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Thankful for 75 Years of Friendship

Over 250 community members came together this past June to **Remember** House of Friendship's (HOF) founders and their legacy; to **Reflect** upon our ongoing shared mission and the work of the past year; and, to **Renew** our individual and collective commitment to our vision of a healthy community where all can belong and thrive.

In particular that evening we continued the conversation about women and addiction, a conversation that grew out of HOF's recent *Under One Roof* campaign to transform women's addiction services. Guests were spell-bound by Jennifer Cornish's one-woman performance of *Myra's Story* that was sponsored by The Kitchener and Waterloo Community Foundation.

As part of our remembrances, The Buhr Legacy of Friendship, 2014, was presented posthumously to Ilda Bauman and accepted on her behalf by nieces: Sharon Reimer and Mary Lynn Deedels, and nephew, Ken Bauman (all right). This recognition is awarded annually by HOF's Board of Directors to a recipient who espouses HOF's values and makes significant contributions to both HOF and our community. The award is named in honour of past HOF executive



director, Martin Buhr (above, left), his wife, Pauline Buhr, and their family.

Ilda worked along side HOF's founding director, Joseph Cramer, making hundreds of home and hospital visits, sharing religious literature, and assisting with worship services and meals at the original storefront mission on King Street in Kitchener.

Passed over for the position of director upon Cramer's death, it was a bitter end to her generous service. But like all 'unsung heroes' at HOF, and in our community, the impact of her service was no less valuable, and deserves to be remembered as we mark 75 years of service and friendship.



Coming Events

19th Annual Friendship Fundraising Dinner (details page 2)

Turkey Drive & Christmas Hampers December 2014



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“ building a healthy community where all can belong and thrive ”



75 Years of Service Quilt of Friendship

Pieced and hand-quilted
by Arlene Martin

Arlene has done it again! She has stitched another beautiful quilt in honour of a House of Friendship (HOF) milestone, its 75th year of service.

“Summer Lake Log Cabin” (96” x 96”), designed by Judy Martin, will be available for auction at the upcoming *Friendship Fundraising Dinner*, with all proceeds to support HOF’s daily mission.

We are grateful to Arlene for once again so generously sharing her time and talents with us for the benefit of those we serve.

In advance of the Dinner, the quilt is touring local churches with ‘Joe’. Recently, it was at Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, where members and visitors had the opportunity to have their picture taken. Check out **#MeandJoeC** on twitter for more pictures with Joe, and follow HOF on **twitter: @HOFKW**.



19th Annual

Friendship 75 Fundraising Dinner

years of service
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Saturday October 25, 2014



“The Ever-stretching Table”

Written by Johnny Wideman
Directed by Alan K. Sapp
Performed by students and faculty of Rockway
Mennonite Collegiate



Theatrical stories of House of Friendship,
marking 75 years of service

An Evening of Fellowship and Inspiration

At Rockway Mennonite Collegiate

110 Doon Road, Kitchener, Ontario

Punch Reception at 6:00 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm, theatrical vignettes to follow

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TICKETS:

http:houseoffriendshipdinner19.
eventbrite.ca

Or contact Shelley, 519-742-8327 x131
fundraising@houseoffriendship.org

EVENT INFO: Dawn, 519-742-8327 x119
dawn@houseoffriendship.org

Women's Centre Transforming Lives

Almost a year ago, House of Friendship's new women's addiction treatment centre opened its doors to women in recovery. Private single bedrooms have since led to less living concerns amongst women, and the naturally lit and welcoming large group room provides a positive and healthy space for women in day treatment.

With the addition of outdoor and indoor spaces for children, women in residential treatment are spending time with their visiting children; twelve visited in the first half of this year. At the same time, the **Moving Forward Group** for children started in January, with the participation of eight children, all of whom were under six years of age. Some of these children also attended the Celebrating Sobriety Dinner with their mothers in July 2014.

Women like the new centre, because you heard them when they asked you to make the new place feel like home. You did just that, furnishing and equipping every room. The 'Make It Home' appeal marked the final phase of the **Under One Roof** capital campaign—the transformation is complete!



