



# drummond house

where the heart is

## Jay Bluhm Beats Odds at Golf Tournament

*According to Golf Digest the odds of the average player hitting a hole-in-one are 12,000 to one. Jay Bluhm of Hagersville beat the odds when it counted most.*

Jay aced a hole-in-one from the fourth tee winning himself a 2007 Saab during the second annual Keys & Tees Golf Tournament at the Carlise Golf and Country Club in August. For a \$200 entry fee, each golfer had a swing at winning a car at each of the 18 par-three holes.

Proceeds of this year's sold-out venue were once again divided with Copping Centre in Guelph.

Brian Hall established Keys & Tees last year as a memorial to his son Mark who died of cancer. Thanks go to Brian for organizing the tournament which netted \$10,000 for Drummond House.

*Brian Hall and Jay Bluhm pose with car from Leggat Saturn Saab.*



## Golfers are Good to Drummond House

Flamborough Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Waterdown contributed 10 percent of the net proceeds of their Flamborough Open Golf Tournament in May to Drummond House.

Ivan Laking of the Rotary Club and Chamber's President Susan Cetinski presented Executive Director Debbie Tigchelaar with a cheque for \$3,500 at a presentation ceremony following the tournament.

"We are so grateful to be remembered and helped by community organizations," says Debbie.



## Christmas Open House & Bake Sale

**November 22nd**  
**1 pm - 6 pm**

### New Mailing Address

**Drummond House**  
**P.O. Box 1391**  
**Waterdown, Ontario**  
**L0R 2H0**

*Mail posted to the old address will be returned to sender.*

## We are thankful for:

- a video surveillance system for the property. Thank you Jonathan Davidson.
- Brian Meincke and Arnie Welmers who replace Bob Carey as maintenance volunteers.
- Harry Gelderman (coordinating landscaping projects).
- Jay Linde of Grindstone Landscaping (weekly lawn and garden maintenance).
- the host of volunteers who help with in-house support, meal planning and preparation.
- area churches and organizations who donate money and time toward improvement.



## A Busy Year at the House

Now that we have three years of operation under our belt, it is exciting to see the impact of our work at Drummond House. Looking at the data in terms of residential months available per annum in the home, we are operating at 60 per cent capacity. Our goal to be at full capacity in 2009. For that to happen, while continuing to ensure an ideal and safe environment for all residents, we will be needing additional staff and volunteers.

Even at 60 per cent, the house has been busy. Many residents came and left, a number of whom we continue to support through our nonresident program. And, yes, we are growing. We have hired Dorothy Trost as House Manager. She very capably oversees the nuts and bolts of running the home. As part of our strategic plan we will also soon be hiring weekend staff to provide more consistent staffing around the clock on weekends.

Our year is marked throughout by the generosity of our support community. We had a wonderful Christmas 2007. Individuals and businesses showed us the incredible heart of our community. The resources we received carried us into our hugely successful May fundraiser, a ship-shape event put on by Development Director Beverly Bluhm and her excellent team. The sailing theme culminated with the winning of a cruise by none other than our very first summer student, Alicia de Vries.

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**Looking forward we  
anticipate a 2008 Christmas  
House Tour.**

**This will open Drummond  
House to let the community  
see where and how we  
operate.**

**This will also be a great time  
to purchase some  
Christmas goodies at our  
bake sale table.**

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Our summer saw the unbelievable Keys & Tees Golf Tournament held at the Carlisle Golf and Country Club. Congratulations to Jay Bluhm who won a car from Leggat Saturn Saab. The

insurance company ING and broker Utter Morris sweetened the prize by giving another \$6,000 to the charity of Mr. Bluhm's choice—he chose Drummond House. What a day!

On a personal note, nothing beats the day this summer, my own daughter blessed us with a set of twin granddaughters. How amazing is that? I wish the joy of grandchildren on everyone.

Recently I have been working with a family in Waterdown. The first time I walked into their home and saw their needs I was astounded. Right here in Waterdown we have a family so desperate they went without heat and hydro in the winter months. How can this happen today? It does. We let the community know about the need and have seen amazing results. The community has assisted with grass cutting, baby items, food cards and fresh food, gas cards, furniture and so much more.

It is a great blessing to be able to do this work, and see the hands of our community help others. My heart is overflowing!

Please enjoy our newsletter and thank you for your ongoing support through prayer and funding. I trust you all will go into this fall and winter season with thankfulness and peace.

*Debbie*

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## The Life of a Summer Student by Katie Schotsman

*This summer Drummond House became a place in which I could develop my skills as a Child and Youth Worker and open my heart to what God wanted me to learn.*

My tasks included implementing and improving policies and procedures, fundraising through our cookbook, and the big fundraiser of the summer—the



*Gardens by Tapestry Bible Church  
under leadership of Marcia Linde.*

golf tournament. I was also able to help out with creating a bulletin board and laminating community newspaper articles about Drummond House.

I was privileged to build a rapport with the residents by encouraging them, praying for them, sharing stories during our dinner time and playing or doing crafts with the children. I was also blessed by the support, warmth, and love of volunteers and staff. Working at Drummond House has given me an awareness of the services we have within Flamborough and of the people who help out whether through their organization or church or individually.

This summer I've grown to love

and admire my friend and mentor, Debbie the director. It was great to be able to shadow her and be on her team. I have learned about the background of this organization and seen the love and support Debbie gives to the hurting. She acknowledges their pain and is able to give them a voice. I hope our friendship continues after I move on.

