



Newsletter

JULY 2026

July 1 – Canada Day

July 18 – Nelson Mandela
International Day (UN)

July 29 – Asalha Puja Day
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COUNTRY ROADS TAKE ME HOME



Home Suite Hope's **Country Roads Take Me Home** was Sunday, June 14. Despite a soggy start, the team - and supporters, persevered and a fun time was had by everyone with great music, awesome line dancing and delicious food.

HSH is grateful to everyone who purchased a ticket, took part in the fun and supported single parents on their journey from poverty to stability.

A big thank-you to all those who sponsored the event.

See inside for more

READ HSH 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

We invite you to read **HSH's 2025 Annual Report** and review our **2025 Financial Statement**.

[Read the HSH 2025 Annual Report](#)
[Review the HSH 2025 Financial Statement](#)

PARTICIPANT NEWS

KRISTINA GRADUATES

HSH congratulates Homeward Bound Halton participant Kristina who graduated in June from **Sheridan College's Advertising and Marketing Communications** program. Here, Kristina at her graduation ceremony, shakes hands with **Sheridan's President Dr. Cindy Gouveia**.

'Thank you HSH for everything. I feel so empowered and blessed to have had this opportunity. You've helped me obtain a future I never thought possible.'

Kristina

Everyone at HSH is so proud of Kristina's accomplishment and we wish her the very best going forward!



PATHWAYS FORWARD INTAKE EXPANDING

Intake is underway in an expansion by 10 families of the HSH **Pathways Forward** program.

Home Suite Hope's pilot program, Pathways Forward, was initially made possible through a grant from the **Robert Kerr Foundation** and the **Halo Fund, a division of the Minto Foundation**. Having recently

received funding to expand thanks to grow grant funding from the **Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF)**, HSH caseworkers are currently involved in the intake of 10 additional families to the program, with an additional 10 families to follow next year.

This new funding is a grow grant across three years for a total \$285,400. Home Suite Hope is using the funds to expand its Pathways Forward program to serve more single parent families through extended housing-first supports that build stability, independence, and longterm financial security.



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The program serves single mothers and single fathers who need assistance stabilizing in housing while pursuing employment opportunities through routes other than college, such as employment, micro credentials or re-skilling - a shorter, employment-focused path compared to HSH's signature four-year housing/education/employment Homeward Bound Halton program.

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PATHWAYS FORWARD

Funded by:



Pathways Forward is a **one-year program** by Home Suite Hope supporting single-parent families in Halton Region to achieve stable housing, wellness, and meaningful employment.

PROGRAMS SOCIAL

MEAL PLANNING & FINANCES ON THE MENU

On June 10, HSH participants were treated to an engaging presentation in partnership with **BusyMom Kitchen** and **Preye Ukeko**.

The gathering focused on building strong financial foundations, and building the same - health and wellness - in the kitchen.

Chinwe from **BusyMom Kitchen** shared her budgeting tips for healthy and savvy cooking as well as some delicious food as well. We thank both women for sharing their time and expertise with HSH participants!



HOME SUITE HOPE RESOURCE HUB!

Our Resource Hub is here to support you every step of the way. Explore community resources, educational opportunities, employment supports, wellness services, and more—all in one place. See all of our covered areas below. Whether you're looking for information, guidance, or your next opportunity, we're here to help you connect with the resources you need to thrive.

 Food & Nutrition	 Clothing	 Shelter
 Health	 Mental Health	 Parenting
 2SLGBTQIA+	 Legal & Advocacy	 Youth

HSH RESOURCE HUB: ONE-STOP SHOP FOR SUPPORT

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HSH 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

HOME SUITE
HOPE

BUILDING
STABILITY.
BUILDING
FUTURES.

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



129

INDIVIDUALS
SERVED



52

FAMILIES
SUPPORTED



77

CHILDREN
SUPPORTED

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HSH 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

2025 - If 2024 was a year of stabilizing and strategizing, 2025 will be remembered as the year we chose momentum over retreat.

Rising housing costs and mounting fiscal pressures forced us into some of the most difficult decisions in our organization's history.

We entered 2025 preparing to reduce the number of families we could serve and bracing for potential staffing cuts. For a moment, it seemed that contraction was inevitable.

Instead, because of your belief in this mission and the remarkable resilience of our team, Home Suite Hope experienced one of the most transformational years in our 20-year history.

