



drummond house

where the heart is

A Resident's Testimony

A Peak at Group Night

Group Night is a valuable time at Drummond House.

Even now after leaving the home, I continue to attend Monday night group. I am being equipped for my battles and strengthened each week at this support group. The group is one of the main reasons I chose to live in this area.

There is much comfort within the walls of Drummond House for those who have experienced loss and abuse. It is a place covered in prayer. When you enter the home you feel the Lord's peace and God's love. Group Night bonds us together.

While I was a resident at the home, after putting my two children to bed on Monday evenings I would go downstairs to make a very large mug of tea and then head up to the beautiful attic.

As light worship music played, we women would settle with blankets into the cosy mix-and-match furniture. This was a place where we could safely bare our souls releasing the week's burdens, hurts and struggles. Invariably we would sing God's praises. God was teaching us through all our struggles. He does turn things around for good.

Debbie or Brenda would regularly come alongside focusing on a topic to strengthen our self-esteem so we could see ourselves as the women God made us to be. They allowed Group Night to become a haven where we could express ourselves with joy or tears, while learning and growing.

Group Night has become a pillar on my healing journey and I am truly grateful for this part of my recovery process. This tightly knit group keeps me accountable and on track as I put the teachings into practice.



Another Hole-In-One

The 4th Annual Keys & Tees charity golf tournament held in August at Carlisle Golf Club in support of Drummond House and The Coping Centre, proved to be a winner for all participants, especially Vince Jones who neatly landed a hole-in-one on the 4th hole.

Vince won a brand new Hyundai. "It was a great day," says Debra Tigchelaar, Executive Director of Drummond House. "The corporate sponsors love being part of this unique tournament."

A full complement of 150 golfers, a different car to be won at every hole, closest to the pin contests and food samples are all part of the game.

With the help of over 30 hardworking volunteers the tournament couldn't have been better. And, "we were blessed with great weather," says Brian Hall who organized Keys & Tees for the fourth year in a row in memory of his son Mark.

Once again golfer Sunni Genesco of K-Lite FM capably handled the Master of Ceremonies duties at the prime rib celebration buffet dinner. Festivities included prizes for the golfers along with a raffle and silent auction.

"We gave away two Broil King barbecues thanks to *Barbecues Galore* of Burlington and two motorbikes courtesy of *Elite Manufacturing*, as well as 18 prizes from *G & A Corporate* for closest-to-the-pin winners," reports Brian.

Thanks goes out to all the sponsors for the day, especially *Utter Morris Insurance*, *Intact Insurance*, *Leggat Automotive Group*, *Burlington Hyundai*, *Discovery Ford* and *Roseland VW* for their continued support and encouragement.

Funds raised and shared between *The Coping Centre* and *Drummond House* from this year's Keys & Tees totalled \$22,000.

The next Keys & Tees is scheduled for August 15, 2011. Mark your calendar and plan on joining as a golfer or by helping with a sponsorship.

For more information on this unique and exciting event, please go to the website www.brichem.ca/golf or email Brian Hall at b.hall@cogeco.ca

Reviewed, Restructured and Rejuvenated

After five years of operation, a review at Drummond House has led to essential changes in the running of the home.

The dream has always been to develop a model that can be duplicated in other communities. "The need for houses like ours is out there," says Debra Tigchelaar.

As executive director, Debra will change her main focus from an in-home, hands-on, I'm-here-for-everyone person to the marketing, development, connecting with like ministries and building a network part of her job.

To do the work inside the home, volunteers will be playing a more essential role. Debra will be overseeing four teams

each made up of a resident team leader (RTL) and a co-leader. Volunteers on these teams must display leadership skills and have experience working with women.

Each team is assigned to a resident. The RTL meets with her resident to guide the goal-setting process, and commits two or three hours per week for encouraging and tracking progress. The co-leader is in place as a backup if the main RTL becomes unavailable.

With this restructuring the residents will have more independence and re-

sponsibility for meeting their own goals than they have had in the past.

Drummond House is also in the process of hiring an operations manager who will take care of the nuts and bolts involved in running the home smoothly. The operations manager is a go-to person for scheduling and day-to-day activity.

Volunteer in-house support workers, financial coaches, child care workers and cooks are still very much a part of the picture. As well, the home is looking toward acquiring houseparents.

From the Director's Desk

by Debra Tigchelaar



Looking back on this year I see many changes. Personally it has been a difficult year. As most of you know in March my granddaughter Sloane was born with a debilitating syndrome. As I hold her in my arms I struggle with the why. Yet, she gives much. We experience an unspoken love, a sense that she knows us and communicates this in her own special way.

Many tears have flowed in our family and the year isn't over yet. In all this, there is hope knowing God is with us and gives us strength to endure. He promised to comfort those who are hurting and He does.

We continue to ask for your prayers for Sloane for recovery from the seizures; for strength and endurance for Stephanie and Neil, and for the Lord's grace in the adjustments faced by their beautiful twin girls Kinleigh and Avery.

Drummond House has had a wonderful summer of rejuvenation and change. We have taken the time to stop, pray and look at how things are working. In this

our fifth year in operation we felt the need to sit back and review.

As a result, we have done some restructuring. Positions have been created to lift my load. Volunteers will play a much more significant role in each resident's program. We look forward to implementing these changes.

We have said goodbye to Dorothy Trost and Kim Friesen, who have been valuable employees at Drummond House.



Kim Friesen



Dorothy Trost

They have each made a decision to move forward in a new direction in their lives. We wish them the best in the coming years.

