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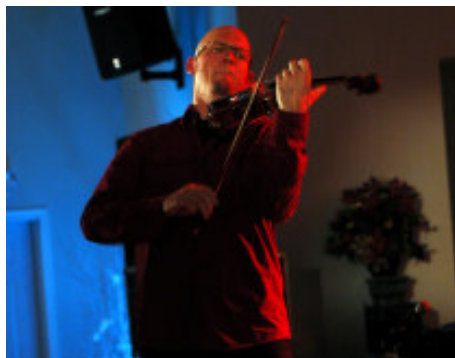
where the heart is

Don't Miss our Spring Celebration

Popular electric and acoustic violinist Trevor Dick will be performing at our fourth annual Drummond House fundraising dinner at Liuna Station on April 29th.

It's been said that Trevor's flying bow stirs hearts and when he creates his music, the impact on his audience is profound. Trevor plays internationally and has four musical releases to his credit. He was born in Nigeria of medical missionary parents, grew up on Vancouver Island, and now lives with his wife and children in Guelph Ontario where he teaches music.

Our fundraiser will also include an entertaining auction as brilliant auctioneer Jim McCarthy offers up at



least 15 choice items. As well, an ongoing raffle involving five or six large gift baskets is sure to liven the festivities.

Individual dinner tickets are available at \$100. Or, as a corporate sponsor you can buy a table seating eight for \$1000 and receive corporate recognition. For information or tickets, telephone 905-689-1484.

Turret Needs Repair

So far we have raised \$11,000 for the capital campaign to repair the turret and other exterior wood. We need \$45,000 in total.

This repair is key to keeping out squirrels and other rodents who potentially could do further damage to the home.



A Letter From a Former Resident

Dear Family and Friends,

The trouble with darkness is that it seems to be stronger...denser ...and deeper...than light. We are almost fooled into believing that it is just as it seems.

However, when a beacon of light shines into that darkness, beckoning you onward, it can give you the courage to press on toward the promise of reaching the light.

This is what Drummond House and all of its staff and wonderful volunteers have been to me: a beacon, a reminder, that although it may have felt like I was destined to forever live in the weighty darkness that had come to surround me; that with the love and support offered to me here, I could someday cut through the darkness and find myself again in the light.

Today is that day. The day that I can finally stand up and say thank you. Thank you for every hug, every prayer, every home cooked meal and every act of love.

Without each of you giving, praying and making the ministry offered here at Drummond House a priority, I

would not have had the incredible opportunity offered to me here to rest, heal and let go of the old coping strategies that had brought me to this desperate place in my life.

Today, I am free. I am whole, no longer wounded and broken, but healed and whole. And I am so eternally grateful. Drummond House is not just a place of rest, a home of healing or a "charity" in our community; it is an extension of Christ's love. Drummond House is a family, a community, and a beacon of light in this challenging world.

Although you may never get to see the women who walk through the door of Drummond House or hear the heartfelt gratitude that we send up often, please don't ever feel that the efforts you make, the prayers you pray or the gifts you offer fall on ungrateful hearts.

Your efforts have changed the lives of many and will forever stay in our hearts. My future is so much brighter, and filled with hope because of each of you. I look forward to sharing the wonderful blessings that I have received here with all who come into my life in the future.

With love that Christ has placed in me.

From the Director's Desk

by Debra Tigchelaar



Seasonal Wonders and Other Delights

This frigid and snowy winter reminds me of when I was a little girl and played for hours in the snow, building forts and snowmen, and skating on frozen ponds until my feet turned blue. I am not too sure how global warming fits into this year's picture.

We had a wonderful Christmas season here at Drummond House with incredible blessings that poured in through our community once again. Even in the midst of our economic situation, God continues to provide for our work.

Our Christmas dinner celebration

was delightful. We cooked a delicious turkey courtesy of Maple Leaf. We set the table with all the fixings and candles, invited some volunteers and staff, and together we celebrated Christmas. After dinner we gathered around the glowing fireplace in our cosy living room. Richard, dressed as Santa, passed out the wonderful gifts the community provided for each woman and child in the home. Miraculously these gifts were exactly what the children had wished to receive. How does God work out these details? This was a very special Christmas! Thank you to those who participated.

Some 80 turkeys were provided to Drummond House and our Bread-Basket Program. As well, the Waterdown LCBO put on a toy drive for the families in the home and in the community. Over 75 children received brand new toys. The feedback we received about these unexpected blessings would fill a book.

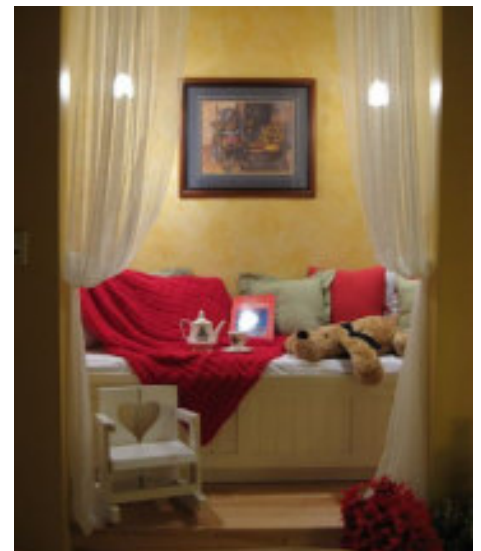
As well we received a most amazing Christmas gift when one of our donors dropped by with a Christmas card. She and I sat in our festively decorated living room. As I opened the card, a cheque fell out. To my astonishment the cheque was a \$10,000 donation. I wept with our precious donor as I shared the concern we had been feeling over the coming year with the present economy. Again, I am reminded that this work is being done through God as He continues to use wonderful people to assist in this work. Thank you all for what you have done to help us complete another amazing year at Drummond House.