Sara Cumming, Executive Director, HSH

HSH's Annual General Meeting was held June 25 and we invite you to read the [2025 Annual Report](#) and review the [2025 Financial Statement](#).

OUR FINANCES

Home Suite Hope had an extremely successful year financially in 2025 despite a difficult start to the year that looked like we would have to cut costs in 2025. We successfully launched new programs for single parent families. This resulted in an increase in income of 42% year over year due to higher support in most of our major classes of income - Grants, Fundraising and Sponsorship. This increase was due to 2025 being a particularly successful year because of the hard work of the grant writing and development team. It resulted in the Pathways Forward and Haven to Home programs doubling the number of participants and resulted in additional funds being received from Government Grants in 2025. HSH is working on spreading the reach of these programs over longer periods to establish more reliable income for the future. Our expenses increased by 17%. This increase is explained by higher Participant Support expenses as we have more participants in our programs. It should be noted that the surplus created in 2025 will be spent in 2026 as an element of the income received in 2025 relates to future expenditure.

Statement of Financial Position		2025	2024
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	253,617	664,710	
Short-term investments	519,467	66,342	
Accounts Receivable	15,486	32,604	
Other Current Assets	87,135	27,315	
	875,705	790,971	
Property, plant and equipment	37,315	41,561	
Investments			
Oakville Community Funds	461,953	444,841	
	1,374,973	1,277,373	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	10,923	25,582	
Deferred revenue	234,386	219,321	
	244,903	244,903	
Deferred contributions - property, plant & equipment	23,468	33,525	
	257,854	278,428	
Equity			
Internally restricted	981,520	860,383	
Invested in property, plant and equipment	13,847	8,036	
Unrestricted	121,752	130,526	
	1,117,119	998,945	
	1,374,973	1,277,373	

Statement of Operations

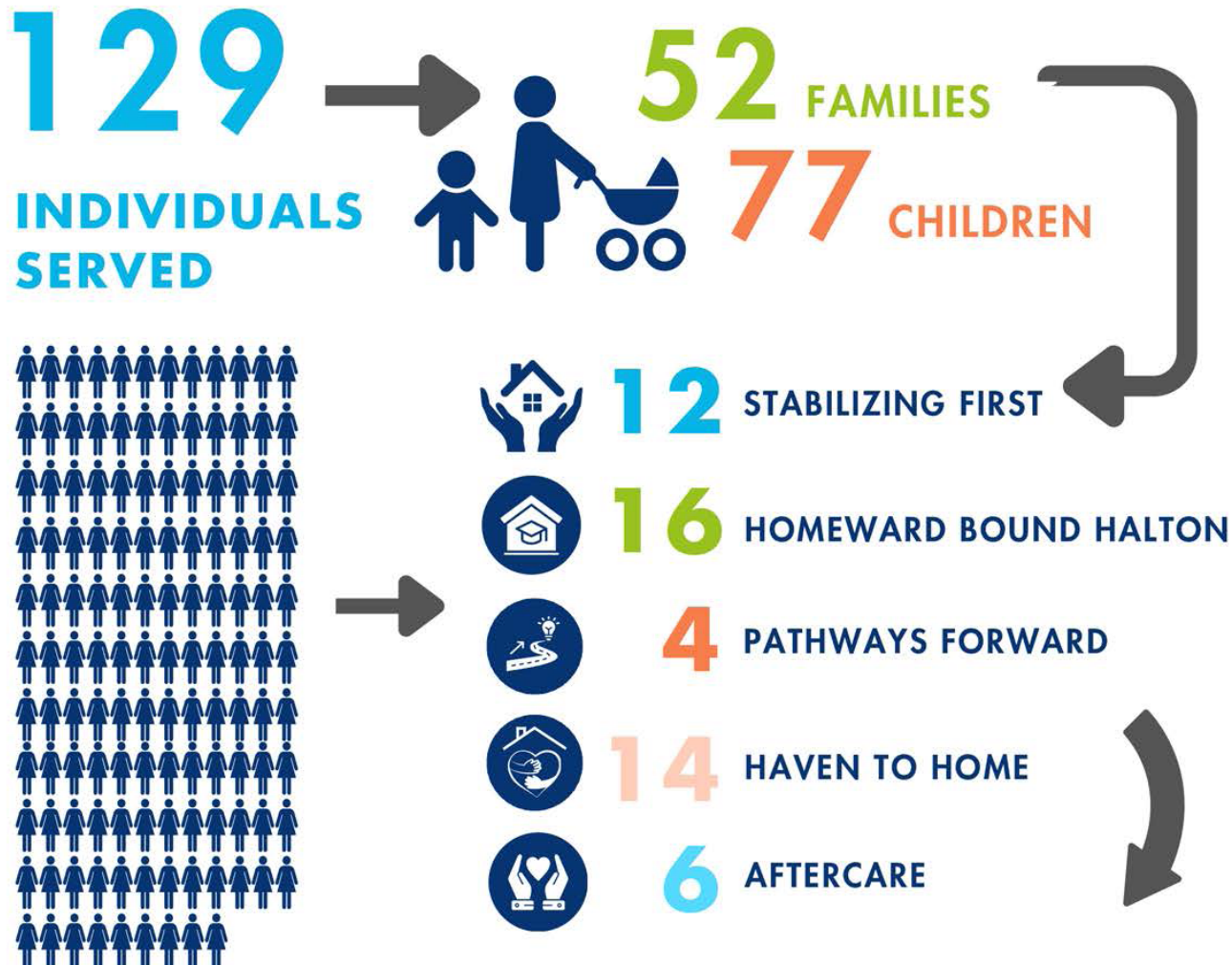
	2025	2024
REVENUE		
Donations	206,878	208,945
Fundraising	82,865	42,990
Grants	850,870	495,521
Other	20,319	61,542
Sponsorship	42,500	41,500
	1,203,452	850,498
EXPENDITURE		
Administration	16,651	19,486
Fundraising	16,315	16,880
Insurance	9,763	9,509
Non-recoverable sales tax	5,962	5,307
Office and general	81,591	68,187
Participant Support	777,798	624,947
Professional fees	65,277	71,740
Volunteer program	-	-
Wages and benefits	111,921	110,007
	1,085,278	926,083
Excess of expenditure over revenue (revenue over expenditure) for year	118,174	(75,585)