Thank you Dorothy and Kim for all you have done. You will be missed.

Over the summer we have also been blessed by Community Church in Flamborough. They transformed our *dungeon* (basement) into a beautiful playroom for children. Thank you Community Church for meeting a need we have acutely felt whenever the house was full.

Also, Flamborough Baptist Church has landscaped our gardens. Now we have beautiful shrubs lining the walkways, set off with profusely blooming flowers. Thank you Flamborough Baptist volunteers. Volunteers make the difference here at the home. Without you we couldn't do this work.

Rescued and Restored has also seen many changes. Please stop by and visit this wonderful place full of *treasures*.

Please consider helping us financially if you can. We have had a lean year. Meeting our budget has been a challenge. Even \$10 monthly would help us with sustainable funding.

Thank you everyone for all you have done. Be sure to come to our Christmas House tour on November 20th.

Blessings,

Debra

Needs: funds (donations are down 25%); Rubbermaid totes; volunteers – in-house support workers, financial coaches, child care workers, administrative helpers (day shift), and cooks.

Rescued and Restored—a Treasure House

Rescued and Restored, the retail store selling donated items to raise money for Drummond House, has doubled its floor space.

Now, the shopping area covers almost 7,000 square feet.

All the items in the store are donated. "People are always stopping by with stuff and dedicated volunteers go out and do pick-ups on a weekly basis," says Jonathan Davidson, the retail operations manager who works at the store full-time.

Prices are quite reasonable. A highboy dresser in decent condition sells for \$40.



Rescued and Restored located at JDJ Trailers on Highway 6 just north of Concession 6 East is filled with a treasure trove of goods. Donations are always welcome.

There are beds, dressers, tables, chairs, sofas, appliances, and toys. Books are another great seller. Softcovers sell for \$1, hardcovers for \$2.

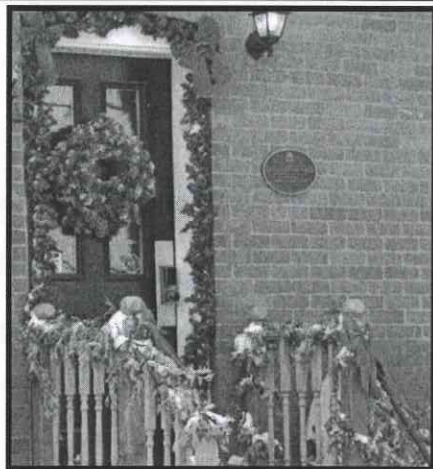
The store doesn't sell clothes as the location on Highway 6 is rather out of the way for that particular market, notes Jonathan.

Rescued and Restored is always on the lookout for volunteers. Jonathan needs people to help at the store, people

to help with pick-ups, as well as people to help market *Rescued and Restored* on Kijiji and Facebook.

Rescued and Restored is open six days a week

Monday to Wednesday	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursday to Friday	3 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Once a year we open our doors to the community, to share our home and heart, as we showcase our Queen Anne farmhouse decorated in the splendour of Christmas.

Christmas Home Tour & Bake Sale

Please Come
Saturday, November 20th, 10 a.m to 4 p.m.
All Are Welcome!

High School Students Net \$5,000

A team of five Waterdown High School students won \$5,000 for Drummond House with their civics class project.

The grade 10 students, Cassandra Vandenberg, Sarah Neville, Emma Baker, Mitch Sylvester and Sydney Holdright chose Drummond House for their entry in the *Toskan Casale Foundation* Youth and Philanthropy Initiative. The initiative requires students to study

and analyse a not-for-profit organization, advocating for additional funding.

Civics class teacher, Rob Flosman said he was "blown away" by the group's hard work and dedication to Drummond House.

Over the years, many groups of stu-

People Who Make Our Home Possible

Thanks to everyone who has worked at the house or contributed to our needs in any way over the summer. We are truly grateful.

Thanks to all who participated in the No-Gala Gala. If you haven't watched our DVD yet, make sure you do so. You'll be glad you did.

Thank you to the *Hamilton Community Foundation* for a gift of \$5,000.

Thanks to the *Toskan Casale Foundation*, also for a gift of \$5,000.

Thank you to Brian Hall and *Keys & Tees* for allowing us to benefit from this golf tournament.

Thank you to all the local churches for their continued support. Thanks especially to *Flamborough Baptist* for redoing our gardens and to *Grindstone Landscaping* for taking care of our lawns. Also thanks to *Willow Creek Farms* for the flowers.

And thank you to all those who have been praying for Drummond House. You truly make a difference.

Students have picked Drummond House for the *Toskan Casale* project, but this is the first time Drummond House has benefited financially from the initiative.



Left: Kathy Harasyn of the Waterdown Rotary Club presented a \$600 cheque to Debra Tigchelaar to help furnish the children's play area.



Right: Jeff Campbell lead the construction team for the play area.

Below: Pastor Jason Small from Community Church and volunteer Kevin Best pose with Debra in the finished room.

Finally – a Place to Play

For the past five years, children who accompanied their mothers at Drummond House would play in the common areas of the home among the grownups.

Children didn't have a place where they could just be themselves without interfering with the grownup activities.

Thanks to Community Church of Flamborough, the Waterdown Rotary Club and decorator Beverley Bluhm these children now have a playroom. The dark dingy basement has been transformed.

The children now have their own little haven. A heartfelt thanks to all.



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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

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"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