



# Winter 2025



## *From our Vice-Chair, Amy Marshall*

Despite all the snow and colder temperatures we've had, we certainly had a warm and energizing time at Flying Squirrel this past Saturday March 1st. It was an action packed time with families and children of all ages jumping high on the trampolines, dunking at the basketball courts and showing off their ninja skills in the parkour play set.

What set this event apart from the rest for me personally was being able to see so many families reconnecting or getting to know each other. I was fortunate to spend some time with alumni and active families getting to know them, hearing their story and how HACS has supported them. It might have been chilly outside but I certainly felt the warmth of all the kids and parents smiling, laughing and having a great time together. As a cancer mom myself, I know first hand how important these relationships can be, to know there are others who share similar experiences.

We have many more fun activities planned for this year that we hope you will join us for. The NHL legends rescheduled hockey game is coming up on March 9th, and an exciting waterpark trip is coming up on April 5th. Be sure to keep an eye on your emails and our website to register.

If you are interested in becoming more involved with HACS, we are currently recruiting a director to sit on our board. As most of you know, we are a very active and hands on group who love to participate in family events so if this is something you would be interested in, we would love to hear from you.



## Events

The NHL Alumni game has been rescheduled to Sunday, March 9. If you would like to attend please email [admin@helpachildsmile.com](mailto:admin@helpachildsmile.com) with the number of tickets you'd like.

Help A Child Smile is thrilled to announce two fantastic upcoming events for our families! Join us for a splashing good time at Fallsview Indoor Waterpark on Saturday, April 5, where a full day of waterpark fun and a delicious lunch await.

Then, cast your lines at our much-anticipated annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 24. A perfect day to enjoy the great outdoors and make lasting memories.



**FALLSVIEW  
INDOOR  
WATERPARK**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5  
11:00AM - 8:00PM  
LUNCH SERVED AT 2:00PM**

**5685 FALLS AVENUE,  
NIAGARA FALLS, ON**

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER: MARCH 27  
DEADLINE TO CANCEL: MARCH 28**

Come and enjoy  
a day of family fun  
at Fallsview Indoor Waterpark!

### Fallsview Indoor Waterpark: Saturday, April 5

Free to all active families, includes lunch  
(free parking pass option)

\$5 per person for alumni families, includes lunch  
(\$10 parking pass option)

\$50 per guest, includes lunch  
(\$15 parking pass option)

Limited tickets, registration closes on March 27 or when the event is full. Please only sign up if you know that you're able to attend. If you miss registration, email [admin@helpachildsmile.com](mailto:admin@helpachildsmile.com) to be added to the waiting list.

If you sign up and need to cancel, you must cancel before March 28 to avoid a strike.

Cancellations after March 28 are non-refundable.

### Annual Fishing Derby: Saturday, May 24

Registration closes: May 17

Deadline to cancel without receiving a strike: May 22

Please note that this event is exclusively for members and their immediate family; unfortunately, no guests will be permitted.

Siblings under the age of 19 are welcome to attend, and the member must also be under 19 for the family to participate.

Visit our event registration page to register for these events: [Event Registration](#)



**FISHING DERBY**  
Saturday, May 24

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

Register by May 17! Deadline to cancel: May 22

# Fundraising



This past weekend, the K-W Sertoma Speed Skating Club came together for a heartfelt Skate-A-Thon in honour of Kian Van Stee, one of our Help A Child Smile kids, and his incredible family.

A final fundraising tally will be announced soon as donations are still coming into our website and through pledge forms at the event.

From the bottom of our hearts - thank you for skating, donating, and sharing Kian's journey with us.

Our annual **Bowl-a-Thon** date has been announced! Join us on Saturday, May 3 with two locations participating: Hamilton & St. Catharines

Register your team of 6 today and start collecting pledges.

For more information or to sign up:

[2025 Bowl-a-Thon](#)



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**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](https://helpachildsmile.com) for more information.

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## 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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