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

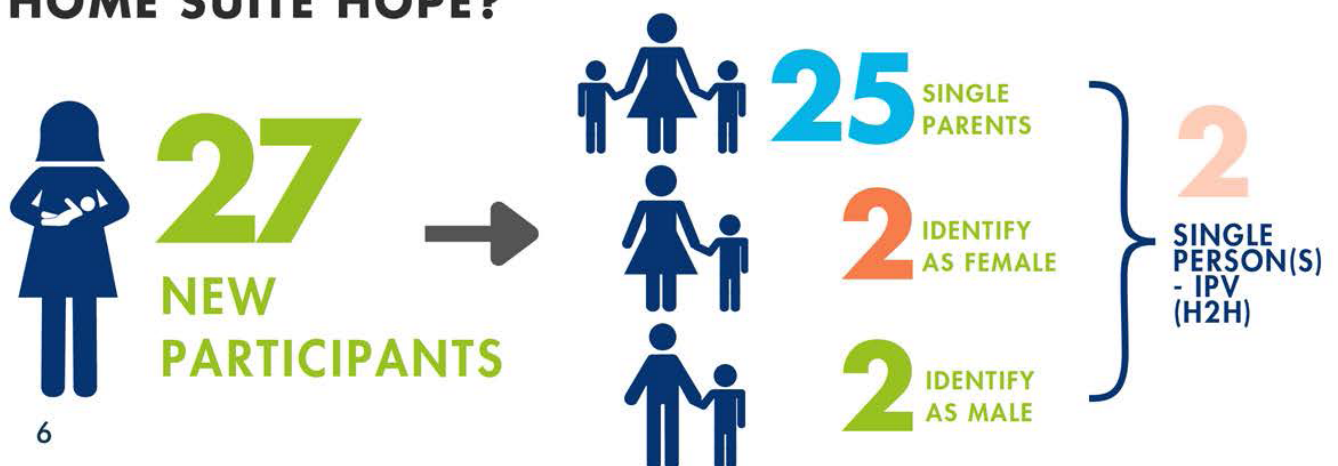


HSH 2025 OUTCOMES

HOW MANY FAMILIES DID WE SERVE?

