



Preparing for the Holiday Season



A Message from Board Chair, Vince Brown

These have been challenging times and on behalf of the board and staff of the Mark Preece Family House I would like to extend our best wishes to all of you – our friends and supporters.

We hope you are all well and staying safe.

As with many organizations, the COVID pandemic has presented a unique and unprecedented set of challenges to our organization. As you know, back in March, we made the difficult decision to close for seven months. This has been hard on all concerned – volunteers, staff, guest families and our many wonderful supporters and partners throughout the community.

As you also may know, the public health response to the pandemic led us to cancel all of our popular in-person fundraising events this year. The loss of these critical revenue streams along with the loss of rental income all while sustaining our fixed costs, has had a major negative impact on the finances of the House.

On a positive note, I am excited to tell you that as of October 13 the Mark Preece Family House has re-opened with a full set of COVID safety protocols and we are experiencing the return of our first families in the House again – what a wonderful sight!

Everyone associated with the House is excited to be back delivering on our purpose of providing a warm and welcoming safe harbour for families caught in the storm of a medical crisis. The need continues to be there and we are here, committed to serving families at a very difficult time.

I understand these are challenging times for many of us, however, if you are able to support the House with a financial donation your contribution **will** make a difference. We all look forward to the time when we can get together once again and have some fun in support of the House. Until then, best wishes to all for a safe and healthy holiday season!

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VIRTUAL WINE TASTING & FUNDRAISER

Join us on December 10th for a fun, collaborative virtual fundraiser for the Mark Preece Family House hosted by Leaning Post Wines!

Tickets are \$200 per household and include 3 bottles of wine delivered to your door, as well as a virtual wine tasting with winery sommelier and Leaning Post Wines founder, Nadia Senchuk. This event is limited to 100 participants and includes a \$75 charitable donation receipt.

Deadline to register is December 1, 2020.

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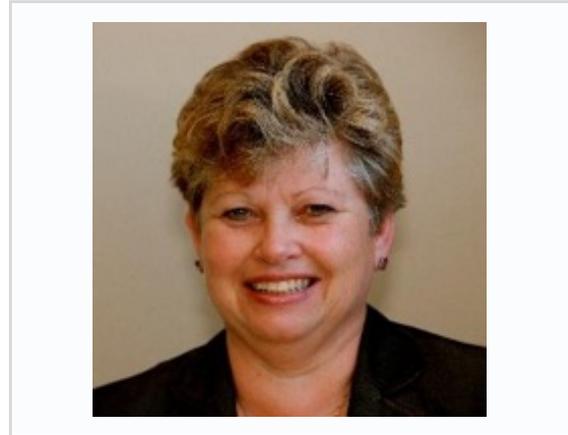
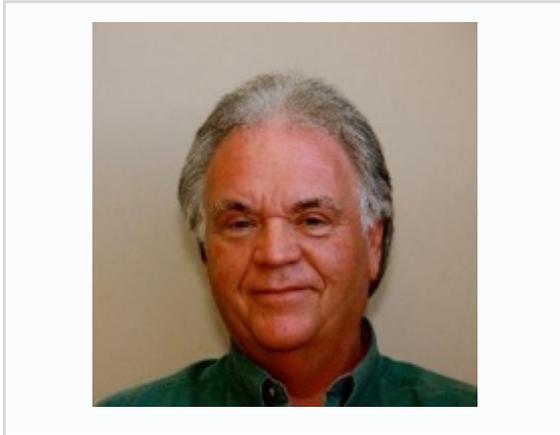
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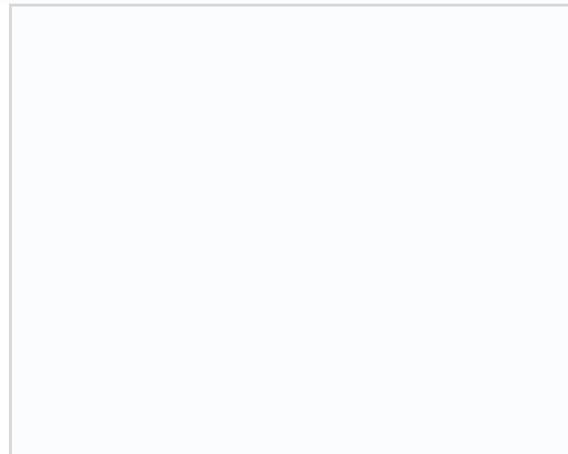
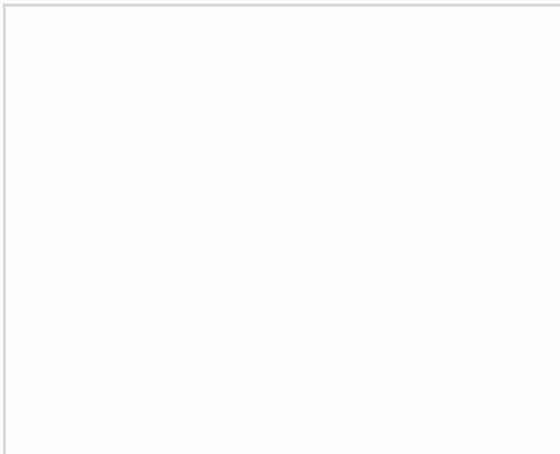
Retiring from the Board after nine incredible years of service, are **Michael Veri** and **Leslie Gauthier**. Words cannot express how grateful we are for your dedication and support of the House over all these years. You will be missed!

