



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

HOME SUITE HOPE

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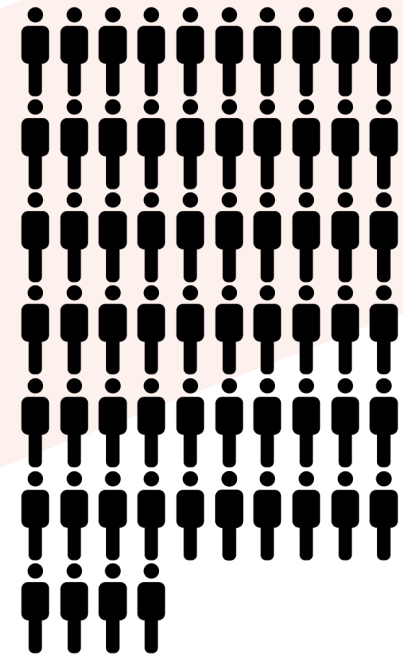
Halton, as we know it today, is rich in the history and modern traditions of many First Nations and the Métis. From the lands of the Anishinabe to the Attawandaron, the Haudenosaunee and the Métis, these lands surrounding the Great Lakes are steeped in Indigenous history. We acknowledge and thank the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for being stewards of the traditional territory upon which this research and programming took place. We are in solidarity with our Indigenous brothers and sisters to honour and respect the four directions, lands, waters, plants, animals and ancestors that walked before us and all the wonderful elements of creation that exist.

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HOW MANY FAMILIES DID WE SERVE?

81
INDIVIDUALS SERVED



34 FAMILIES
47 CHILDREN

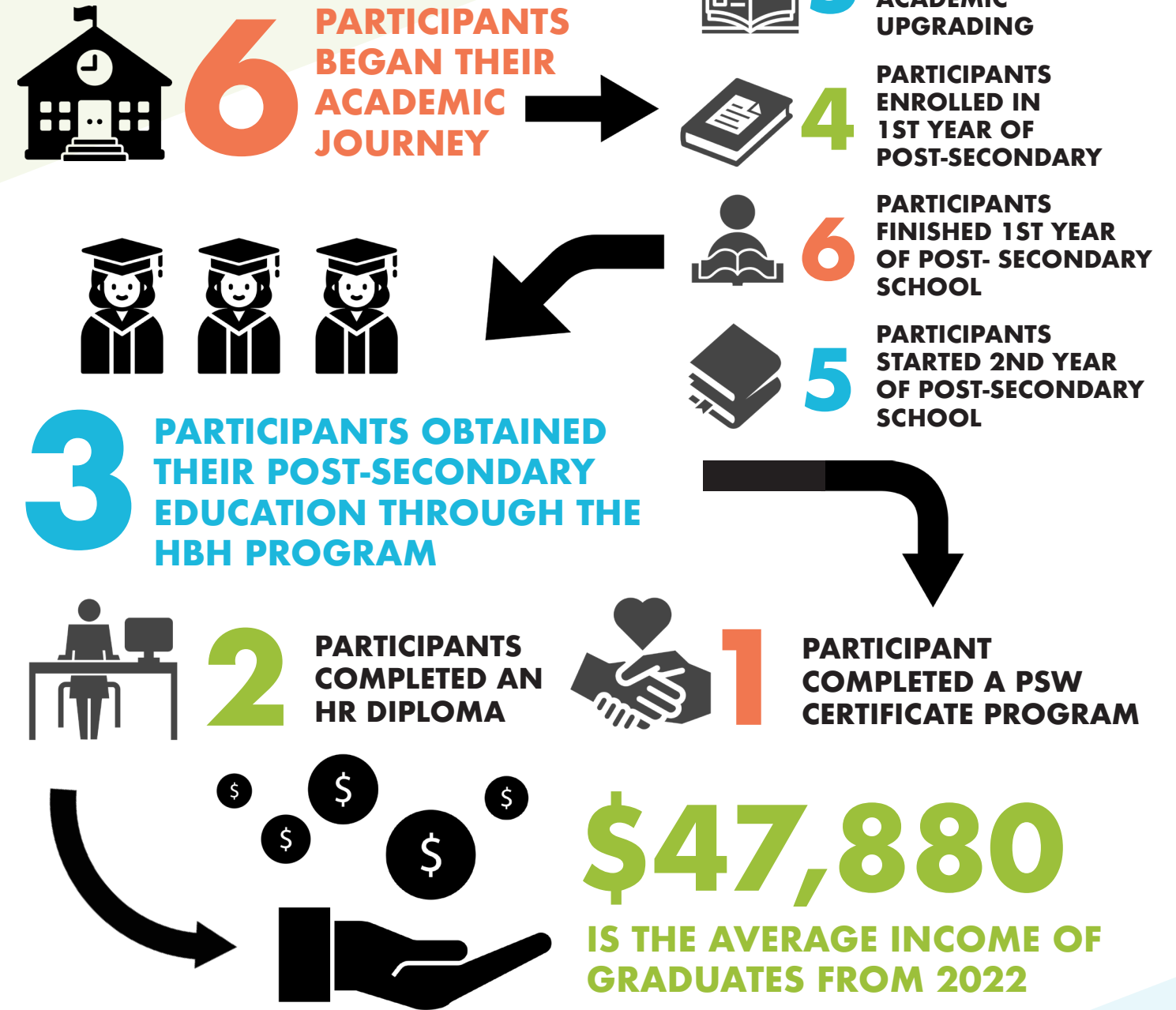
- 17** STABILIZING FIRST & HOMEWARD BOUND HALTON
- 8** HOMEWARD BOUND HALTON YOUTH
- 5** STEP FORWARD HALTON
- 3** HRCIF TRANSITIONAL YOUTH
- 1** AFTERCARE CLIENT

HOW MANY PARTICIPANTS WERE ON-BOARDED INTO PROGRAMMING WITH HOME SUITE HOPE?

11
NEW FAMILIES

- 4** STABILIZING FIRST & HOMEWARD BOUND HALTON
- 3** HOMEWARD BOUND HALTON YOUTH
- 1** STEP FORWARD HALTON
- 3** ONE-YEAR TRANSITIONAL YOUTH

ACADEMIC JOURNEY



HOW MANY PARTICIPANTS COMPLETED THE HBH PROGRAM?