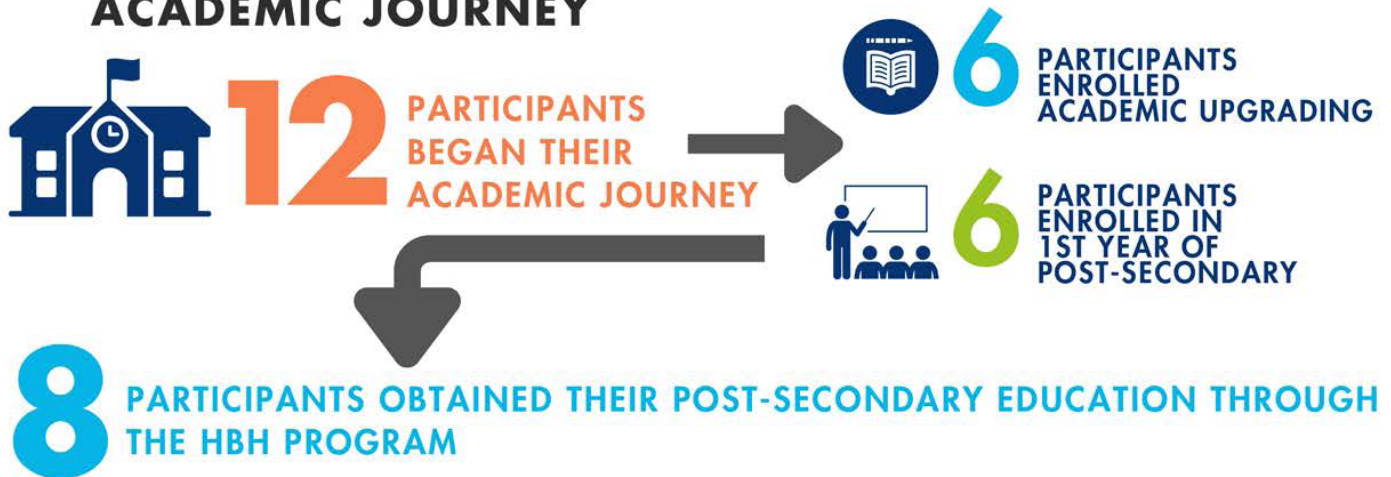


HOW MANY PARTICIPANTS WERE ON-BOARDED INTO PROGRAMMING WITH HOME SUITE HOPE?

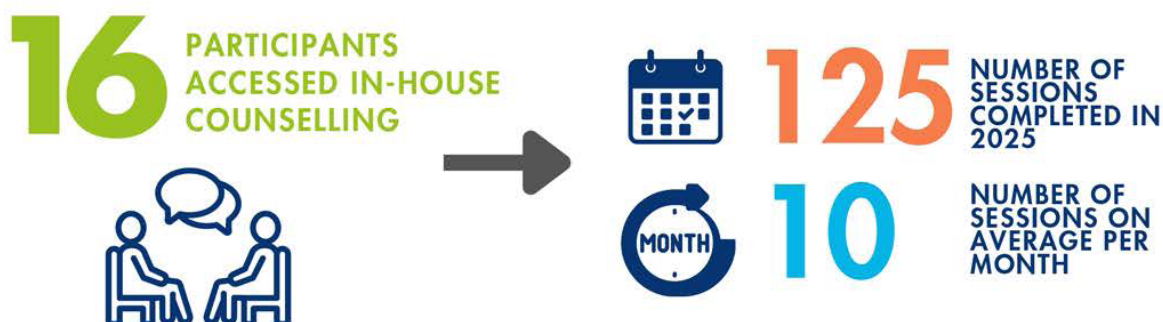


HSH 2025 OUTCOMES

ACADEMIC JOURNEY



HOW MANY PARTICIPANTS HAVE COMPLETED THE HBH PROGRAM?



BOARD NEWS

CHANGES AT THE TOP



CHANGES IN CHAIR & VICE CHAIR ROLES

Home Suite Hope is pleased to announce that **Nazeera Khan** (centre) will be **HSH Board Chair** as **Emma Jarratt's** (left) tenure as Chair comes to a close, leaving big shoes to fill. Nazeera will be supported by **Rose Sharifi** (right) who is taking on the role of **Vice Chair**.

