANJAM ADMISSION \$15.00 (CASH ONLY)
FOOD BAR VENDORS SILENT AUCTION 50/50

LIVE MUSIC STARTING AT 1:00P.M.
CHEAP THRILLS, HWY 24 BAND, TWO FOR THE ROAD,
JAMIE WILLIAMS BAND, VOODOOO KINGZ

ALL MAKES CAR SHOW
\$20.00 REG. FEE (PER CAR), CASH ONLY
REGISTRATION 9:00 A.M.-PAY AT GATE
CAR SHOW HOURS, 11 A.M.-4 P.M.
TROPHIES DOOR PRIZES VENDORS RAFFLES

CAR SHOW SUPPORTED BY

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Event Reminders

Registration is open until Saturday, July 8!
Click on the event poster to register.



Dates & registration announced soon!

August - Go-Karting & Mini-Putt

September - Help A Child Smile Annual Family Picnic

October - Aerosports St. Catharines

December - Help A Child Smile Annual Christmas Party


Volunteers
needed


We are looking for volunteers to assist with our booth at the Extreme Bulls & Bikes event on Saturday, July 15. This is a great opportunity for high school students to earn their volunteer hours by handing out programs.

The shift is 10:30am-12:30pm and then you can stick around and watch the show! If you're interested in helping please email Joyce at jhutson@helpachildsmile.com.

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 supporting children and families affected by childhood cancer. Visit our website at helpachildsmile.com for more information.

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