Through the work I have done at Drummond House I have grown more confident in myself and in my ability as a Child and Youth Worker. I have also grown mentally, and spiritually. I thank you all for this growth as we are all part of one family with our Heavenly Father Jesus Christ. God bless!



*House Manager Dorothy Trost in her brand new office provided by Calvin Christian Reformed Church.*

## Volunteers with Heart

*by Dorothy Trost*

My position at Drummond House is House Manager. One of my responsibilities is to schedule volunteers to serve in the house in various areas. It

truly is a blessing to interact with our volunteers and see their joy in serving God! In essence, these are people living out a calling that God has put on their hearts.

Areas of involvement vary greatly: they may make a dinner, come into the house for in-house support, provide coaching for our residents, buy groceries, help with maintenance around the house, cut the grass, take the garbage up to the road, plant flowers in the Spring, or clean up the gardens in the Fall.

Many of these tasks are not glorious and are done behind the scenes. But they are all very important areas of ministry, as without these jobs being accomplished, Drummond House would not be able to run as smoothly as it does.

We at Drummond House are blessed three times a week with wonderful home-cooked meals prepared by volunteers in their home and then brought over to us. The women who

cook these meals may never know the wonderful way their meals minister to women in times of crisis. But . . . we are so very grateful!

The volunteers who perform the house maintenance chores may never know the impact of these "menial" tasks, which allow our household to run smoothly. But . . . we are so very grateful!

The in-house volunteers and coaches may not see the end result of the seeds they plant while talking with a resident. But . . . we are so very grateful!

We at Drummond House would like to thank each volunteer for serving from the heart. Your ministry is making an impact for eternity.

Is God speaking to your heart about volunteering? Would YOU like to get involved in the ministry at Drummond House? Please contact Dorothy at 905-689-1484 or [dorothy.drummondhouse@sympatico.ca](mailto:dorothy.drummondhouse@sympatico.ca) for more information.

## 2008 Gala Superb in Every Way

*The third Annual Fundraising Dinner in May at Liuna Station in Hamilton raised \$25,000 for Drummond House.*



*Organizers, guests and sponsors at the Gala, from left, Gary Campbell, Jack Vanderkooy, Nancee Campbell, cruise winner Alicia de Vries, Debra Tigchelaar, Brian Hall, Rhonda, David Sweet and Judy Kruzin.*

Money will go toward operating the home and financing programs to assist women and children who use the home.

The Gala featured a recent House graduate as special speaker. Guests heard first-hand how lives are being changed at Drummond House as Rhonda shared her story honestly and simply. Bev Bluhm, head of fundraising

and development, reports, "This was a first for us to have a speaker who has actually been a resident. She was able to truly tell our community about the impact of Drummond House."

During the dinner and dance, a Toronto Jazz Orchestra wowed the crowd with big band sounds and jazz numbers. Area MP David Sweet drew the

winning ticket for the grand door prize sponsored by Duca Financial Services and CruiseShipCenters, Stoney Creek. Graduate Nursing Student Alicia de Vries of Carlisle won the Caribbean cruise for two. "We were so happy to see her win as she happens to be our first summer student hired at Drummond House," comments Bluhm.

New sponsors, Hamilton International Airport, Select Stone Supply, Excel Heating & Air Cond, installers of Comfortmaker air conditioner and heating products, A & H Custom Machine, Select Sprinklers, and Gordon Brownhill Insurance joined annual supporters, Weeks Home Hardware, Magnolia House Spa, Pegasus Direct Mail, RBC Waterdown, Finepoint Printing, Coldwell Banker Burnhill Realty, Carlisle Tech, Dr. Tam, and Al-Care Restoration to make the event a financial success.

"The whole event was a big success," proclaims Bluhm, "We were able to raise our \$25,000 goal due to the many who supported us in donations as well as the many who gave of their time to help host."

# New Board Chair Steps Up

*After six years as board chair, faithfully conducting Drummond House through its toddler years, Ian McSporran is handing over the reigns to longtime volunteer Jean Meincke.*

Jean steps into her role with a heart for the purposes of Drummond House and a desire to see the organization become financially secure as it grows to its full potential. Having been a single parent, Jean understands first-hand, the need for a transition program for women and their children.

She sees Drummond House as an ideal place to accelerate a person's ability to work through problems and

regain emotional, physical and mental balance. Jean has been associated with Drummond House since its conception. As well as volunteering during the initial renovations, after the opening she became an in-house support worker.

Out of that experience, and her background in human resources consulting, Jean saw the need for a support-worker manual outlining policy and rules. Working with the Executive Director, Jean developed the first in-house manual and volunteer training programs.

Jean realizes the importance of well-developed governance and administrative policies to attract grants and donors that will give Drummond House on-going sustainability and growth. As Board chair she will build on the work that has already been done and actively support the mission and goals of Drummond House.

The nine member board meets once a month as well as at an annual fall retreat to concentrate on goals and objectives.

## Cookbooks for Sale

We will send you a great **cookbook** done by supporters and volunteers at Drummond House for a **donation of \$10.00 or more.** Also makes a great gift. To purchase please contact us.



## Needs List

*At Drummond House we need:*

Sustainable funding (monthly pre-approved payment donors)

Female in-house support worker (compassionate, with skills for working in difficult situations)

Bed pillows

Gift cards - gas, groceries, clothes

Meals (as part of meal schedule)

Fall cleanup crew

Funding for outside repair



*Debbie addresses volunteers at Volunteer Appreciation Barbecue.*



*Pizza night at Drummond House.*

## Drummond House where the heart is

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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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*