House of Friendship's 2014/2015 Board of Directors stood with founding director, Joseph Cramer, as they renewed their commitment to leading HOF. L-R: executive director, John Neufeld, Gerry Horst, Elna Robertson, Mary Friesen, president, Trent Bauman, Brian Knight, Dave Snyder, Grace Sudden, Lester Kehl, Dennis Martin, and Keith Cressman. Thank you for serving.

Remember. Reflect. Renew.



For House of Friendship's 2013/2014 Annual Report, including audited financial statements, please visit houseoffriendship.org or call 519-742-8327 x122

Sharing Gratitude and Commitment

John Neufeld, executive director

On behalf of House of Friendship, I would like to take this opportunity to honour and thank the legions of Out Of The Cold (OOTC) volunteers who over the course of the last fifteen years have helped shift community awareness of issues surrounding homelessness, poverty, addictions, and mental health.

“ Through relationships and listening to stories, Out Of The Cold (OOTC) volunteers showed that there is no “us” and “them”. We need each other to be whole. ”

For 75 years, House of Friendship has responded to those seeking shelter, food and support, and we will always do so. We continue to work closely with Regional staff, community partners and agencies, and OOTC volunteers, to put in place a plan for this winter, both at our Charles Street Men's Hostel and throughout the local shelter and housing network. But we are also looking beyond, exploring a 'Housing First' model, 'managed alcohol' programs, and the transformational role of supportive housing. HOF remains committed to working with our community and walking with our most vulnerable members to ensure we pursue long-term solutions to homelessness, poverty, addictions, and mental health.

19th Annual FRIENDSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT 'Fore' a good cause

It was sunshine and smiles at Grand Valley and Doon Valley golf courses as over 170 golfers raised \$36,000 for House of Friendship's mission of service to those in need.

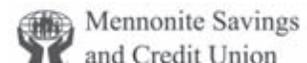
Special thanks to Tournament Chair, Bob Shantz and his Committee of volunteers for their best tournament yet! They will be back for a special 20th tournament, July 8, 2015.



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- Toyota



Volunteers Drivers

The **Emergency Food Hamper program** needs a volunteer driver to assist one day a week to deliver food hampers to people in the community who are house-bound. Please call Jesse or Matt, 519-570-3976.

Folks in the neighbourhood of **Kingsdale Community Centre** need help getting to and from appointments. Please call Alissa, 519-748-6463



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You Can Help

- **Charles Street Men's Hostel**—winter is coming!—needs men's jackets, mitts, hats, jeans, deodorant, underwear, and socks. Please call Allison, 519-742-8327 x336
- **Kingsdale Community Centre** will recycle your Lego, craft supplies, small household appliances, and any NEW baby items such as strollers. Please call Alissa, 519-748-6463
- **Charles Street Men's Hostel Kitchen** needs sliced bread, jam, instant coffee, breakfast juice, cheese, and cooking oil. Please call Sandra, 519-742-8327 x334
- **Moving Forward** addiction treatment program is in need of infant clothing, small toys, diapers, and bus tickets for program participants who have limited funds to get to and from 12 step meetings in the community, counselling and medical appointments. Please call Alisha, 519-957-5001

Donated groceries, grocery store gift cards, and prepared food from 'publicly inspected kitchens' are gratefully accepted 24/7 at the Charles Street Men's Hostel, 63 Charles Street East, Kitchener. Monetary donations can be mailed or made on-line at houseoffriendship.org. Thank you!

IMPORTANT UPDATES: Kiwanis House, served as a transitional residential program from 1986 to 2014 for young men who wanted to prepare themselves to live independently. Upon review, **Kiwanis House** no longer provides residential services, and we are planning another service model for serving youth experiencing homelessness. For more information, call 519-742-8327 x129 or email ronf@houseoffriendship.org

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“ I want to see a mighty flood of justice, a torrent of doing good. ” Amos 5:24



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