



Spring 2024



From our Chair, Joyce Hutson

The calendar may say spring is here, but Mother Nature seems to think winter was way too mild so she's going to stretch it out for a little while. And since she's the boss, I guess we will just have to wait a bit longer for those warm sunny days. No worries, though, since our next family event is an indoor activity, what's going on outside won't bother us!

Speaking of events, our families had a great time at the NHL Alumni game in February and Disney On Ice earlier this month. Special thanks to the Alumni team for donating a signed jersey that we gave away to a very happy family.

Just a quick reminder that registrations are now open online for our annual Bowl-A-Thon coming up on May 4th. Can you guess what the theme will be? Get your friends and family together and sign your team up so you can start collecting pledges online, in person or both! So much fun and a great way to show your support. The Force will be with you, for sure!



Sandra Allen Memorial Education Awards

Honouring the legacy of Sandra Allen, a devoted member of Help A Child Smile's Board of Directors for over two decades, the Sandra Allen Memorial Education Award celebrates her dedication to community service and education. Established in collaboration with CanJam for Cancer, this award provides financial support to youth under 30 from Help A Child Smile registered families, enabling access to post-secondary education. Applications for this year's three \$2,500 awards are open until April 30, 2024. Eligible candidates must be pursuing studies at recognized Canadian post-secondary institutions. This year, to streamline the application process, we're utilizing a Google Form. Applicants will need to sign into their G-Mail account or create a new account to fill out the form, and upload a letter of reference. Join us in continuing Sandra's legacy by applying today!

For more information and to apply:

<https://helpachildsmile.com/sandra-allen-memorial-education-award/>

Events

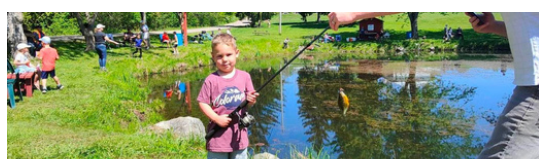
Help A Child Smile is thrilled to unveil a lineup of exciting events for the upcoming months! Join us on Saturday, April 13 for an exhilarating day at Aero Sports trampoline park. Then mark your calendars for Sunday, May 25, as we host our highly anticipated annual fishing derby, followed by an adventure-packed day at African Lion Safari on Sunday, June 23. Stay tuned for July-September event announcements!

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

Please review our Event Registration and Attendance policy here:
[Event Registration and Attendance Policy](#)



Saturday, April 13
families can select 1 time slot:
10:00am - 11:30am
OR 11:30am - 1:00pm
Free to all families & guests.
This is a private booking for
Help A Child Smile
Register by April 5th!



FISHING DERBY

Saturday, May 25



Fishing: 9:00am-1:00pm
(lunch at noon)
The Galt Sportsmens Club,
6542 Gore Road,
Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0

Register by May 10!



African Lion Safari

Canada's Original Safari Adventure™

Sunday, June 23

Lunch at 12:00pm

Gates open at 9:00am

Park Closes at 5:00pm

1386 Cooper Road

Cambridge, ON N1R 5S2

Help A Child Smile will have a volunteer at the gate
from 9:00am-11:45am to provide you with your tickets.

Register by May 24

****Free to active families and \$5 per person for Alumni Families****

"NO GUESTS"

Member must be **under 19** for parents
and siblings to attend. Siblings must be under 19 to attend.

Fundraising

All families, friends, supporters and the community are invited to participate in our 'May the 4th Be With You' Bowl-a-thon!

Brantford: Echo Bowl - 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Hamilton: Mountain Lanes - 5:00pm - 8:00pm

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

Enter a team of 6 (max), each bowler requires a minimum of \$20 in pledges.

All bowlers must register on-line here:

[May the 4th Be With You Bowl-a-Thon](https://events.helpachildsmile.com/)

Teams of 6 will bowl for an hour. Register today, start collecting pledges and join us for a fun time bowling! You can collect pledges through our website or download a pledge form. All forms and cash must be handed in at the Bowl-A-Thon. Pledges of \$10 or more made online will get a tax receipt by email immediately. Pledges received in person will have tax receipts issued by mail.



Come dressed as your favourite Star Wars Character or wear yellow and black!

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.

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.

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