- 2** PARTICIPANTS COMPLETED
- 100%** EXITED WITH FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT
- 100%** ARE WORKING IN THEIR FIELD OF EDUCATION
- 50%** CAN AFFORD MARKET RENT INDEPENDENTLY

LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In 2018, I referred to it as the year of “transition and renewal”, then 2019 was “renewed and focused”, 2020 was the year of the “constant pivot,” and 2021 was “strong, steady and strategizing.” According to the Chinese Zodiac, 2022 was the year of the tiger. The tiger is said to represent power, rebellion and unpredictability. I cannot think of a more accurate theme for 2022. This past year was a tiger in many ways.

Learning to live in a pandemic continues to throw new stressors at our participants (the new sick policies at daycares alone are enough to throw their progress into disarray with each sniffle and cough). However, it has been the brutal and unrelenting inflation that has continued to challenge our families and our programming the most. Rent has skyrocketed requiring us to drastically increase our rental subsidies to house new families. It also has required us to continue to pay partial subsidies to exiting families that cannot afford new rental amounts, despite obtaining college diplomas and full-time employment. In addition, soaring gas and food costs stretched budgets beyond capacity requiring extra support. This has resulted in a decrease in the number of people we can serve annually.

At the same time, many companies shifted their social responsibility approaches to focus on experiences rather than solely financial support of events and programming. Similarly, many granting agencies temporarily halted accepting applications or transitioned to only focusing on pandemic recovery rather supplementing programming. Not-for-profits from across the country noted a decline in fundraising revenue to which Home Suite Hope was not immune. As a result, Home Suite Hope saw an increase in expenses and a decrease in income. However, employing innovative strategies, collaborative approaches, and keeping a keen eye on budget lines resulted in a small surplus at the end of the year keeping our participants and programming safe from the ‘tiger.’

We recognize that this is in no small part a result of the tremendous community that surrounds us. Calls to action for food, toiletries, gas and transportation costs were answered quickly, which allowed us to receive that much needed support to keep our participants stable. Our partners and collaborating organizations throughout the community continue to work together to ensure that vulnerable individuals didn’t fall through the cracks. We are deeply indebted to Halton Region for its ongoing and flexible investment in our participants’ journeys to self-sufficiency. Sheridan College continued to strengthen its support of our student participants under its Youth Amplified umbrella. As can be viewed throughout this report, many corporations increased their participation and volunteerism with Home Suite Hope, wrapping their arms around our participants – beyond funding portions of their programming. Our Industry Council – made up of individuals who help prepare our participants for employment and at times open doors to interviews – continues to be an integral component of our programming.

St. Mildred’s-Lightbourn School welcomed back Empty Bowls in person, presented by the Taylor Group for the 14th year! While in-person attendance was not as high as in previous years, we are grateful to all our supporters who helped ensure Empty Bowls 2022 was another great success.



Our **Partners in Change** campaign continued to attract new donors, who sponsored families by filling the annual funding gap of \$9,534 to provide full wrap-around services. Our volunteer pool continued to grow as more corporations came forward to give back. Partnering with Kits for a Cause, corporates such as Ian Martin Group (now called RAISE) and Bell Canada filled backpacks with much-needed supplies for our families and joined other groups in volunteering at our local community garden, Blueberry Fields. Our mentorship program with Sheridan College continued to flourish so that every parent in our Homeward Bound Halton and Homeward Bound Halton Youth programs had a successful female employee as their volunteer mentor.

Despite unpredicted financial struggles exacerbating an already difficult situation, we are ecstatic to note that in 2022, our participants persevered! Two participants graduated from our program fully employed and are not receiving social assistance; three graduated from their college programming and entered into their employment search phase; and six participants were enrolled in college. In total, Home Suite Hope served 34 families, 11 of whom came into programming in 2022. In addition, we continued to host Social Work and Social Service Worker placements for three students, hired two students through the Canada Summer Student Jobs grant and offered internships for gaming students from Sheridan College.

The staff said “see you later” not goodbye to Catherine Villasenor, who left us to enjoy a year with her newborn son Caidan and we welcomed Katelyn Zaoral into the full-time role of Marketing and Events Coordinator. Our Board of Directors continued to grow and diversify while simultaneously expanding committee membership for community volunteers. I am very grateful to the Board for entrusting the staff and I with the operation and growth of this organization and for being such amazing community advocates for the Home Suite Hope participants.



Our five-year Strategic Plan (2020-2025) includes growth in the number of people served; number of government, not-for-profit and corporate partnerships; and continued stability in finances – all goals we continued to achieve in 2022 with the support of our community. While maintaining efforts in all the aforementioned areas, we also intensified efforts to increase access to affordable housing. Halton remains one of the most unaffordable housing markets in Ontario, while Oakville has consistently been named the second most expensive city in Canada in which to rent housing. This significantly impacts our participants, who can no longer afford to upsize their housing once completed our programming, which in turn no longer opens more affordable housing options for incoming participants. When apartments do become available, they are rarely below \$2,300 per month, which limits our ability to take in new participants. This has the potential to result in more and longer bouts of homelessness amongst our marginalized population, in addition to increased reliance on social assistance to help bridge the gap.

As we move forward into 2023 and beyond, the staff, Board and I are working hard to be responsive and versatile to the changing circumstances around us. We will continue to be innovative and creative in our responses to the needs of participants and will ensure that their well-being is first and foremost as we move forward. We look forward to sharing more of our affordable housing plans with the community over the coming year and to working together to wrap our arms around our most vulnerable neighbours. Together we can continue to permanently change lives for the better.

Sara J. Cumming, PhD
Executive Director



ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

In 2022, Home Suite Hope returned to in-person programming and provided families with a hybrid learning model. HSH addressed the challenges surrounding online learning, by implementing engaging programming through a Life Skills grocery shopping game, in-person workshops, and video technology. We did this, despite the increasing cost of living, the limited child-care spots available at subsidized facilities and the low inventory of affordable housing. Home Suite Hope's wrap-around supports and resources helped bridge the gaps in community resources. We were able to offer alternative learning structures, providing an increased rental subsidy support, connecting with community through transportation campaigns, social events, volunteer opportunities and fundraising efforts. In 2022, three participants became at risk of homelessness but were stabilized. In 2022, the average rent our participants paid for a two-bedroom unit was \$1,984.75. Despite this, 100% of HSH participants remained housed and did not return to homelessness.

Throughout 2022 we ran six programs:

Stabilizing First Halton: a one-year stabilizing program to prepare participants to pursue a pathway towards employment, education and/or training. It includes life skills training, intensive case management, goal-oriented service plans, a housing rental subsidy and wrap-around support and referrals.

