



Winter 2024



From our Chair, Joyce Hutson



Welcome to 2024! On behalf of your Board, here's wishing everyone a very Happy New Year. If the mild temperatures and lack crappy winter weather this far into 2024 are any indication, it could be a banner year! 2023 wrapped up with an amazing Christmas Party. So much fun for our families and the Board. It was great to visit with so many of you and be part of your holiday celebration.

We have been busy planning an amazing year of events and activities for you. There will be popular 'old standbys' and exciting new additions.

Please remember that the event attendance rules are now in effect so be mindful of them. If you are new to HACS or need a refresher, <https://helpachildsmile.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Event-Registration-and-Attendance.pdf> is the link to this policy. Along with these new rules, you'll recall that we have implemented a nominal fee policy for Alumni families for certain events. This info is found at <https://helpachildsmile.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Event-Attendance-Cost-Policy.pdf>

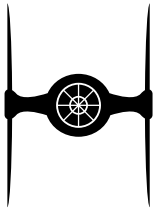
We look forward to a great 2024 providing your family with lots of opportunities to smile and make happy memories together.

Making memories...

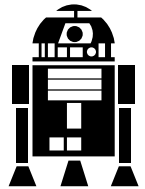


We once again welcomed our families to our annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 2. Everyone enjoyed a fun afternoon that included games, crafts, entertainment, face painting, a pizza lunch and of course a visit from Smiley and Santa!

Fundraising



Help A Child Smile Bowl-a-Thon Saturday, May 4



Choose your Bowl-a-Thon location, register on our website and start collecting pledges! Register with a team of 6 or as an individual and we will place you on a team. Each bowler requires a minimum of \$20 in pledges to bowl.

Come dressed as your favourite Star Wars Character or wear yellow and black!
Prizes for team spirit!

**Brantford
Echo Bowl
1:00-5:00pm**

**Hamilton
Mountain Lanes
6:00-9:00pm**

**St. Catharines
Pla-Mor
Bowling Lanes
5:00-8:30pm**



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

Thank you's



We appreciate The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Hamilton, for hosting our annual Christmas Party and providing wonderful volunteers to assist with the festivities!



Thank you to the Healthcare & Municipal Employees' Credit Union in Brantford for their donation of \$1,190. Everlee accepted this donation from Melissa Kaczur of HMECU. Melissa's daughter is a HACS alumni.



Bruce Power and the Brantford Bulldogs sent a group of our families to a Brantford Bulldogs game on January 17!

We're looking for sponsors

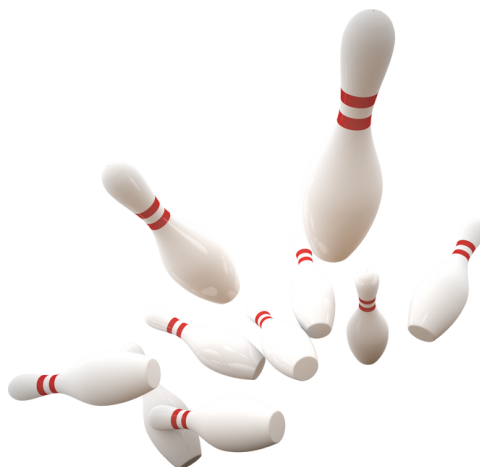
Help A Child Smile is seeking sponsors for our exciting 2024 Bowl-a-Thon in Brantford, Hamilton, and St. Catharines!

For more information or to secure your spot, please call or email the representative in your region.

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St. Catharines - Rehanna: 416-831-6414
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Bertha: 289-241-3184
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Events



Registration is open for the NHL Alumni Game on Sunday, February 11. Doors open at 1:00pm and puck drop is 2:00pm. There will be 50 seats available behind the player's bench that will be first come, first serve. Registration is open until Monday, February 5.

This year's Disney On Ice is Saturday, March 16 at 7:00pm. Registration is open until Wednesday, February 14. We have a limited number of tickets, so please only register if you're 100% sure that you can attend.

For more information on both events and to register visit:

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

FIRST TIME REGISTRATIONS:

Visit <https://events.helpachildsmile.com/>

Click "Register" on the event you'd like to attend


Scroll down and click "log into the Patient Area"

Click "I forgot my password - create a password"


Enter the email you registered with and then "reset password"

You will receive an email to set up your password. If you don't see it in your Inbox, check your spam/junk folder.

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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