



# NOVEMBER 2023



## *From our Chair, Joyce Hutson*



It seems like just yesterday we were all enjoying a beautiful day at Colton's Fun Farm, and now here we are, eating the last of the Halloween candy and digging out our winter parkas! We enjoyed seeing many of you at the picnic – what a great time everyone had. Many thanks to the Gallants for their hospitality. The time and hard work they spend each year to create such an enjoyable venue is very much appreciated

As fall wraps up and Christmas approaches, let me take this opportunity on behalf of the Board of Directors to wish all of you the best for the upcoming holiday season!

We hope to see you soon at the Christmas Party.

## *Family Event - Reminder*

We ask that our families please adhere to our event registration and attendance policy. All events require pre-registration to attend.


For families that don't notify us by the cut-off date that they can't make it, then don't show up to the event, a strike will be put on your file. If your family accumulates three strikes, your event registration privileges will be revoked.

You can find the policy here: <https://helpachildsmile.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Event-Registration-and-Attendance.pdf>

## *Save the date!*

MAY  
**THE 4TH**  
BE WITH  
**YOU**

**Help A Child Smile**  
**BOWL-A-THON**  
**Saturday, May 4, 2024**  
**Brantford Hamilton St. Catharines**



## Making memories....

Saturday, September 16, families gathered at Colton's Fun Farm for our Annual Family Picnic.

The day featured a picnic lunch, petting zoo, horseback rides, games, a corn maze, crafts and much more!

Everyone enjoyed the beautiful fall day and spent time getting to know one another.



## Upcoming Events



Registration for our 2023 Christmas Party closes on Monday, November 13!

Register here: <https://events.helpachildsmile.com/>

# Thank you for your support!



Josie and Ace Travis collected \$500 in donations for HACS at their "Lemonade For A Cause" stand this summer. The siblings were looking for a way to honour a family member that had recently passed away and selected us as their charity.

**ABATE 8** held their 7th Annual Poker Run fundraiser in September for Help A Child Smile! Kickstands went up at the Knights Hall in Brantford. Riders enjoyed a scenic ride and then returned for a Beef Bash which included a delicious meal and entertainment by Black Rose.

This was the most successful ABATE 8 Poker Run to date – they raised an incredible amount of \$8600!



The Brantford Knights recently held an All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Fundraiser on our behalf. Santa and Mrs. Claus took time out of their busy schedules to drop in and have their pictures taken with the kids (big ones and little ones) after breakfast.

The proceeds from the breakfast were a whopping \$2800 and another \$261 in donations was added to that for pictures with Santa and the Mrs.

More donations:

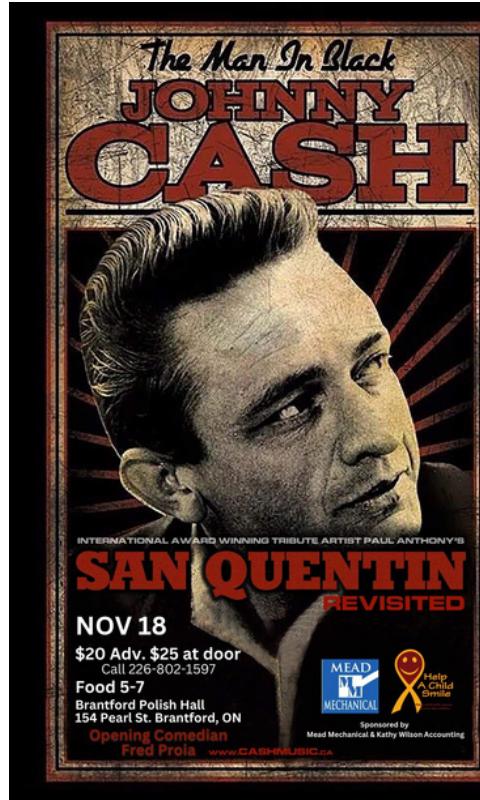
- **Arthur Lions Club** donated \$500
- **Palmerston Lions Club** donated \$500
- **Lions Club of Grand Valley** donated \$300
- **Club Richeleiu** donated \$2,000
- **Rotary St. Catharines Lakeshore** donated \$1,000



# THANK YOU



## Upcoming Fundraisers



<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bibbidi-bobbidi-ball-tickets-706878341147?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete>

### 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](http://helpachildsmile.com) for more information.

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