✓ In 2022, 100% of the Stabilizing First participants secured housing in the first 90 days of their acceptance.

Homeward Bound Halton (HBH): an up to three-year program available after completing Stabilizing First Halton, that includes a housing rental subsidy, life skills training, college tuition, books, professional development, mentorship and employment support. The HBH program sees education as a pathway to gainful employment and seeks to support participants throughout their academic journey and in finding full-time employment. All HBH participants must successfully complete Stabilizing First Halton before being accepted.

✓ In 2022, a participant in the Homeward Bound Halton phase graduated from her Sheridan College program and secured employment with a contract position in the Sheridan College Human Resources Department.

Homeward Bound Halton Youth (Pilot): an up to five-year program designed to help young parents (ages 17 to 24 years) finish their secondary school, attend post-secondary, learn life skills, and access mentorship and employment support. Participants are also provided with intensive case management, goal-oriented service plans, a housing rental subsidy and wrap-around support and referrals.

✓ 100% of our youth participants have successfully completed HSH Life Skills workshops.

Step Forward Halton: an up to two-year program that provides individuals housed through the Rapid Housing Initiative with intensive case management, Life Skills programming, community connections and goal-oriented service plans to maintain housing and increase quality of life and community engagement.

✓ One of our Step-Forward participants joined Darryl Chong – President and CEO of the Greater Toronto Apartment Association (GTA), members of HSH's Board of Directors and HSH Director of Development Krystal Valencia in attending the GTAA Charitable Foundation Gala in October 2022.

One-Year Collaborative Transitional Program: an up to one-year transitional program led by HSH, in partnership with Bridging the Gap and Shifra Homes, for young (ages 17 to 29 years) single parent-led families to stabilize their housing, increase life skills, and gain financial, academic and employment readiness supports to design a unique pathway for long-term sustainability.

✓ Two participants have transitioned into the HBH-Y program and have begun their first year of post-secondary school.

Life Skills Workshops: monthly group workshops that cover important life skills, such as budgeting, healthy eating, conflict resolution and more. Life Skills programming is open to HSH participants, as well as outside community members seeking to gain life skills.

✓ Home Suite Hope piloted its very own Interactive Virtual Grocery Shopping Game, thanks to Ontario Trillium Foundation and Sheridan College interns. The Virtual Grocery Shopping Game was designed to increase participant engagement and allow our participants to connect and retain curriculum information to increase food security.

One-on-One Life Skills Training: individualized Life Skills Training with a Community Outreach Worker that covers topics such as managing bills, organization, and identification.

✓ Did you know that HSH partnered with BTG/CAS to plan and deliver youth-informed financial literacy programming to anyone in the community to reduce barriers and increase access to programming?

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Painting in the Park

On August 18, Home Suite Hope hosted its first in person social for participants on the grounds of Sheridan College. Homeward Bound Halton program participants gathered with their mentors for Painting in the Park and lunch. Not only were there talented artworks created, but everyone enjoyed gathering in-person and catching up face-to-face with friends and colleagues.

Annual onboarding in-person again

HSH staff, participants and community members met August 30 for the first onboarding session at the HSH office to introduce 11 new participants to programming. This was our first in-person session since the pandemic began in 2020. Everyone attending the meet-and-greet gathering was there to learn about the upcoming programming at HSH, peer support and cohort building. The event was organized by the HSH Program Team led by Interim Program Manager Nikkian Hanson and Case Manager Leah Burton.

Cabin Retreat

Home Suite Hope offered its single-parent families a Cabin Retreat Experience, June 24-26. HSH's Cabin Retreat 2022 was hosted by Penbrook Resort, situated on beautiful Deer Lake in Emsdale, Ontario. HSH remains grateful to Penbrook Resort owners Bill and Debbie McAlpine, who were gracious donors and hosts to our single-parent families. Our families loved their adventure. Transportation to the event was made possible through generous donors (past Board and Industry Council member Navia Sharma and the Lions Club of Oakville) – and even accessible transportation was arranged (thanks to an anonymous donor) so that one of the participants and her daughter, who is quadriplegic, were able to attend.



HSH graduate Melissa takes on Volunteer Coordinator role

HSH graduate Melissa Filice stepped in when HSH needed a Volunteer Coordinator last year. Melissa handled volunteers for the annual Empty Bowls event and holds the position of HSH event Volunteer Coordinator. Melissa graduated from the Human Resources diploma program.

HSH Champion Campaign: RUNNING ON EMPTY

Early in the year, our participants started to struggle financially as the costs of transportation kept rising. To help with these costs, Katelyn Zaoral – Marketing and Events Coordinator at HSH launched the Running on Empty campaign, where our amazing community donated \$10,000 in gas and Uber gift cards. A special thanks to Peter and Eve Willis, who matched an individual donor's contributions through the Aqueduct Foundation to ensure we hit our \$5,000 goal that was then matched by the anonymous donor.

Home Suite Hope partnered with Robin, a recent graduate of our Homeward Bound Halton program, to expand our Running on Empty campaign.

HSH provided a platform for Robin to share her story through an HSH mail-out Campaign, the Empty Bowls Fundraiser and social media. With the support of HSH, Robin's Partners in Change sponsor Mark M and the community, Robin was able to obtain funds from March of Dimes, Easter Seals and several anonymous donors to purchase her first accessible van.

Robin's daughter, Leanne, was diagnosed with Hirschsprung's Disease. She required surgery, during which she flatlined which resulted in brain injury. She was subsequently diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy. As a result, Leanne is quadriplegic and requires full-time, total care.

This vehicle will be life changing and HSH is so very grateful to Robin's Partner in Change for all his help and guidance of Robin through this process, and to this amazing community of supporters who made this possible for her family.

Hope 4 Holidays

HSH was once again humbled by the amount of community support provided to each of our families throughout its annual Hope 4 Holidays campaign 2022.

Long-time and new donors quickly stepped up to sponsor families by shopping to fill family members' holiday wish lists. The GTA Team employees at Mondelez then spent nearly 24 hours of time in wrapping parties, gift wrapping and tagging the gifts, so they'd be ready in time for holiday distribution.

Home Suite Hope is proud to say its annual Hope 4 Holidays campaign successfully served approximately 30 families and saw the return of its annual Hope 4 Holidays Dinner, attended by participants, their children, mentors, supporters – and Santa!