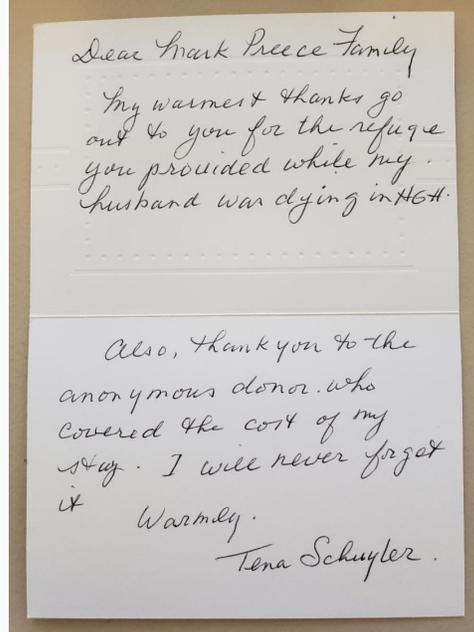
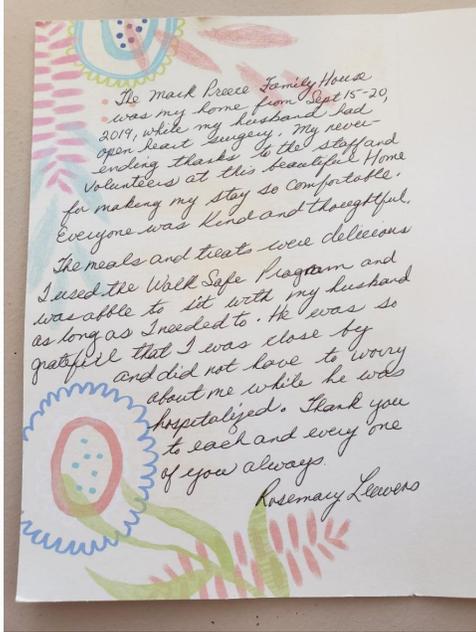
“The nonprofit sector is under tremendous stress due to COVID-19. In March 2020, Imagine Canada projected “the economic downturn associated with COVID-19 will cause charities to lose \$9.5 billion and layoff more than 117,000 employees...” Similar to other sectors of Canadian society, charities are facing severe financial constraints but unlike the post 2008 economic recovery, limping along will not be an option. This time, the breadth of impact leaves no room for delaying decisions about closure. Desperate boards and staff are seeking alternatives; fortunately, they exist.”

(Charity Village, November 4, 2020)

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Thank You from Our Guest Families





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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Correction From Our Last Issue

These two fabulous volunteers are correctly identified below. We apologize for the mix-up in our last issue!



Donna Wood



Donna Waxman (with Walter Gretzky)

Adopt-A-Day and make a difference.

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:

- In lieu of gifts to your clients
- As part of your work group's holiday celebration
- A project for your service club or faith group
- To recognize a birthday or anniversary
- A memorial gift to a loved one

Adopt-A-Day Now!

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