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Letter from the Chair of the Board

Chair of the Board of Directors for A Place Called Home

With the essential nature of the role we play in the community, our staff are working around the clock to ensure that homeless men, women and families with children are cared for, sheltered and supported.

In these uncertain times, we know that many segments of the community are struggling, be it non-profit agencies, businesses or private individuals and we want you to know that we stand united with you and all the frontline workers in this crisis.

We also want you to know that we are here, open and available to support individuals and families who are homeless.

The coming months will bring many challenges to our clients and agency. Many of our fundraising events will likely be hampered, modified or cancelled altogether. This means support from our community is more crucial than ever.

As we continue to serve the homeless of the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County we want to thank you for your continuing support of our agency and our simple message and belief that everyone deserves a safe place to go at the end of their day.

Sincerely

Karen Round, Chair

Shelter changes during COVID-19

Since March we have been dealing with much higher numbers than usual. In order to assist as many people as possible and to provide a safe environment for our staff and clients, we are limiting access to our shelter and utilizing local hotels/motels to ensure clients can distance themselves. For community supporters wanting to donate please contact our office at 705-328-0905 x221 or our shelter at x226 and we will assist you.



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Current Shelter Needs

We are currently seeking the following items for our clients:

- Canned Pastas & Microwave pastas
- Deodorant razors & shaving cream(m-f)
- Snacks items; chips, candy, chocolate gum, lozenges and mints

Board Member Changes

The Board and Staff of A Place Called Home would like to welcome Arlene Oakes and say farewell to John Ha APCH thanks you both for your commitment.



Kawartha Lakes Food Source and the Rescue program have been huge supporters of APCH!

COVID 19 Response

How our agency is responding to the community crisis

Men, women and families with children who find themselves homeless community often face many barriers such as poverty, addiction, mental illness and just the stigma that comes with homelessness. Additional stress and anxiety is upon them that has been created and compounded by the fears and uncertainty of COVID 19. A Place Called Home has been working around the clock in partnership with the City of Kawartha Lakes and local Health Unit (HLU) to ensure that the most vulnerable are protected and that we are responding to changes in safety measures as they arise. This has resulted in some significant shifts to how agency operates and has spurred some terrific community partnerships in a number of areas.

Before COVID 19, APCH provided shelter and support to 19 individuals, including families and supported an additional 15-20 aftercare clients per day. The aftercare can include food, laundry, showers, referrals, advocacy or just some time to chat with staff about their concerns. As this pandemic has continued, we have seen our numbers increase significantly and as of late April we are providing shelter, food and other supports to over 37 clients through a mixture of motel rooms and shelter beds within our emergency shelter services. Adding in our aftercare clients, A Place Called Home has been providing shelter and other supports to an average of 50 individuals a day. As you can imagine, this has created some extreme logistical challenges as we provide meals, shelter and support while balancing the additional client needs and the protection of both staff and clients from infection.

Fundraising during the COVID 19 outbreak

Marathon and Kawartha Classic Cycle impacted

The Marathon Walk for the Homeless and the Kawartha Lakes Cycling Tour will both be impacted by the current pandemic. These events raise over \$50,000 annually for our agency's shelter and likely will not occur or will in some reduced format. As this pandemic progresses we will provide more information and our agency Facebook page. You can also call us at 1-866-520-2689-221 to get updates.

We are in this together

As many agencies adjust to the changing times, our staff rally around a common goal;

Ensuring all our clients are safe and supported.

While many workplaces have adjusted their hours and services, our 24/7 shelter continues to operate and our staff support those most in need.

We receive daily phone calls for support, shelter, food and transportation and do our best to fulfill these requests. The support of community members like you allows us to help those most in need.

Youth Trustee 7058786817 Adult Trustee 7058783076

If you need help dial 70580905 and PRESS 1

THANKS FROM THE STAFF OF A PLACE CALLED HOME

Spring 2020 Shoutouts- Thanks for your help!

Kawartha Lakes Food Source The Lindsay Advocate Food Basics Kawartha Charity Riders