Special thanks to the Oakville Firefighters Toy Drive for donating toys handed out to the children attending the Holiday Dinner hosted at Sheridan College – and to the firefighters for attending and bringing their fire truck and Santa to the event to distribute the gifts to the children.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored a family or those businesses and individuals who donated gift cards or personal hygiene and household cleaning products to our holiday drive, either in-person or by donating to #GivingTuesday or through CanadaHelps. Every HSH family not only received gifts and gift cards, but also a holiday sack full of supplies. A special thanks to everyone who stepped up as a volunteer driver to help deliver the gifts to participants at the holidays.

Blueberry Fields

Home Suite Hope's Community Garden, Blueberry Fields, had another successful season in partnership with the Upper Oakville Shopping Centre, Garden Manager Ken Stockstill and Volunteer Coordinator Ruth Borst.

While the HSH team dug in at the garden, established in 2016, the heavy lifting for the season, from planting to harvesting, was done by volunteers, individuals from the community and corporate groups that included employees from Ian Martin Group and Sagen Canada.

Produce from the garden was distributed to people in need, including HSH families, through Kerr Street Mission. According to Ruth, the garden produced approximately 300 kg of vegetables in the season. Garlic was also planted at the end of the season to grow over the winter.



Life Skills partners with SIDEKICK

Home Suite Hope celebrated a new partnership with SIDEKICK. In the month of November, we had the privilege to facilitate our virtual workshops using SIDEKICK. Our Youth Money Management Workshop was the first workshop to be run through the SIDEKICK program. SIDEKICK provided a more interactive platform where participants were able to participate in real time activities, surveys, polls, and live discussions. We look forward to working alongside SIDEKICK with our youth and single parents!

Sheridan students design Life Skills virtual game

Home Suite Hope and Sheridan College team up in many ways. Kevin Jacob Stanly and Matthew Tunney completed their Bachelor's in Game Design at Sheridan College with Honors and both did their Co-op Education in the summer term with Home Suite Hope.

The team researched and developed a virtual Grocery Shopping Game for Life Skills programs thanks to Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) funding.

They designed a rapid prototype gamified Basic Life Skills in Grocery Shopping to create a more interactive and inclusive curriculum for our single parents.

Kevin is a passionate game designer and developer. Matthew specializes in drawing and 3D modeling and has experience using the Twine engine. Targeted marketing efforts in understanding the lived experiences of motherhood was informed by Rachel Millar, a Marketing Assistant whose position was funded by the YWCA-Hamilton and who worked with HSH to help spread the word about the game.

Check it out at <https://homesuitieshope.itch.io/budget-buster>



William G. Davis Scholarship, awarded by FCT

For the past four years, FCT has presented the William G. Davis Scholarship award to the child of one of our single parent participants or graduates. In 2021, Kyjuana Marksman won the scholarship and in the summer of 2022, she landed a summer internship with FCT. Kyjuana has a keen interest in law, both Canadian and international, and a history of community involvement and leadership at school and in her church. She speaks four languages including French, Spanish and Korean, and is studying political science at Western University.

In 2022, FCT named Aaliyah Gordon as the winner of FCT's William G. Davis Scholarship award. Aaliyah was honored at a September 6 ceremony at FCT attended by her family members. Aaliyah began her degree in Environmental Science at York University.

Summer survival kit

Now, an official corporate partner of HSH, Raise (formerly Ian Martin Group) has continued seeing its employees volunteer at Blueberry Fields. There is often a wait list of employees looking for future gardening opportunities.

Besides rolling up sleeves at Blueberry Fields, Raise employees on B-Corp Week launch the Ian Martin Basic Needs Program. The company and its employees worked with Kits for a Cause to purchase, assemble and then deliver Summer Survival Kits to HSH single-parent participants and their families.

This year also marked the second that Raise (formerly Ian Martin Group) was involved in HSH's signature fundraiser Empty Bowls hosted by St. Mildred's- Lightbourn School. Previously, company employees had been in the warehouse packing and then helped deliver soup kits as HSH co-hosted its COVID-19 edition of the fundraiser, Empty Bowls at Home.



Back-to-school backpacks

Thanks to Sagen Canada, in conjunction with Kits for a Cause, HSH single parents and their children received backpacks filled with school supplies for their return to classes in the fall. The backpacks were stocked by Sagen employees and delivered to families just in time for the return to classes.

Partners in Change

Through the Partners in Change campaign, HSH asks community members to step up to contribute the \$9,534 annual funding gap in the approximate \$48,075 per family annual cost of HSH's four-year Homeward Bound Halton program.

Most recently, Raise (formerly Ian Martin Group) continued its commitment as a Partner in Change supporting the funding gap for a single parent-led family through the family's four-year journey from poverty to stability.

- Raise's Sydney Weston also volunteers on the HSH Industry Council and sponsored two families completing their degrees at Sheridan College;
- Mark & Ruth Verlinden, a new Partner in Change came in to support a family over four years as the single parent studies in the Finance and Accounting fields.
- St. Jude's Anglican Church sponsored Melissa and her son Max. Melissa is one of the 2022 Graduates of Homeward Bound Halton and is pursuing a career in Human Resources.
- Mark M and Robin embarked on a \$60,000 fundraising initiative to purchase an accessible van for the Bedminister family.

The Purse Project Network

Thank you to The Purse Project Network for supplying our parents with various self-care and hair products – and for supplying specific products for our racialized single parents. For context: Fifty-three per cent of Home Suite Hope participants identify as women of the BIPOC community and it was an honour to provide products that were culturally appropriate.



Valentine's & Mother's Day

Home Suite Hope moms received a gift bag full of make-up and flowers for Valentine's Day. Thanks to support from Ann's Flower Boutique in Oakville, Mary Kay consultant Amy Blanchard and to Edith and Lori and The May Court Club of Oakville for making this special delivery happen.

International Women's Day

Home Suite Hope challenged everyone to #BreakTheBias for International Women's Day (IWD) 2022.

HSH Executive Director Sara Cumming shared her story at the Urban Economy Forum's Urban Thinkers Campus on March 7 and with Miix Analytics on March 8. HSH Director of Development Krystal Valencia also shared HSH's affordable housing plan on March 7 at the Urban Thinkers Campus.

Sara was also in the spotlight appearing on Cogeco TV's Oakville Matters and Halton News. Sara was also featured on CHCH-TV.

