



Rotary Dream Home Lottery Off to a Great Start

There was a buzz of excitement at the grand opening of the 26th Annual Rotary Dream Home Lottery on September 9. More than 3,300 square feet of luxury living was filled with many who wanted to see the exquisite home located at 10 Watervale Drive in Kitchener. Aberdeen Homes built the home and Heer's Interiors did the decorating, and it is magnificent, with all the latest upgrades including many energy saving features thanks to Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro. A perfect home for the lottery winner!

Because of this beautiful home, the Child Witness Centre will also get its very own home — a significant milestone in the agency's 30 year history. Dream Home funding will be used to pay a significant portion of the cost of a new home for the Child Witness Centre near the new consolidated Waterloo Region court house now under construction in Kitchener. As well, Dream Home proceeds will fund certain renovations, needed furniture and some staffing and moving costs.

Here are the voices of those who will most benefit:

"Safe. Secure. Kind. What the world for children should be. Scary. Hurtful. Damaging. What the world became for our children after their babysitter sexually assaulted them in their own home."

"He said he doesn't mean to hit her. He promised he would never hit me. So does he have to go to jail? He said he didn't mean it."



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

L to R, 2011 Rotary Dream Home Chair Craig Haney, Kitchener Councillor Paul Singh on behalf of Mayor Carl Zehr, Mayor Brenda Halloran, Nathan Hallman, Regional Chair Ken Seiling, and Jack Reynolds



L to R, back row: Jack Reynolds, Jo-Anne Hughes, Rebecca Harder, Linda Mark; front row: Laura Cook, Sherry Stockton

"She told me that she loved me. She said that she would protect me. She promised me that he would leave. But he came. My mother's "friend". Each and every night."

These are the stories of the children that Child Witness Centre staff work with — often stories of horrific abuse. These are the kind of children who will benefit when you purchase a Rotary Dream Home ticket, enabling the Child Witness Centre to sustain its services for child victims in our community.

We urge you to purchase a Dream Home ticket, giving you a chance to win a home valued at \$560,000. The grand prize draw is December 4. It pays to get your ticket early—early bird draws for a long list of wonderful prizes take place on Oct 14, Nov 4 and Nov 25.

For further information, check out the Rotary Dream Home Brochure included with this newsletter.

NEWS BULLETIN:

Help stop bullying by taking part in annual Anti-Bullying Day

Anti-Bullying Day is a day for raising awareness, increased support, and providing education on the issue of bullying to schools, workplaces, and communities across Canada, as well as celebrating the efforts of those working to end bullying.

Although December 17 is Anti-Bullying Day, events are to take place on Friday December 16th, 2011, so as to accommodate schools and businesses that wish to participate.

Anti-Bullying Day is a day where the color Blue can be worn in honour of the Anti-Bullying Awareness ribbon in support of those anti-bullying efforts that are taking place across country.

BullyingCanada, Canada's First Youth-Created Anti-Bullying Website, and a youth-driven organization is the creator behind December 17th's Anti-Bullying Day, co-founded by Rob Frenette of Fredericton, New Brunswick and Katie Neu of Kitchener, Ontario, on that day back in 2006.

Go to www.bullyingcanada.ca for further information.

Shake, Rattle, Raise Success

The 2nd annual Shake, Rattle & Raise fundraiser held on Friday June 10 at Victoria Park Pavilion was a huge success, raising over \$9,000 for child victims. Thanks to all the people who attended the event, who made a monetary donation and all the businesses that donated silent auction items. What a wonderful result and it's because of you and others in the community who value the services we provide to support victimized children.

Silent Auction Donors

Absolute Hair
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All Wet Water Sports
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Angie's Kitchen
Arthur Murray Dance Studio
Artistic Landscaping
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Bikram Yoga
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BK Motors Waterloo
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Ossia Salon & Spa
Paul White Diamond
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Ponds for People
Region of Waterloo (Tigers)
Volleyball Club
Research In Motion
River Run Centre
Rogers Communications
Romana's Esthetics On Belmont
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Starbucks
Symposium Restaurant & Lounge
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TA Appliance Warehouse
TD Waterhouse
Teknik Salon & Spa
The Body Shop - Royal Bank Plaza
1492
The Huether Hotel
The Lavish Lair Dog Daycare
The Madd Group
The Museum
The Paint Ball Arena
The Pita Pit
The Registry Theatre
The Rude Native Bistro
The Waters Spa
The Zone
Tiuta Accessories
Trovato - Conestoga Mall
Turtle Pond Toys

TOP: L to R: Stenna Berry with board members Doug MacMillan and Patti McKague

MIDDLE: Volunteers Katie Krafchick with Uncle David Krafchick

BOTTOM: Jack Reynolds (middle) with Kathryn and Regional Chair Ken Seiling

T-Zone Kitchener
Valu Mart
VIA Rail Canada Inc.
Vijay's Restaurant
Viola Uptown
Waterloo Inn & Conference Centre
Waterloo Region Museum
Whistle Bear Golf & Country Club
Whole Lot-a Gelata
WingsUp
Stephen Woodworth MP
Woolwich Cougars Basketball
Words Worth Books
Ye's Sushi
Zoup

A TRIBUTE

Donna Straus (1963-2011)

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Donna Straus on September 23, at the age of 48. Donna had conquered cancer and showed remarkable strength in battling subsequent ailments over many years. She served as Development Co-ordinator and as Executive Director of the Child Witness Centre, then known as 4Cs, from 1999 to 2001. Donna was a wonderful, kind and thoughtful person who was passionate about our work with children. Sincere thanks to those who made a donation to the Child Witness Centre in her honour.

THANK YOU!

