



drummond house

where the heart is

Good Neighbours

Flamborough Baptist Church has very generously adopted Drummond House as a major recipient of their outreach program.

“Flamborough Baptist Church, the church next door, is always a tremendous blessing to us,” says executive director Debra Tigchelaar.

The church is committed to helping Drummond House with six projects from finishing off interior trim and doing touch-up painting to providing the truck and manpower to move residents’ belongings when necessary.

Flamborough Baptist has also agreed to design and build the Drummond House flowerbeds using a mix of shrubbery, perennials and annuals, and then to maintain the gardens throughout the summer and fall. As well, members of FBC plan to rake and clean the grounds and clean the windows spring and fall.

One-time projects include redoing our sinking side entrance step and building a container next to the house to hold garbage cans, compost bins and recycling bins. In the laundry room, they plan to build a wall of cupboards for storage and a coat rack along with an additional cupboard and countertop next to the washer and dryer.



Members of Flamborough Baptist helping a resident move into her new home.



Non-Gala Gala

You Lift My Weary Head

Drummond House is not having a Gala this year which doesn't mean we don't need your support.

We covet your support. We rely on your prayers, and donations of time and money.

In lieu of a Gala, we offer you a non-Gala. We are sending out *A Drummond House Testimony* (re-enacted by Lucy McGhee, voice by Karin Reynolds) on DVD. The DVD is a statement of the effectiveness of Drummond House.

Please take a few minutes to enjoy a cup of tea while you watch and listen as one resident lets you peek into her sojourn with us.

She came “frozen in fear” and left “basking in the goodness of life.” Before this resident came to Drummond House she believed the agony of her secret world would haunt her forever.

Now, she is back with her husband and children—lies replaced with truth—her head lifted.

My Experience at Drummond House

Healing through Love

We don't know if or when our world might fall apart. When things started to slide for me, “Let go and let God” became my mantra.

So, why am I surprised that a loving God placed me in the place best for me? That place was Drummond House.

We women, who are housed, nurtured and loved back to wellness, all have our personal stories. Although our personal stories may differ, our needs are very similar.

Rather than dwell on my story, I want to tell you about the blessings and ministrations of the people I met while a resident at Drummond House. I thank God for all the people behind the scenes who support and maintain this whole system of caring with donations of time, skill and finances.

God guarantees you a blessing when you bless others. In Luke 18 Jesus says, “I guarantee this. Anyone who gives up anything for the kingdom of God will certainly receive many times more in this life and will receive eternal life in the world to come.” I pray that you may all be richly blessed now and forever.

I was a resident over the Christmas period. I will forever remember Christmas dinner with my other *family*—my Drummond House family. Before Christmas, volunteers from various churches decorated the house to show-piece standards. Their creativity made

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From the Director's Desk

by Debra Tigchelaar



Spring Renewal

Spring has sprung, and with it a sense of renewal and growth!

Here at Drummond House we have seen a continually full house since last August. Praise the Lord! With that there have been miracles, healing, growth and learning. All in all, the house is operating very well and the blessings we are witnessing are outstanding.

I have just recently sent out an evaluation to all our staff and volunteers to assess how they are doing after this very long run at full speed. Wow, if you want to get information this is the way. Many have seen the activity as a real blessing, more people – more impact! Even our Monday night support group is humming with activity due to the numbers. The women help each other in their journey, the more experienced helping the younger.

Children in the home have drawn our attention to a need for specific programming for them as well and for playroom space.

The Christmas season at the home was unlike any other with the community constantly dropping off gifts and blessings to the women and children, bringing us all closer to the true meaning of Christmas. As a ministry we received



an increase in donations over last year. This is amazing in these economic times. Thank you all.

Two very special residents have just graduated out of the home and as I review their programs I am amazed at all they have accomplished. These two have

hearts to grow in their faith, in their goals and especially in their healing. I admire their courage.

They did not hold back with getting involved in Bible studies, choirs and mentoring programs at a local church. They reached for all we could offer them and met each goal. Their love for their children was evident and as they began to heal so too did the little ones. (Mom was back!)

When in a state of crisis it is hard to parent, hard to think, read or plan for the future. But each day as these women pressed on with their goals, meeting with their coaches weekly, we would see them change.

As I think of spring renewal, I cannot help but feel that the women who come under our care experience a similar renewal. They meet their goals and are sustained by their willingness to allow the Spirit of God to guide them. It is the love of Jesus that leads them on, renews their soul and changes them.

I as well as the staff and volunteers have been blessed by witnessing these women and others grow. Again I say, they teach us as much as we teach them.

Providing for the Children

With the constant flow of residents through Drummond House, the dynamics of the home constantly changes.

Recently the household included three young children under the age of three. This helped us realize we need a children's program and a separate children's playroom.

To meet the immediate need, three



Our resident children celebrating a birthday.

volunteers, Ada, Michelle and Krista took turns coming in during the supper hour to oversee the children and involve them in intentional play so the mothers could freely participate in their own supper-time caring and sharing, a key element in the Drummond House transition period.

“We must develop a program specifically for the children,” says Debra Tigchelaar. “Their time at Drummond House could and should be much more productive.” She sees the need for an age-appropriate program in which children examine their emotions and learn how to express sadness and anger.

Community Church of Waterdown has shown interest in taking on the building of a play area in the Drummond House basement.



Les Ducak and his beautiful Drummond House pictures – there are still some available. Contact us if you would like one.