Eid

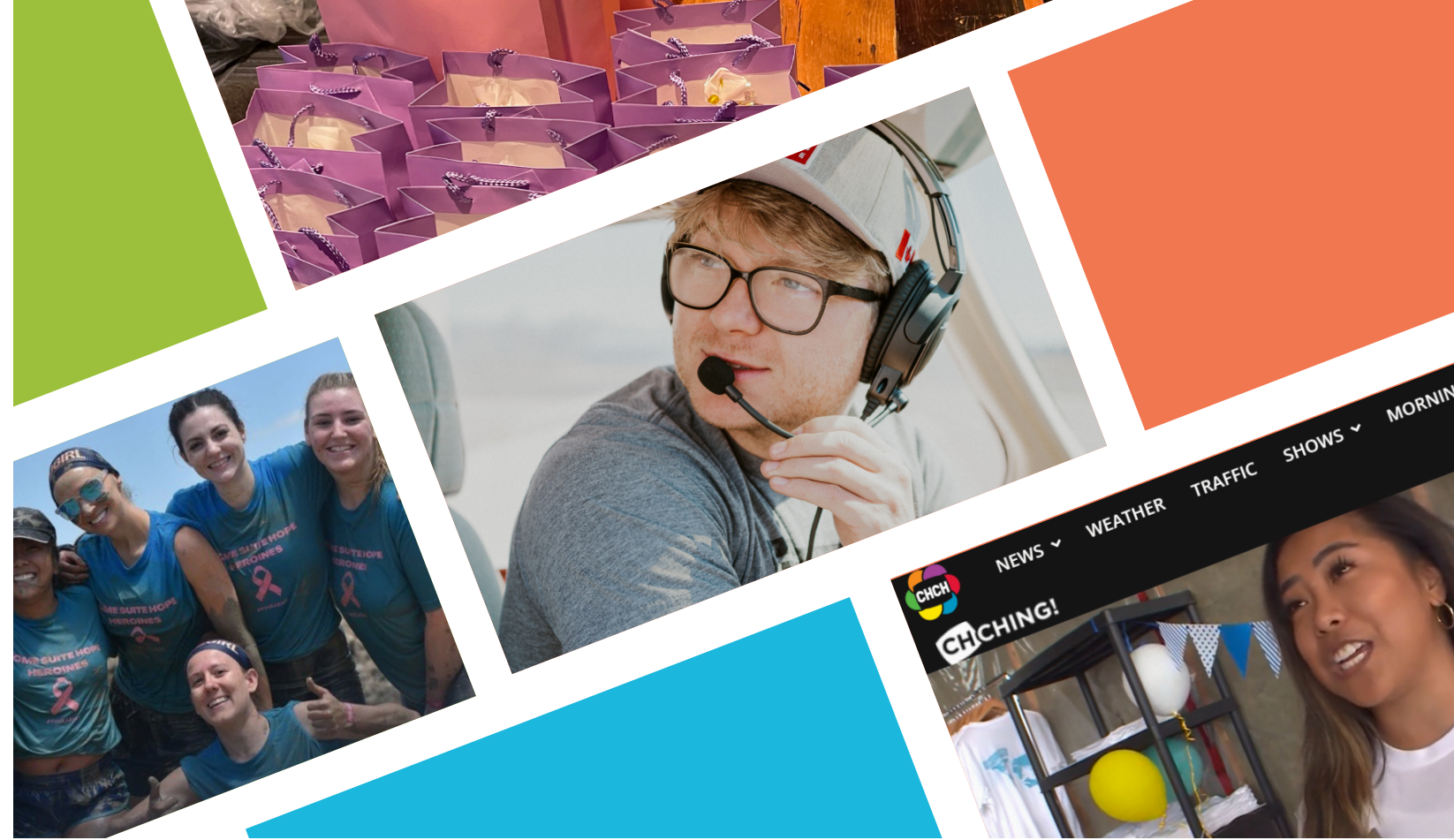
HSH delivered gifts to our moms in celebration of Eid. HSH was supported in its effort by The Purse Project Network and the Halton Shoebox Project led by Stacey Sinclair.

Mudgirl Hamilton

Home Suite Hope Board members, participants, staff and friends – the Home Suite Hope Heroines – weren't shy to get dirty as they stepped up to the challenge by joining Home Suite Hope's MUDGIRL Run team in 2022. All were ready for the all-inclusive, 5km (about 3 miles) race, consisting of 17-plus obstacles to overcome. The course was committed to testing strength, endurance and, above all, spirit.

They competed, raising funds for breast cancer research, having fun and a great experience, regardless of athletic ability – and they did!

Home Suite Hope Heroines will be back again having already signed up for 2023!



Affordable housing

Housing Supply Challenge

Home Suite Hope was one of 29 successful applicants across Canada to receive funding to explore affordable housing options in the CMHC-led Housing Supply Challenge.

That put HSH on the path to create a Housing Committee and a client-informed approach to both creating a standardized process for collecting qualitative data in support of Affordable Housing for Single-Parent Families and conducting a housing feasibility study.

Flight for Hope

HSH is involved in fundraising for its housing project in a couple of ways. It is engaging in a capital campaign and has been identified as a beneficiary of Oakville resident Callum Wallace's fundraising Flight for Hope. (www.flightforhope.com). Watch HSH's Affordable Housing video: Home Suite Hope's Affordable Housing in Halton Campaign.

In June of 2022, Flight for Hope and HSH celebrated the launch of Flight for Hope with a day of fun in the sun at Burlington Executive Airport! The community was welcomed for a launch party BBQ at Callum Wallace's airplane hangar, where his plane was on display and those who wanted a bit of adventure were able to sign up for a flight to soar above the clouds.

SCHOOL GRADUATES & SUCCESS STORIES

Home Suite Hope has the privilege of working with hardworking, determined single parents and witnessing their journey to self-sufficiency. Each milestone, big or small, is a moment for celebration and excitement. We could not be more proud or happier about the success of our participants.



Diamond Bailey

Diamond is a Homeward Bound Halton participant who has graduated from the Sheridan College PSW program.

Prior to completing her HSH programming Diamond secured full-time employment within the PSW field and is adjusting well to her new career.

Now, as a graduate and employed individual, Diamond is excited for the future and ready to move forward with her son, Dion.

Nicole Solty

Nicole is a Homeward Bound Halton participant who has successfully graduated from the Business Human Resources program. Nicole was able to secure an incredible opportunity working at Sheridan College in the HR Employee Relations department.

It was no easy ride completing college courses as a single parent during the pandemic, but Nicole made it happen!