Emma is an investigative multimedia journalist in Toronto whose work has been nominated for national awards and appeared in some of Canada's largest news outlets. Emma also has a wealth of personal experience and insights she brings to her role at Home Suite Hope. She will continue on the Board as Past Chair.

Nazeera is an authentic and energetic leader with many years of global experience and qualifications and a successful track record in her career. She is an excellent communicator and has a personal interest in continuous learning and development. Nazeera is originally from South Africa and has visited nearly two dozen countries, loves the outdoors, adventure and fitness which led to her hiking and climbing on Mt. Kilimanjaro. She is fluent in five languages and is learning others. Nazeera's lived experiences have contributed to her resiliency and a passion about helping and making a difference in the lives of others. She has been a volunteer, mentor and Industry Council coach with HSH as well as serving on its Board, and Governance and Fundraising committees. Nazeera also supports animal rescue and conservation efforts.

Rose is a lawyer dually licensed in Ontario, Canada and California, U.S.A. She is an experienced lawyer with a demonstrated skillset in a variety of practice areas. Rose is skilled in negotiation, legal writing, management and leadership. She completed her J.D. at the University of Ottawa and her undergraduate B.A. (Hons) in Political Science at McMaster University. Rose most recently was Associate General Counsel at Sheridan College. Rose not only serves on the HSH Board but also as Chair of its Governance Committee.

BOARD UPDATE

KEEPING TRACK OF THE BOOKS



REAL TREASURES IN FINANCE

HSH welcomes one of its newer Board members, **Robyn Pangman**, as **Treasurer**. Robyn has served on the Board and its Finance Committee and is taking on the role of Treasurer as **Kevin Farrell** steps down from the HSH Board after many years of noteworthy service.

Kevin joined the HSH Finance Committee in 2021, then joined the Board and became Treasurer. He is an experienced chartered accountant and an accomplished finance leader with extensive multinational experience in the mining, engineering, and not-for-profit sectors. He has a big four background in audit and advisory with a strong technical accounting expertise. Kevin has lived in Oakville since 2010 and joined HSH after retiring. He is now stepping down to more fully enjoy retirement. He is married with three adult children and he and his wife are active members of St. Jude's Anglican Church and its Outreach Committee. They often cook at Kerr Street Mission and help in the distribution of food to seniors and those in need. Kevin is also a CRA volunteer who completes tax returns for low-income individuals and families. HSH is indebted to Kevin for his time, talent and expertise over many years. Thank you, Kevin!

Robyn, born and raised in Oakville, joined Henderson Partners LLP in 2008 and has been a partner there since 2014. A graduate of Dalhousie University in 2001, Robyn travelled extensively, and then joined PricewaterhouseCoopers in Edinburgh, Scotland where she obtained her CA designation in 2007. She subsequently obtained the Canadian CA designation on her return to Canada in 2008.

Robyn's specialty is in tax and business advisory services. As a Partner at Henderson Partners, she works closely with professionals, entrepreneurial private companies, their owners and their families. Robyn is actively involved in the community and has held previous board positions on three local community organizations. Outside work, Robyn enjoys being active and spending time with her family.

COUNTRY ROADS HIGHLIGHTS



COUNTRY ROADS TAKES US HOME

Dear friends,

Thank you for joining us at **Country Roads Take Me Home**.

While the rain kept us pivoting throughout the day, one thing never changed: our mission. Together, we gathered to support families on their journey from homelessness to stability, and thanks to your support, that mission continues to move forward.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who embraced the changing weather with patience, flexibility, and good spirits. Whether you danced in the barn, enjoyed the food and entertainment, or simply came out to support Home Suite Hope, you helped make the day a success.

Events like this are about more than fundraising. They are about community, compassion, and coming together to ensure that every family has a place to call home.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible sponsors and partners who helped bring this event to life. Thank you to our **Presenting Sponsor ARGO Development Corp.**, for your generous support and belief in our mission. Thank you to **Cogeco**, our Kids Zone Sponsor, for helping create a fun and welcoming experience for our youngest guests, and to **Fortis Group**, our Line Dancing Sponsor, for helping bring the day's most popular activity to life.