Strawberry Social
to celebrate
Drummond House
5 Year Anniversary

Check our website for details

Rescued and Restored—Getting a Cycle Going

The vision to create a venture to fund Drummond House has become a reality.



Rescued and Restored retail outlet at JDJ Trailers on Highway 6.

In March, *Rescued and Restored* began selling used household furnishings at a retail outlet located at JDJ Trailers on Highway 6 just north of Concession 6 East. If all goes according to projections, the store will be able to provide for much of the financial need of Drummond House within one year.

“It’s amazing how quickly it came to this level,” says Nick Marusich one of the committee members who has already put in innumerable volunteer hours. “It’s no longer a problem to get the stuff and now we are starting to sell it. We’re getting a cycle going—every week a turnover of stuff.” He points to a man checking out a bed. The man has already spoken for several sewing machines. A woman comes in carrying a rocking chair to donate. “The cycle is starting,” says Marusich.

“The current pool of volunteers is approximately 15, but our plan is to grow that to 25 or 30,” suggests Ron Hannah,

Drummond House board member and volunteer on the *Rescued and Restored* task force. There are two teams of volunteers handling pick-up and delivery and the store is looking to attain a base of at least ten sales volunteers.

The team has just hired a Retail Operations Manager Jonathan Davidson who will oversee the volunteers and day-to-day operations.

“This has been the ongoing story of God bringing the right people at the right time to fulfill a critical role in helping us move forward with the vision of providing a regular income flow for Drummond House,” says Ian McSporrán, past chairman of the Board of Directors of Drummond House. It was his idea to open a store. “God put the idea under our noses because people kept calling, without solicitation, offering us household furnishings long after the home was fully furnished. Then knowing how big the “reuse” business is in England the dream was hatched.

“The way God continues to provide



Rescued and Restored volunteers taking a well-deserved break.

A huge thank you to the many faithful supporters of Drummond House who donated seed money to get started, to those who provided items for resale, and to the many volunteers who have given countless hours planning and doing all the work to get *Rescued and Restored* up and running. To God be the glory.

and lead us with this project is amazing,” says McSporrán. “Last fall when we started openly talking about the vision for *Rescued and Restored*, Maria Demkowich of JDJ Trailers offered us six months rent-free for the use of 3,000 square feet of retail storage on Highway 6. This was a huge blessing and boost to us as we got organized and ready for the next step in our business.”

Always open to opportunities, the task force has recently expanded their vision to include a fundraising division that will sell both to retail as well as local schools, and sports teams, offering several non-perishable packaged items.

According to McSporrán the biggest challenge is the capacity to handle all the potential. “Already we are looking at doubling our warehouse size—a great problem to have.”

Right now *Rescued and Restored* is open Saturdays from ten until two, but plans are to be open six days a week from nine to five.

Drummond House Needs Volunteers

Fundraisers

Ikea glasses for kitchen (juice and regular)

New sheets twin, double and queen

Frozen dinners

Meals prepared

Thank-You's

Thank you to all the Christmas decorators.

Thank you to the community for the incredible DH Christmas.

Thank you to people who continually provide meals.

Thank you to all the volunteers.

Thank you to the churches who designate Drummond House for special attention.

Thank you to individuals, businesses and organizations who donate time and money.

Thank you to everyone who prays for Drummond House.

Healing through Love

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it a very fitting venue for an Open House. Other volunteers completed all the tasks which made for a pleasant Saturday visit and a successful fund-raiser.

Everyday operation of the home is in the capable hands of staff and volunteers led by the God-filled vision of Debra.

At a material level, the exceptional quality of the towels immediately struck me. You may think this is a small item but for me these towels symbolize the loving care with which our needs were met—our journey was first class which did great things for our self esteem. We knew we were loved and as God's children we prayed in gratitude together each evening at dinner.

Individual dietary concerns were taken into account by the volunteers who provided meals three times weekly. Our volunteer grocery shopper was in touch with our needs, tastes, allergies etc. This is why we have a weigh scales in the powder room!

With the necessities of everyday life provided, we were able to concentrate on our own healing.



Above: Executive Director Debra Tigchelaar at the graduation reading an appropriate verse. "I usually bless each graduate with a verse or a thought based on the Bible. This is after we have enjoyed a lovely meal with other residents, some of their favourite volunteers and staff. This is a wonderful celebration," says Debra.

Every day at Drummond House taught me new lessons. Armed with these lessons I was able to move towards a new and healthy self image. I had to learn this before I could think of re-establishing relationships on the outside. (To build anything one needs a solid foundation.)

Some lessons came while sitting talking around the table with other residents,

staff or volunteers. Some came as we prayed together. Under the able leadership of Debra and Brenda, the Monday night group sessions provided support and benefits from the life experiences of others. I learned to read and study from many sources. The most valuable resource was the manual for life, the Holy Bible.

Guidance came from my 'coach' in our weekly one-on-one session. It's such a comfort to learn from experts who know their subject and who love you as you struggle to work through difficult stages.

Now, I'm back in my home. All the ministrations helped to give me life skills which I hope will last me a lifetime. I thank God for an experience which brought me closer to Him, restored my joy in life and gave me the skills to engage in healthy relationships.

In conclusion I refer you to the Holy Bible. Please read Matthew 25:34-40. Allow me to paraphrase the most important line...I tell you the truth whatever you did for one of the least of these sisters of mine, you did for Me.

Gratefully,
A Past Resident

Drummond House



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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

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