Nicole hopes to one day further her education with a Bachelor's degree in human resources management.



Churchill Fornoles

Churchill entered Home Suite Hope's Homeward Bound Halton program in 2018. Her goal was to create a better life for herself and her son, Gabby.

Churchill graduated from Sheridan College with a diploma in Business - Human Resources. She will be attending her convocation in June 2023.

Churchill has secured full-time employment as a Human Resources Administrator with Upwardor!





Robin Bedminister

Robin entered Home Suite Hope’s Stabilizing First Halton program in 2020. She is currently in Homeward Bound Halton, taking Software Engineering at Sheridan College. Robin plans to graduate from Sheridan in June 2023

Recently, Robin was able to purchase an accessible vehicle for her daughter Leanne, with the support of the community and her HSH Partner in Change.

Robin’s goal is to continue growing as a professional and to be successful within the tech industry.



Melissa

Candice Doyle

Candice is a graduate of Homeward Bound Halton and completed the Paralegal Program at Sheridan College.

Shortly after graduating from Sheridan, she began studying to complete the Paralegal Licensing exam and passed!

Candice is now the Senior Administrative Assistant at Heaps & Doyle (no, it is not her family!).



Going through pregnancy as a new mom and knowing you are going to be doing it alone is not an ideal situation for anyone. Not only do you have the normal concerns a first-time mother has, (like bringing a new baby into this world, wanting the best life possible for them and being afraid of all the unknown that will follow birth), but the unimaginable truth is that having to do it all alone can be terrifying. I was traveling on a work visa overseas at the time for just over a year when I first learned I was pregnant. I had just left a relationship after the first sign of abuse and was completely alone, on the other side of the world. Not long after, I came home with no money in my bank account, not having a single clue what I was going to do and how I was going to take care of this new baby.

At the time, I was 29 years old and moved back in with my parents, where we shared a small townhouse. Given my situation at the time, and all things considered, this would normally be an ideal option. However, my father, who was my best friend, was at home and was very sick. For over three years, he was on life support with severe brain damage. The small living room of the townhouse had become his hospital room, and my mother was his 24/7 caregiver. Everyday nurses and PSWs would constantly come in and out of our home to care for him. Because of this, coupled with the fact that my parents had their own financial struggles, it was not the typical supportive environment that one would find moving back home. It was also very hard to go home and see my father in the state he was in every day. It broke my heart and I really didn’t know how to handle that feeling. I remembered the huge factor in why I decided to get away and travel while working – it was my family situation and being able to avoid the grief I had for my father.

I knew it wasn’t an ideal environment in which to raise a child, but I also didn’t know what to do at that moment other than to work where I could and try to get back on my own feet. Previously, I only worked at restaurants or gyms, doing shift work that was not ideal and unstable for a single mother. However, due to the lack of time and money, I went back to work at a restaurant at which I had worked when I was a teenager. I worked hard and took as many shifts as I could to ensure that I got all the eligible hours for maternity leave through EI when my baby was born. Instead of thinking about all the hurdles I may have to face, I tried to focus on my beautiful baby that I would bring into this world, while saving every dollar that I could in such a short time. I also attended parenting classes in the community, read tons of baby books and focused my attention on learning how to become the best mother I could be.

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE FROM A GRADUATE...

On June 10, 2019, I went into labour, with my sister at my side and I gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. The next day when I was alone with my son in the hospital room a public health nurse came in to see me. She asked about scheduling a home visit, which I quickly declined as I was afraid that due to my living situation and the biases that come with being a single mother with low income, they would see it as unfit for a baby. She went on to mention a program in Halton that she could tell me more about during the home visit, Home Suite Hope (HSH); a wrap-around support program that helped single parents go from homelessness to self-sufficiency, including going back to school. I could not believe my ears. I thought it was too good to be true. I wanted to go back to school and start a career so badly but was in no position to do so financially as a single mother. This program would give me everything that I needed to be able to create the life I wanted to give my son. Though I was still hesitant of the nurse coming to my parent's house, I quickly changed my mind and scheduled a home visit with her.

I later went through the interview process to get into HSH. I knew it was a very competitive program as they have only limited places each year due to funding. When I got the call that I was accepted into the program I remember being so grateful and emotional. I had hope for my son and my future.

It did take some time to find housing. I remember paying to take a cab to look at an apartment but was quickly turned away even before seeing the space. This was because the landlord found out I was currently on maternity leave and would be a subsidized renter. Luckily, the lady from Halton who worked with HSH, found a nice young couple who were looking to rent out their basement apartment and agreed to have my son and me as tenants. My son was 5 months old when we moved into our very own place.

HSH supported me through everything else that was to follow. I had enrolled at Sheridan and less than three months before I started, the COVID pandemic began. My small savings from when I was pregnant quickly depleted, and I was really scraping by financially for some time. I felt a lot of shame in using community support and receiving food assistance. That shame only pushed me to work harder in my studies and do everything I could to complete the HSH program, while being home alone with a baby during the pandemic.

On top of the isolation and struggles that came with COVID, I also lost my father in October 2020. Losing him brought me so much despair. You think seeing them sick for so long prepares you for what is about to come, but it doesn't. Nothing prepares you for grief that heavy. I had to stay strong for my son and luckily, I had a great team of support with HSH.



Dr. Sara Cumming, the Executive Director of HSH, was always there if any participant needed to reach out, despite her busy schedule. She is truly an amazing woman with an incredible story of her own. Her guidance throughout the program meant a lot to me. My Case Manager Nikkian Hanson, was also such an amazing support to me throughout my whole journey. She works tirelessly to support the families at HSH and I hope she knows that her efforts do not go unnoticed or unappreciated. I am beyond grateful to these strong women and all the lovely workers and students at HSH.

During my time with HSH, I was also connected to some amazing mentors. Dr. Janet Morrison, President & Vice Chancellor at Sheridan College, and Lynn Petruskavich, a community member that I met at an HSH mentor social event, who has now become a lifelong friend to me. Both women have made such an impact on my journey. They believed in my success before I did. Their kindness, guidance, and shared experiences helped me so much more than they both will ever know. Dr. Janet Morrison also put me in touch with some of her colleagues at Sheridan who worked in the same field that I was studying, Human Resources. I was grateful for all their knowledge and guidance they shared with me as well, especially from a member of the board of Governors at Sheridan college, Joanne Rivard. She really took the time to help me with my resume and interview skills. I gained a lot of confidence from my meetings with Joanne and I am so thankful for the time she took with me.

