



We're Back!



A Message from our Executive Director, Kim Prince

It's hard to believe it was almost eight months ago that I received the emergency email alert declaring the coronavirus a global pandemic. Our board of directors acted quickly, shutting our doors out of an abundance of concern for the safety of everyone – staff, volunteers and families alike.

We've now re-opened – woohoo! And while ramping up to 50% occupancy is going slower than expected, we're "back in business," and boy, does it feel good!

We've missed you all so much!

This has certainly been an enormously challenging year for all of us, Mark Preece House included. And while we have now re-opened, we are by no means out of the woods. We have lost an enormous amount of our usual sources of revenue and will need to ramp up fundraising in a new and fresh way going forward. Stay tuned for some exciting announcements!

I hope, that gradually, as we all become more comfortable adapting to this new world we find ourselves in, that I will see more of you around the House. It's such a lovely place filled with the smiles and kindness you all bring to our collective "Home."

It's going to be a long winter, so bundle up, stock up on immune-boosting foods and

COVID didn't stop our intrepid volunteers from coming out and pitching in!

Here are some of the re-opening activities we've been up to.



Margaret Couture, Paul Charles,
Katharine Edmonds



Donna Waxman, Nadine Eagleson



Donna Waxman



Lori Gabriele



Appreciation from our guest families

"I approached the MPFH expecting only a place to lay my head between trips to the hospital. When I came inside, I was blown away by the beautiful renovation and tasteful décor. It only got better from there. The staff and volunteers are incredibly helpful and supportive. Many thanks for easing a difficult time." ~Nieki, Atlanta, GA, USA

"Thank you for making this our "home away from home" during this hard time. We couldn't ask for better staff and volunteers ...so friendly and nice. You made our stay as relaxing and stress free as possible. Such a beautiful House. Thanks again." ~Fort Erie, ON

"A wonderful oasis in the midst of worry, fear and the unknown. The Mark Preece House cannot provide a better place to be. It lends true meaning to volunteerism. A Wonderful Place. Thank you". ~Jim & Leigh, Atikokan, ON.

Our Mission

The Mark Preece Family House is a not for profit organization that provides temporary, affordable, accessible accommodations in a supportive environment for families of acute care in-patients being treated in a Hamilton area hospital.

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Consider a meaningful gift for your clients or family and friends.

Adopt-A-Day is a wonderful way to help people get through a stressful and challenging time in their lives by supporting the operations of this wonderful House. You will receive

recognition and a charitable receipt. Best of all, you'll know you have helped to make someone's day just a little brighter.

For your \$500 donation, you can participate many ways:

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- A memorial gift to a loved one

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Lyn Kinnaird, Marilyn Birchall, Margaret Couture, Paul Charles, Katharine Edmonds, Ray Morrison

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