To all those who make donations to support the work we do with child victims. Donations come in many forms and all are appreciated. Some recent donations include:

City of Cambridge

Conestoga Mall
Fountain Fund

Elmira Maple Syrup
Festival

Kinette Club of
Preston

Manulife Financial

Maycourt Club of KW
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Optimist Club of KW

Optimist Club of Twin
Cities

Preceptor Alpha
Sigma

Region of Waterloo

Research in Motion

Sertoma Club of KW

Sun Life Financial

The Co-operators

TD Financial

VIA Rail Canada

JAY FENCING Ltd.

We are absolutely thrilled with the work done on the fence at 111 Duke, and we can't thank Jay Fencing enough for their donation of time and labour to complete this job.

Two Valued Relationships Come to an End... a Wonderful History of Accomplishment

We are thrilled to let you know that at a Guelph Sertoma reception in June, the Child Witness Centre received a cheque for \$17,000!!! A wonderfully significant gift from an amazing group of people who, over many years, have given so much back to the community. Guelph Sertoma gave out a total of \$79,000 to various local charities that night, as part of a celebration of the history of the club, but regrettably it was also a farewell party to mark the closing of its operations.

Earlier this year we also received a cheque for close to \$5,000 from Kendra Pagnan, former President of Guelph/Wellington Citizens Concerned With Crime Against Children, bringing to \$25,000 the funds received from Guelph 4Cs in the course of winding up its operations.

This brings to an end a very long and successful association with Guelph Sertoma and Guelph/Wellington 4Cs. We marvel at the tremendous caring that has been demonstrated by the members of both organizations, and the hard work that goes into raising money on an ongoing basis. Our gratitude goes out to all of the members of Guelph Sertoma, and to those who served on the Board of Guelph 4Cs over the years. We hope each feels a sense of pride and satisfaction at having personally made a difference in the lives of children. Thank you.

Our relationship with Sertoma is an important and valued part of the agency's history, and represents the very best in partnerships. It started in 1993 when



TOP: Jo-Anne Hughes, Jack Reynolds and Chris Ross (Guelph Sertoma Treasurer)

BOTTOM: Kendra Pagnan



4Cs of Guelph and Wellington County opened its Centre at 36 Neeve Street in Guelph, a home owned by the Sertoma Club of Guelph. The need for such a centre in Guelph and Wellington County became evident after a Guelph police officer brought a 6-year old child to the 4Cs facility in Kitchener to videotape a statement about a sexual assault allegation.

The Guelph Centre was the second of its kind in Canada, after that of Kitchener 4Cs (whose name was later changed to the Child Witness Centre). It became a reality in Guelph through the efforts of the community, who responded to the needs of sexually abused children for a child witness program. Judy Harding, Mary Frances Carter and Jo-Anne Hughes of K-W 4Cs, Kendra Pagnan, and Guelph Police Chief Rob Davis were all instrumental in getting started and in obtaining initial funding from the Cloverleaf Foundation. An on-going relationship then existed with Kitchener 4Cs in that Jo-Anne Hughes from the Kitchener Centre was contracted to provide child witness program services for Wellington County. The continual strain of raising funds eventually led to Guelph 4Cs closing its doors, and in 2006 the Child Witness Centre expanded its services to Guelph/Wellington.

What Guelph 4Cs and Guelph Sertoma started in 1993 now continues on a permanent basis... a continuing legacy for all members of Guelph 4Cs and Guelph Sertoma.

Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers Contest Winners

In the fall of 2010, The Co-operators asked people to submit their success stories pertaining to how an organization effectively recruits and retains volunteers. We are happy to announce that we were one of two (the other being the Saskatchewan 4-H Club) \$1,000 winners. Here are some highlights of our entry:

Recruiting Volunteers

- On-going efforts to create public awareness of the vital services provided for child victims
- Well designed website which includes a listing of volunteer roles
- We invite family and friends and retired former work associates to volunteer their services
- Speaking engagements at universities, colleges, schools, service clubs and businesses
- Invite fellow church members to help with certain events

Retaining Volunteers

Thanking volunteers often, and in various ways:

- Letting them know we're happy to see them when they arrive and regularly reinforcing for them the value of their work;
- Personal comments and notes thanking them for their work;
- Recognition in our newsletter and at times in the newspaper;
- Holding a Christmas lunch



We can't thank The Co-operators enough for this donation and for their sponsorship of the Wellington County Youth Symposium. The Co-operators is truly making a difference for children in our community.

Snapshot of a Volunteer Family

It's a family affair for the Vickers family when it comes to volunteering with the Child Witness Centre. For a number of years, Brian, his wife Trudy, and Trudy's daughter Teresa have been volunteering at our annual youth symposium. We rely on more than 30 volunteers that day, and we truly appreciate the help we get from all of them.



Brian and Trudy Vickers

Brian Vickers is Senior Vice President and Investment Advisor with TD Waterhouse Private Investment Advice (TDWPPIA) where his team helps people with various forms of wealth management, including retirement, tax and estate planning, and investment advice. Trudy is also with TDWPPIA, and Teresa just entered her first year at Conestoga College. Brian and Trudy's work also benefits a broad range of charities through the TD Waterhouse Private Giving Foundation. Putting money aside in a private foundation is a very tax-effective means of supporting one's favourite charity — either now, or as an important estate planning strategy.

Brian contributes significantly in another way too. He and his brother David, an Inspector with Metropolitan Toronto Police, have for many years organized a charity

golf tournament. This year's tournament was another great success, raising \$18,500. Proceeds are split equally between the Child Witness Centre and Victim Services Toronto. This was by far the largest amount raised in any single year of their tournament, and brings the total raised to \$81,500 since 2005.

Thank you to the Vickers family for your support, encouragement and gift of time and money each year. You are truly outstanding!

Thank you



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