I graduated from the Human Resources diploma program at Sheridan with honours in April 2022. I was even approved by HSH during my studies to complete extra courses outside of my diploma. I completed these over the summer to qualify for the CHRP exam. I was proud and ready to find employment in the real world. I got an unpaid internship for a non-profit, volunteer-based company overseas that I completed over two months. However, I was unable to secure immediate employment without any work experience in the field, despite my efforts. I am now working full time as an HR Coordinator for a global tech company and I can honestly say that I love my new job.

I have graduated from the HSH program and can finally say I am financially self-sufficient.

I will forever be grateful to Home Suite Hope for giving me the opportunities they did that allowed me to be able to change my trajectory and provide a stable life for me and my son. They showed me the power and impact that giving back can have for a single person. I now work with Home Suite Hope in a volunteer role as their Volunteer Coordinator. Giving back is something I will continue to do for the rest of my life now. If I can help just one small family the way Home Suite Hope, my mentors and all the Halton community supports who helped me did, then I will have made a difference. Just as all these amazing people did for me and my beautiful son, Max, who is my whole world.

To all the single moms out there who are currently struggling, know that there is support out there and you do not need to feel shame in asking for help. You are all amazing and you got this. Keep your head up and don't lose hope.

Melissa

Melissa
2022 HSH Graduate

OUR FINANCES

Home Suite Hope had another good year financially in 2022. We maintained our level donations year over year. It is important for HSH to continue to secure donations from corporations and individuals so that we are not as reliant upon grants. Having a more reliant income stream enables us to assist more families end the cycle of poverty.

Our revenues were slightly down which was mainly due to a decrease in sponsorships and fundraising offset by grants from our partners at Halton Region, the Oakville Community Foundation and the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Our expenses increased by just over 6% due mainly to our participant support, wages and office as we increased the families we assisted and increased the number of programs in 2022. HSH continues to ensure that our employees are paid competitively and in 2023 will be implementing a living wage policy.

Home Suite Hope will be building on our success in the past few years to continue implementing our strategic plan with an emphasis on housing.

Statement of Financial Position

	2022	2021
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	354,277	220,202
Short-term investments	262,231	185,060
Accounts receivable	24,097	6,561
Prepaid expenses	15,201	5,677
	<u>655,806</u>	<u>417,500</u>
Property, plant and equipment	8,946	20,437
Investments		
Oakville Community Funds	399,495	436,061
Long-term investments	127,080	275,000
	<u>526,575</u>	<u>711,061</u>
	<u>1,191,327</u>	<u>1,148,998</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	40,314	26,773
Deferred revenue	108,592	119,564
	<u>148,906</u>	<u>146,337</u>
Net Assets		
Internally restricted	872,859	904,059
Invested in property, plant and equipment	8,946	20,437
Unrestricted	160,616	78,165
	<u>1,042,421</u>	<u>1,002,661</u>
	<u>1,191,327</u>	<u>1,148,998</u>

Statement of Operations

	2022	2021
REVENUE		
Donations	233,122	226,938
Fundraising	35,310	44,549
Grants	710,213	661,409
Other	(15,252)	50,462
Sponsorship	26,500	33,806
	<u>989,893</u>	<u>1,017,164</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Amortization	11,491	13,076
Fundraising	22,772	36,475
Insurance	5,374	4,500
Non-recoverable sales tax	3,592	5,103
Office and general	63,661	67,681
Participant support	614,625	584,358
Professional fees	40,834	39,649
Volunteer program	1,384	21,466
Wages and benefits	186,400	142,233
	<u>950,133</u>	<u>914,541</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditure (expenditure over revenue) for year	<u>39,760</u>	<u>102,623</u>

*To reduce our environmental footprint and paper consumption, we have made our audited financial statements available on our website.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

Thank you to all our donors, friends, ambassadors and networks that have given so generously this past fiscal year. Your continual commitment to our participants and their families through donations, grants, in-kind support and fundraisers such as Empty Bowls support our families in changing their trajectories from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Every participant who comes to Home Suite Hope works hard to disrupt cycles of poverty, a quest that is only made possible through your generosity.

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EMPTY BOWLS

In its 14th year, Empty Bowls has grown to become a gathering that our community knows and loves. We know how much our families and friends throughout the community anticipate attending this event every fall.

Every year, Halton comes together to support Home Suite Hope's Empty Bowls, presented by Taylor Group. The annual fundraiser brings the entire community around the table as ticketholders are provided with delicious soups, bread, and desserts donated by local restaurants and businesses, and each ticket purchase shares the delectable tastes that Halton has to offer while supporting Home Suite Hope to make a great change in our communities.

Back by popular demand, **Empty Bowls 2022** returned in-person at St. Mildred's Lightbourn School on Sunday, November 6th, 2022 from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM and raised \$54,226.45.

Over 250 attendees received:
 7 soups from local chefs
 Bread for dipping
 A ceramic bowl
 Delicious desserts



Presenting



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Silver



Bronze



In-Kind



Volunteer



Bowl painting parties hosted

Soup vendors



Desserts



Bowls



MESSAGE FROM BOARD CHAIR

To our Home Suite Hope Community:

It is an unusually warm day in April as I write this message. This summer weather which will sadly disappear next week, reminds me that June is just around the corner, and it won't be long until the Home Suite Hope community gathers to recognize the achievements of 11 graduates at the June Graduation Ceremony to take place at Sheridan College. It is a moment of triumph for these moms and their families to have achieved their goals of education, employment and stability. I offer my sincere congratulations to our graduates and remind participants currently in the program that you too will be celebrated and the staff at Home Suite Hope and its Board of Directors are here to help you achieve it.

Despite a tumultuous year of inflation and tighter housing availability causing increased challenges for Home Suite Hope, the organization continued to provide support to 81 individuals. Eleven new families began their journey to break the cycle of poverty through HSH programming, and all our Homeward Bound Halton participants exited that program with employment in their field of education. This year also marked the end of our third year of our Ontario Trillium Foundation funded Homeward Bound Halton Youth with two young mothers graduating college and five others in different stages of programming. The partnership Home Suite Hope has developed with Sheridan College has continued to flourish and expanded beyond providing scholarship and mentorship to also employing graduates in relevant fields. Additionally, Halton Region, the Oakville Community Foundation, United Way Halton Hamilton, Shifra Homes, Children's Aid Society, Raise (formerly Ian Martin Group) and Bell Canada were some of the incredible collaborators in the work we do. On behalf of the entire Board, I offer our sincere gratitude to every person and organization that was able to contribute to Home Suite Hope in 2022.

