



drummond house

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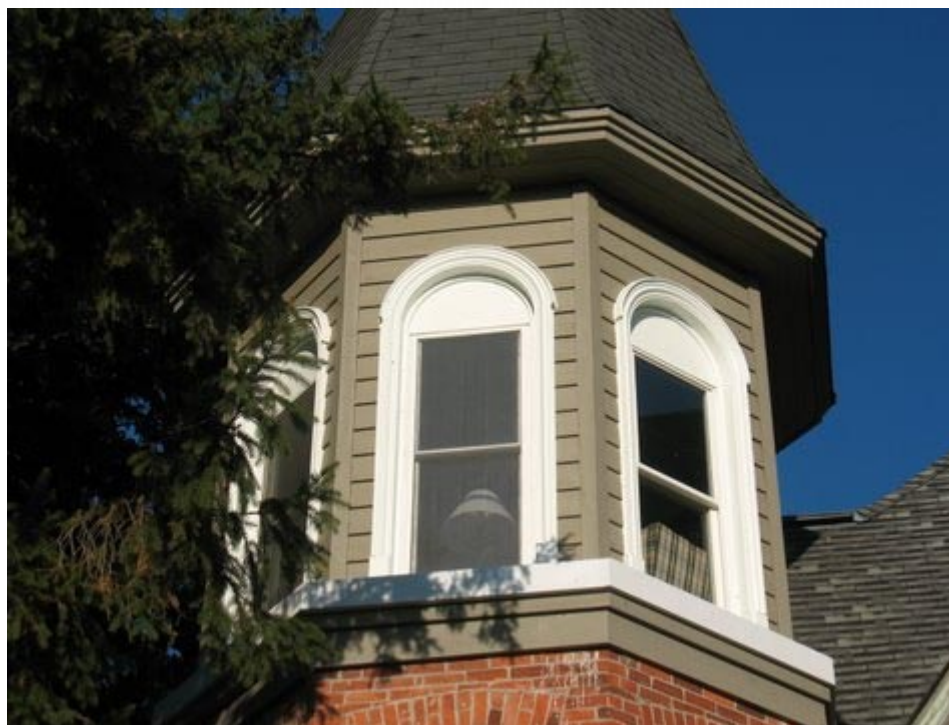
Christmas Open House & Bake Sale

Prints, paintings,
lovely Christmas gifts

December 5, 2009

12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Everyone Welcome



Turret Restored

Generous donations and fine workmanship came together in the repair of our turret. We used \$14,000 from the capital fund, while Fred DeVries donated the wood siding and supplies.

Contractor Chris Minaker did an excellent job.

RESCUED AND RESTORED: a Venture to Fund Our House

Rescued and Restored is a brilliantly obvious idea. The operating expenses for Drummond House can be covered with the profits from a store set up to sell items donated to the home.

Since the house first opened in 2005 people have been offering to donate furniture and various items. Lacking storage space, we were always only able to accept what we could use.

Ian McSparran, past president of the board of directors, had the idea to open a store to sell the excess, generating a constant flow of funds.

"He assembled a team and we all



Ron Hannah presents the **Rescued and Restored** proposal at one of the several breakfast meetings organized to promote the venture.

contributed our time to make this happen," says Nick Marusich one of the team members in charge of getting this venture off the ground. "We are almost there."

Sixty per cent of the start-up funding is in place. Presently *Rescued and Restored* is using a 3,000 square-foot warehouse courtesy of *JDJ Trailer*. The warehouse is 30 percent full. Meanwhile, the team is looking for a store in the Waterdown/Burlington area and is hoping to open early in the new year. The store will function under the direction of a staff person and a group of volunteers.

Sales from the store are forecasted to start at \$10,000 per month and gradually reach \$20,000 per month. Drummond House operates on about \$10,000 per month.

Our goal is that the profits from the store will cover the house's operating expenses.

From the Director's Desk

by Debra Tigchelaar



Highlights:

The celebration of two graduations proved to be *the* highlight of the summer. We congratulate our graduating residents. We continue to pray for them and wish them the best as they move on from here.

Kim Friesen, our house manager and her lovely family also added a bright spot to our summer. They spent a Saturday in the spring planting our garden and window boxes which bloomed beautifully all summer.

Drummond House has grown. We now have staff coverage throughout the day and most weekends with every night covered by faithful overnight staff.

The leaky turret has been repaired. Contractor Chris Minaker did an outstanding job transforming the turret. It looks stunning. We praise God for all who helped by contributing to the capital fund. Special thanks to Fred DeVries for generously donating the wood-siding supplies.