We are looking forward to spring and our fourth annual gala celebration on April 29th. I hope you will all purchase tickets. Please come to hear more details about our work and to celebrate God's goodness. Join us for great music, a live auction and a delicious meal at Liuna Station.

Blessings to All



Christine Henson and Donna Hamilton.



Christmas Open House

"I got to live out a dream!" says Christine Henson.

With the help of her mother, Donna Hamilton, Christine decorated Drummond House for Christmas. They worked from 9 a.m. to at least 2:30 every day for a week to transform the home into a Christmas delight.

The first time she walked into Drummond House several years ago, Christine wanted to decorate it for Christmas. She chose a separate theme for each of eight rooms.

Next year Christine would like to see the different churches in our community each decorate a room. As the St. James United Church liaison, Christine sees this as an ideal connecting point between the churches and Drummond House.



A Joy to See God Work

Kim Friesen
House Manager

I see so many answered prayers as the women rely on God to meet their needs.

I am on staff at Drummond House three days a week and it is a great privilege to assist in the running of the home in a practical way. It is awesome to contribute to the healing of these precious women.

Even when I began volunteering at Drummond House as an in-house support worker in May 2007, I always valued my time here.

The evening meal is so unpredictable. There are times when there is a lot of light-hearted conversation and then there are times when there are major deep issues discussed. I love those just-being-real, no-pat-answer conversations.

It is amazing to watch these ladies as they progress. They arrive broken and downtrodden and I see them go



Field Trip to Remember

A group of volunteers, residents and staff enjoyed a field trip to the Nutcracker in Toronto, courtesy of the Nutcracker. It was great fun walking the streets of Toronto, seeing all the lights and window decorations, enjoying hot chocolate and then attending an amazing show. What a memory.

through the necessary stages and leave with hope and strength. It is truly a joy to see God at work in this home.

It is also amazing to see how the community helps out. We had a great *Open House* before Christmas. It was so good to be able to open the home for the day so that people could come and actually see what we are about. The community is very generous in giving us monetary donations as well as prac-

tical items. I love it that God uses people to meet the needs of the home. It is truly a blessing to be a part of this wonderful work.

Thank You to those who made the Drummond House Christmas very special

West Flamboro
Presbyterian Church

Soroptomist Club of
Dundas, Ancaster,
Flamborough

Knox Presbyterian Church

Scott Capital Group Inc.

Immanuel CRC "Gems"

Frootogo Orchards

Langford IDA

Dalton Insurance Social
Club

Weeks of Waterdown
Home Hardware

Many individual
community donors



Charlotte McAlpine, Drummond House board member oversees the Christmas bake sale during the Christmas Open House. Thank you to the community for all the incredible donations.

A Work-Out Room in the Basement?

After visiting an appealing new gym only for women, where women are encouraged to work on becoming their best, Executive Director Debbie Tigchelaar had a brilliant idea.

Since exercise is very beneficial to healing as it stimulates endorphins which help fight depression as well as benefiting the body, a work-out room in the basement at Drummond House would be ideal.

This would be a great project for a team of volunteers. The project would involve finishing a room in the basement with drywall, paint and carpet.

"Then we could begin to bring in specific equipment. We have some things already, but making this a very warm and welcoming room would add to the desire to workout," says Debbie.

"I would love to see the community come together for this work."

Updating Website

As part of a strategy to build awareness of what we do and how, a new website for Drummond House is in the works. "We will be able to make website changes when we want right from Drummond House which will help to

keep our donors informed," says executive director Debbie Tigchelaar. The new site will be interactive. People will be able to donate online. It should be up and running by April.

Volunteer Coach Takes Key Role

Barb Kirkham is a volunteer who is now assisting in the coaching area. This is a key role in the women's program.

The women receive weekly coaching, to move them through their goals and objectives. Each woman at Drummond House has their own program depending on their needs.

"This also assists me in moving away from the coaching role here and concentrating more on connecting to the community and resources," says Debbie Tigchelaar.

Barb is currently completing a honours B.A. in psychology at McMaster University. She is also doing an intern-counselling at Bayridge Family Center. We are blessed to have her join us here at Drummond House.

Order your tickets NOW!
4th Annual Fundraising Dinner
Liuna Station, April 29th
Don't Miss It!

Keys & Tees

In August we look forward to another great Keys & Tees golf tournament at the Carlisle Golf and Country Club as organised by Brian Hall.

You might recall, last year Jay Bluhm won a car at the fourth green. For a price of entry in this tournament, each golfer has a swing at winning a car at each of the 18 par-three holes.

Needs List

At Drummond House we need:

Large totes for basement

4 square woven basket
(to organize the linen closet)

Privacy fencing

Twin bed blanket

Broom wall rack

Laundry detergent

Gift cards for residents

- Gas

- Shoppers drug mart

- Food

- Walmart

Monthly donors

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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.

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

Name _____

Charitable Number: 88391 1109 RR0001

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