



Looking to the Future with Hope!



A Message from our Development & Communications Manager, Kate Tansley

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the one-year mark of the global pandemic, COVID-19. So much has changed in our lives as we have navigated through these uncertain times.

One thing I've chosen to do throughout the pandemic is look to the future! I started a new job at the Mark Preece Family House, moved cities and am genuinely excited for what future days, weeks, months and years will bring.

At the Mark Preece Family House, we're looking to the future, too! We can't wait to re-open our doors on April 5, 2021 to welcome families in need and be a support for them in difficult times. Our mission is to serve those going through traumatic experiences and this means that hope for the future is something we cling to and live out each day.

In my new role as the Development & Communications Manager, I am excited to ensure that we have funds to operate for years to come. Part of this goal means that there will be exciting new initiatives coming in the months ahead so stay tuned!

We can't look to the future without considering you, our loyal and trusted friends and donors. You make it possible for us to live out our mission each and every day and for that, we thank you! There is still more work to be done and it is our sincere hope that we can count on you to be trailblazers as we head into the future with a renewed hope and a vibrant vision! Your contribution today helps ensure our future tomorrow!

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Welcoming New Board Members

We are thrilled to be able to announce the appointment of three new board members to the Mark Preece Family House Board!



Russ Rowlands is Hamilton born and raised. He currently works as Director & Team Lead of Business Banking for Meridian's Hamilton office,

where he spends his efforts providing liquidity for local businesses and institutions.

Reason for joining: as part of the North End community, MPFH is an amazing example of the good that is being created in this city and I wanted to find a way to give back in any way possible.



Louise MacRae is the Regional Director for Neuroscience and Medicine at Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS). During her 30 years in

healthcare, Louise has assumed a variety of roles that have enhanced system integration within regional programs at HHS and across other parts of Ontario and Canada. Louise's position at HHS allows her to see first hand the support MPFH offers patients and families when they need it most.



Jenn Pavicich of Burlington works as the Assistant Vice President Human Resources & Legal for Collective Arts Brewing in Hamilton. She

joined the Board in January 2020. Jenn is passionate about operations, developing vision and growth strategies, and finding creative solutions to build culture and solve new challenges. She is passionate about developing people and culture and building highly engaged organizations that succeed through significant periods of change and growth in an ever evolving industry.

Reason for joining: I believe in the mission of the The Mark Preece Family House and the value and support it provides to families in difficult times. Having been born and raised in Hamilton and working in the North End community currently I wanted an opportunity to be involved in and provide support to the house.

Welcome Russ, Louise and Jenn!



Many Hands Make Light Work

This is certainly true when it comes to our dedicated volunteers.

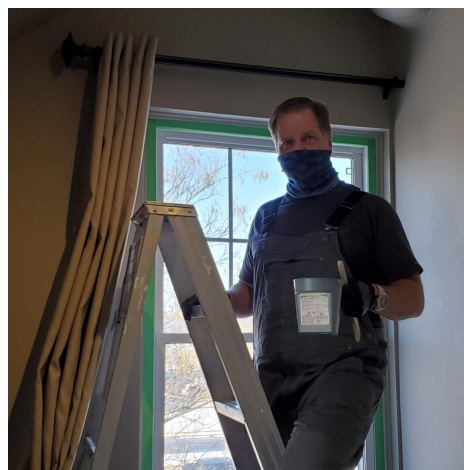
During these last several months, not only has our staff been preparing for the future and re-opening our doors but, so has our volunteer handyman, Morris Marsalla.

A construction industry expert after 34 years in the field, Morris has been volunteering at the House for the last several months. After his retirement he wanted to volunteer somewhere he could put his skills to use.

Whether he's painting, patching, fixing doors or hinges, Morris shows up with a can-do attitude and gives of his time and energy to ensure that The Mark Preece House is in tip top shape for re-opening!

We are so grateful to Morris and to our many volunteers who make our operation possible. Thank you for giving of your time!

To learn more about volunteer opportunities please email us [here!](#)



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 patients being treated in a Hamilton area hospital.

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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.

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