Our cool summer produced the hottest day of the year for the *Keys & Tees* Golf Tournament which raised over \$6,000 for Drummond House and another \$4,000 for the Coping Centre. Thank you Brian Hall and your wonderful team for another successful tournament.



Congratulations to our two graduates.

Presently:

Drummond House is full to the brim with four residents and three children. The walls are smiling at the sweet sound of children running, playing and laughing. Please remember our women and children in your prayers. Pray for peace, strength and comfort as they work their way through this transition time.

We are excited to report our new venture called *Rescued and Restored* created to be a perpetual funding engine for Drummond House. We kicked

off the venture with a breakfast campaign to explain the concept and raise seed money. *Rescued and Restored* is a business designed to turn donations of furniture, clothes and household items into funds to help support our work. Make sure you read the *Rescued and Restored* article on the front page. If you are interested in helping or simply learning more, please contact us at Drummond House.

Drummond House has successfully faced the season of economic decline through to the final quarter of 2009. Praise the Lord. Please know how much your donations last Christmas have assisted us throughout the year. I pray you will consider us once again this coming season.

This fall the residents have enjoyed regular walks among the apple trees. They delighted in a wonderful day of baking apple pies, crisps and apple sauce. This is just how I envisioned the house being used.

Please remember to mark your calendars for our *Christmas House Tour and Bake Sale* coming up on December 5th. We would love to see you here.

Enjoy the newsletter,

Debra

Message from the Chair of the Board

A Humble Privilege to Serve You

Jean Meincke

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Drummond House I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your faithful support throughout this past year.

Your generosity in the midst of these challenging economic times has allowed us to continue assisting women and children in need. This past year has indeed seen growth and we are now operating at full capacity, with a waiting list. What a humble privilege it is to serve our community—and we cannot do this without you.

We would love to say thank you to

all our supporters (our donors, our volunteers, and the community at large) in person, on December 5th at our Christmas Open House.

The house will be beautifully transformed for Christmas with decorations and designs provided by our gifted volunteers.

Please come. Experience for yourself the peace and love of Drummond House, and get a head start on your Christmas baking and gift-giving at the same time.

As we go into this next year, we hope you will continue to partner with us. Take a few minutes when you are at the house to view our new video which demonstrates the true impact of your gifts.

Drummond House Needs:

Gift cards
Gas cards

He laundry soap
Paper products
Cleaning supplies
Ikea glasses

12 Ikea stainless steel teaspoons

Baby sitters
for dinner hour and evenings
Day care people

Completely rebuild front porch
Fire escape
General outside repair of home

We thank you so much, and we ask that God's richest blessings fall on you and your families this Christmas season and throughout the coming year. God bless you all.

Flamborough Women's Resource Centre Opening in Waterdown

A new centre, Flamborough Women's Resource Centre (FWRC) is the product of a collaboration between Drummond House, volunteers in the Flamborough community, Interval house in Hamilton and its umbrella organization, the Hamilton Women's Resource Centre.

"We know there is a first-hand need for the new centre. We don't have enough resources in our area to serve women's needs," says Debbie Tigchelaar, our executive director. She notes that legal aid for women is sorely lacking in Flamborough. The FWRC plans to partner with the Ontario government to ensure that legal aid service is included at the Waterdown site.

Clare Freeman, executive director of Interval House, points out that suburban and rural women are more at risk of violent crime than their urban counterparts because of their isolation. She also acknowledges that women's needs go beyond those associated with domestic violence. She welcomes any feedback from area residents on

types of services needed in Flamborough.

The Waterdown centre will be a satellite location affiliated and supported by Interval House and its Women's Resource Centre, both of which will provide staff, furniture and a budget for monthly rent through existing federal government funding directed to Flamborough through the City of Hamilton.

The women's centre occupies 700 square feet at 17 Main Street South. It will provide outreach, support programs and counselling, as well as connect struggling women, children and families with professional services, legal aid support and local programs.

The centre will be particularly ben-

eficial to women in rural Flamborough who have limited transportation and lack access to city services.

The centre will also run life skills classes and provide help with job searching and be equipped with private rooms for counsellors to work with clients.



Our coaches: Barb and Jane at the double graduation this past summer.

3rd Annual Keys & Tees Successful Golf Tournament

Three years ago Brian Hall agreed to run a golf tournament as a fundraiser for Drummond House under two conditions. He wanted a tournament totally different than the many other charity golf tournaments taking place each year. As well, the tournament had to include the Coping Centre which is a first-class grief support charity organization that helped Brian's family following the loss of his son Mark to leukemia in 1996.

The result: *Keys & Tees*—a unique and successful annual golf tournament which is an annual memorial to Mark and has raised \$40,000 to date. The money is shared between Drummond House and The Coping Centre.