As a Board, we have continued to stay focused on improving representation of the diversity of the Halton region on our Board of Directors. We continue to uphold our pledge to the 50-30 Challenge committing to gender parity and at least 30% of our Board members and senior management come from historically under-represented groups. We currently have 64% women and 27% equity-deserving groups representation on our Board. Our goal is to continue to increase participation of equity-deserving groups in the upcoming year. This year we said goodbye to Troy McLean, Burhana Bello-Ayorinde, Mary Sheridan and Barrie Carlyle and welcomed Rachael Pulis, Melani Bastians, Julianna Varpalotai-Xavier, Rose Sharifi, Nazeera Khan and Emma Jarratt to the Board. I am now beginning my second year as the Chair with Ted Ecclestone continuing his role as Vice Chair, Kevin Farrell as Treasurer and Lisa Tracey in her role as the Board Secretary.

Finally, the Board would be remiss not to highlight our deep appreciation of our Executive Director, Dr. Sara Cumming and the incredible dedicated staff. For the past three years this team has been required to continuously innovate in elements of service delivery and have, without fail, kept the needs of the participants at the forefront in all they do.

I want to thank each one of our donors and stakeholders who have volunteered, sponsored and supported Home Suite Hope over the past year. Lastly, thank you to the Board of Directors who volunteer their time to support this organization as we work to provide Halton Region families with the opportunity to end the cycle of poverty.

Thank you for your continued support of Home Suite Hope,

France
France Fournier
HSH Board Chair



STAFF & BOARD TEAM 2022



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Executive Director



Krystal Valencia
Director of
Development



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New 2023 Members



Sasha McCartney-Stevens
Project Coordinator



Haley Weber
Case worker



Temisha Jaques
Case worker

In 2022, Program Manager Catherine Villasenor welcomed her son Caidan in July and began her maternity leave. As staff stepped up to cover new areas of responsibility – Nikkian Hanson became Interim Program Manager and HSH welcomed new staff. By 2023, Leah Burton-Saliba had moved on to pursue a new counselling opportunity and HSH welcomed Haley Weber and current intern Temisha Jaques into the role of case workers. Sarah Gillen was also turning to give full-time attention to her counselling practice leaving the Life Skills role. Sasha McCartney-Stevens joined our team as a Project Coordinator, overseeing Life Skills and other special projects. Meanwhile, after a very successful Empty Bowls event, Katelyn Zaoral moved from a part-time fundraising assistant role into a full-time role as Marketing & Events Coordinator in the new year. Krystal Valencia also transitioned into the role of Housing Consultant for 2023. While the staff may look a little different, the love these women have for each other and for the organization and participants stays strong!

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GET INVOLVED

Industry Council

The Industry Council plays a critical role in the development and success of the Homeward Bound Halton program. The Industry Council is a group of senior executives from a variety of fields with decision-making authority who meet throughout the Homeward Bound Halton program to support the professional advancement of participants in the program. The Industry Council is a group made up of 8-12 representatives from organizations including private sector businesses, non-profit and public sector employers, community champions with influence in the local community and representatives from employment services at the local college, municipality or community services organization. A key success factor for Homeward Bound Halton participants is that the college programs available through the program are aligned to the local labour market opportunities with the organizations that sit on the Industry Council. If interested or would like more information please contact Nikkian at Nikkianh@HomeSuiteHope.org

Board Committees

Do you have a skillset that can help us improve services? Are you an expert at IT, fundraising, governance or accounting? How about marketing and branding? Home Suite Hope welcomes all insight onto special subcommittees that meet quarterly. Email France our Board chair at Francef@HomeSuiteHope.org

Special Events

Do you enjoy event planning? Home Suite Hope cannot survive without fundraising events. We have been so fortunate to have a dynamic Empty Bowls volunteer committee to help steer this successful event annually. We are hoping to expand the types of events we do and are looking for volunteers to help plan and organize! Email Katelyn at Katelynz@HomeSuiteHope.org for more information.

Blueberry Fields

Do you like to be outdoors and working with your hands? Upper Oakville Shopping Centre envisioned the creation of a community garden for the residents of Oakville Blueberry Fields. They wanted to amplify their community work by endowing Home Suite Hope with the harvest. Each year volunteers from the community plant, grow and harvest fruits and vegetables, and we are deeply grateful. Email Volunteers@HomeSuiteHope.org for more information or to get involved.

Community Mentors

It is crucial for marginalized populations to have access to role models. Home Suite Hope offers homeless single parents the opportunity to rebuild their lives. Our mentoring program connects our eager single parents with community members who want to see them succeed. Home Suite Hope's mentoring program started with its Homeward Bound Halton program as a means to helping students' network and prepare for their new careers. HSH would like to expand this program and offer it to participants in both the Homeward Bound Halton and Stabilizing First Halton program. We believe mentoring – professional or informal – would help empower people by providing positive models and networking opportunities. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Nikkian at Nikkianh@HomeSuiteHope.org

Virtual workshops

Do you have a skill you'd like to teach our participants? Do you teach mindfulness? Yoga? Offer baking or painting classes? Want to teach our participants basic car maintenance? We are always looking for an array of skills to pass on to our participants! Email Sasham@HomeSuiteHope.org

Third Party Events

Every contribution makes a huge difference, and all proceeds raised in your community will directly support the programs and services at Home Suite Hope. Email Katelynz@HomeSuiteHope.org

Home for Good Gala

The Home For Good Gala is coming to a city near you this November! This is Home Suite Hope's first-ever gala celebrating the launch of HSH's affordable housing campaign and the return of Flight For Hope and it's around the world flight. Join the planning committee by emailing Katelynz@HomeSuiteHope.org

Hope for Holidays

Our annual Hope 4 Holiday's campaign needs your help to support HSH families by purchasing and donating items on their wish lists. The wish lists are posted on our website leading up to the holiday season. Gifts can be purchased and then dropped off at our office by mid-November. Volunteer gift wrappers then wrap the gifts for distribution to HSH families at a holiday dinner to be held in mid-December. Email Nikkian at Nikkianh@HomeSuiteHope.org for more details.



In loving Memory of Ken Stockstill

Founder of community garden, Blueberry
Fields, and a volunteer and friend to
Home Suite Hope.