

The
Mark Preece
Family House

Housewarming



**We can't do it
without *You***

When you give to the Mark Preece Family House, your tax-deductible gift helps families at a very difficult time in their lives.

As you know, house operations are financed **ONLY** by fundraising and room rentals. We need your help to keep our room rate affordable.



***Thank you for helping
us to help families.***

**Go online at
www.markpreecehouse.ca
or call 905-529-0770.**

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A testament to the power of our mission

These are indeed challenging times for all of us and I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all staff, volunteers, families and donors for your continued support throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are all doing our best to navigate through these unprecedented times and while it has been challenging, I am amazed by the resilience and continued involvement of our loyal supporters. It truly is a testament to the power of our mission and its memorable impact on families from all across Canada and beyond.

As you know, our Board of Directors made the decision back in mid-March to shut down operations. This was a difficult decision; one made out of an abundance of concern for everyone's safety. Thanks to government supports, the House has been able to keep a skeleton staff on salary and ensure that back office operations and House maintenance continue.

We have enjoyed staying in touch with volunteers and staff through online Zoom meetings and we are so appreciative to all who participated!

Several emergency board meetings have been called to discuss and plan when and how to return to the House and resume services in the safest way possible for all. While we are hoping to reopen in the fall, we still do not have



a confirmed re-opening date. We are in close communication with Hamilton Health Sciences and our reopening will be in accordance with hospital visitation protocols. Be sure to check www.markpreecehouse.ca for updates.

We will continue to follow government and public health recommendations to implement practices and protocols that consider the health and safety of our volunteers, families and staff. We are working hard to put changes in place that will become the new normal for the foreseeable future so that when we do reopen, we will be ready and we will do so safely. See inside for pictures of what we've been doing to get ready for families!

Thank you for your cooperation and continued patience with our reopening plans. We appreciate your continued support of the Mark Preece House and our mission to provide a welcoming, homey, affordable place to stay for families with a loved one in critical care at a Hamilton hospital.

Kim Prince, Executive Director

HOUSE PETS

Volunteer
of the
Month



Charlie

Our
House
Pug



Henry the Pug with
owner Joanna

Special
Visitor



Elaine Lyn and puppy Zoe



Covid-style Staff Computer Training

DREAM VACATION RAFFLE



The draw with Kim Prince and Elaine Jongsmá... and the winner is...



Jane Craik, Winner



Donna



Lori



Sandra

DID SOMEONE SAY CLEANING?



Our New Plexiglass Shield for the Front Desk



Bericap donation (for reopening costs – thank you!)



Nadine and Donna W. sorting household items



Some staff found the key to enjoying this summer! Virginia's Big Catch of the Day!



Tea Time Zoom Drop-In for all staff and volunteers was a big hit!



Brewery Tour – while this year's Fall4Beer is not able to take place, we hope to get this great venue soon! Pictured here L-R, Kim, Michelle and Jody at Collective Arts Brewery.

Our Board of Directors was named at the Annual General Meeting in June:

- Vince Brown, Chair
- Andy Vanin, Vice Chair
- Chris Holtved, Treasurer
- Jim Murray, Past Chair
- Tom Cochren
- Tim Craik
- Meaghan Drury
- Michelle Hutton
- Cheryl Stepan

Our Mission

The Mark Preece Family House provides 24 rooms and many of the comforts of home to out-of-town families of patients being treated in Hamilton hospitals.

You Can Make A Difference

Your organization and special events:

We would be delighted to hear if you have a community event and would be interested in supporting the House through your efforts.

In-Kind Donations:

Do you have resources or donations that could help House operations?

Cheques may be made payable to:

Mark Preece Family House.

General donations as well as special tributes and memorial donations will all help sustain House operations.

To donate online go to:

www.markpreceehouse.ca



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