For this shotgun-start tournament the Carlisle Golf Club course is turned into a par 3 format with a "hole-in-one" opportunity for a new car at every green. Four local car dealers: Leggat Automotive Group, Roseland Motors, Discovery Ford and Burlington Hyundai work with the tournament. Tremendous support also comes from Utter-Mottor Insurance/Intact Insurance with the insurance for each hole.

The next *Keys & Tees* is already scheduled for August 16, 2010. Potential sponsors are encouraged to contact Brian at b.hall@cogeco.ca. Check the website at www.Brichem.ca/golf.

Voice of Our Overnight Staff Support: Kathy B.

I had to laugh the other day, it was the third time this month that when asked if I was working I replied 'no'.

This is funny because I have been working as a member of the overnight support staff team at Drummond House since May. I sat on the Board of Drummond House for over three years and when this opportunity became available I jumped at the chance to work more directly with the women and children Drummond House serves.

I have found that this is not a *job* it is a *joy*. God has been bringing women in need of hope and healing and it is amazing to watch as they are slowly renewed over time.

To be a fly on the wall, so to speak, and witness as God touches these lives in ways not even imagined is a privilege and blessing in my own life and faith.

I come in to *work* around 9 in the evening which is usually snack time. The ladies and myself sit around the island in the kitchen and chat about happenings of the day. The other evening one of our ladies was really struggling, two other residents decided to have an impromptu prayer meeting right then and there bringing their sister and her needs before the Lord.

The next night I came in for my shift and they were celebrating the direct answer to their prayers.

My experience with Drummond House is that I get to be a part of lives being changed, prayers being answered, faith being found. Wow! So when asked if I am working.... No, I'm really not.

The Naming of the Turret Room

Debra Tigchelaar

We have never named the rooms at Drummond House for no reason other than not knowing how to name them. Should we use Bible names or names of former residents?

Other more urgent matters seemed to have kept this task from taking place until this past year when I attended my sister-in-law's memorial service. Denise was born as the eldest of my husband's eleven siblings. She was beautiful. She became a nurse while living in Hamilton. She married and was soon off to Holland to spend the rest of her life.

Sadly, at age 33 Denise was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Denise refused to be devastated by the disease. She was not going to let anything interrupt her life, and it didn't. Denise had two beautiful girls she needed to raise.

Denise's life was an example of strength and positive thinking. Her faith

was always part of this foundation, and somehow her condition was never taken as a weakness. She refused to accept any negative thoughts around her condition. Even near the end of her life immobilized in a chair, only able to move her head, she never entertained pity. She was just fine, and no one needed to worry or feel sorry for her.

Hearing her brother speak of her spirit and strength, I kept thinking of the women who enter Drummond House. Her story must be shared. As each woman travels on her individual, often difficult journey, the spirit of Denise could inspire them to press on. With God's strength and the inspiration of others they will be able gain hope from people like Denise who have overcome difficult circumstances.

During the early summer, as part of the grieving process, Denise's two daughters came to Canada to see their relatives. We were all so blessed to hear of the incredible strength Denise demonstrated right to the end.

When her daughters came to visit Drummond House, I promised them we would dedicate a room in Denise's name. A brass plaque on the door now calls the turret room Denise's room. This is a beautiful testament of a life of severe struggle and a spirit that would not view it as a struggle but as a blessing.

Thank You

We are grateful to:

Grindstone Landscaping for the incredible work over the summer

Optimist Club

Rotary Club

Dr. Chan

Firehall Dentist

Willow Creek

Anderson Carpets

Birmingham Consultants

Home Hardware

—Weeks of Waterdown

Flamborough Review

Willow Tree

Bethel Youth Group

—meals

all our community cooks

and many others!

So we now have one room of four with an inspiring name attached to it. I pray that each woman who uses this room will be blessed by Denise's story.

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If the work of Drummond House has captured your heart—consider supporting us on a monthly basis. Regular contributions of \$50 or more are highly valued. By filling out a pre-authorized payment form, you can make a monthly commitment which will be processed automatically. You can also now donate on-line through our secure website, or donate at your workplace through the *United Way* with a request that the funds be directed to Drummond House.

I would like to help Drummond House reach out in love to women and children.

- I pledge my prayer support.
- I have enclosed a donation for \$ _____
- Please send me a Pre-authorized Payment form (P.A.P.)
- I am interested in volunteering.

Make cheque payable to:

Drummond House

P.O. Box 1391

Waterdown, Ontario L0R 2H0

Charitable Number: 88391 1109 RR0001

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

"They that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31