Thank you to our talented entertainers, **Jessie T & Holt**, and **Mario from Urban Cowboy Line Dancing**, for keeping spirits high and the energy flowing throughout the day. Thank you to **Tim and the team at O'Conor Catering** for keeping everyone well fed, to our gracious venue hosts at **The Ranch** for opening your beautiful space to our community, and to photographer Andrew Dao for capturing the memories of the day.

To our **volunteers, sponsors, vendors, donors, and attendees**: thank you for helping create such a memorable event despite the weather. Your support makes a meaningful difference in the lives of the families we serve.

We know many of you are eager to see the photos from the event! Thanks to **Andrew Dao Photography**, we'll be sharing event photos soon. Be sure to follow Home Suite Hope on social media and watch your inbox for updates. We look forward to sharing some of our favourite moments from the day with you.

We hope you enjoyed your day at The Ranch and left knowing that you are part of something much bigger than the weather could ever dampen.

Thank you for helping us bring families home.



With gratitude,
Katelyn and the Home Suite Hope team

STAFF NEWS

HSH ED TRAVELS TO THAILAND CONFERENCE

HSH Executive Director Sara Cumming attended the **12th World Conference on Women's Studies** May 28-30 in **Chiang Mai, Thailand** in her capacity as a Professor of Sociology. Sara spoke to conference delegates about her SSHRC-funded research on women in leadership.

Organized by **The International Institute of Knowledge Management (TIKM)**, the conference explored the theme '**The Power of Dialogue: Abolishing the Conditions of Voicelessness.**' Hosted in person and in hybrid nature, the conference tackled critical issues such as gender equality, women's empowerment, menstrual dignity, and dismantling male dominance.



SARA CONNECTING IN THE COMMUNITY

SPEAKING AT ST. JUDE'S



At the invitation of long-time **HSH supporter and St. Jude's Anglican Church parishioner Blair Richardson** and **Reverend Canon Dr. David Anderson** of St. Jude's, **HSH Executive Director Sara Cumming** attended two Sunday services at the downtown Oakville church.

Sara spoke to the congregation about the marginalized populations in the Oakville community and the importance of them receiving support from their neighbours—as well as the impact of the church's seven-year-long **Partners in Change** relationship with HSH in which the church's members have helped two of our single parent participants through all of their programming.

STAFF NEWS

FIRESIDE CHAT WITH UWGH AT APPLEBY

Sara Cumming, HSH Executive Director, participated in a fireside chat-style presentation at the **United Way Golden Horseshoe (UWGH) Leadership Reception** held the evening of June 22 at **Appleby College** in Oakville.

Attended by many local agencies and leadership donors, the panel presentation was moderated by **Anna Iacobelli of TD Bank** and led by **Sara and Marc Hamel, the UWGH Campaign Cabinet Chair/Major Donor and Co-Founder of the Halton Poverty Roundtable.**



HSH AT MISSISSAUGA WELLNESS FESTIVAL

HSH Caseworkers Haley Weber and Dayna Ramawad were at the **Living With Wellness Arts Festival 2026** at Celebration Square in Mississauga. Attending the two-day festival hosted by **V Serve Canada**, the HSH staff were able to share the story of HSH and how it helps move single parents facing homelessness and poverty to stability and change the trajectory of generational poverty in local families.

The fair was presented by TD in partnership with **Trillium Health Partners**. It was a two-day celebration of wellness, arts, culture, community and connection. From live performances and art showcases to food experiences, the event aims to bring Mississauga together in the heart of the city for a festival offering something for everyone.



STAFF NEWS

CANADA SUMMER JOBS DATA ENTRY CLERK



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Home Suite Hope is fortunate to once again have a **Canada Summer Jobs** intern with us for the summer.

Our new **Data Entry Clerk Harriet Liwayan** is starting with us officially at the beginning of July - but has already been in to meet everyone and get set up with IT.

HSH is grateful to the Government of Canada for supporting this position made possible through federal grants. Welcome to HSH, Harriet!

BURLINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GALA

On June 4 the **Burlington Community Foundation (BCF)** held its annual celebration, welcoming charitable partners and the generous fundholders, supporters and volunteers who make the BCF's impact possible.

In a packed room at Burlington's Central Library, BCF celebrated grants made to 35 charities through its annual Community Granting Program and heard stories of meaningful local impact it has been able to support.



BURLINGTON
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

Home Suite Hope's Interim Director of Operations & Program Manager Nikkian Hanson-Daley and **Marketing & Events Coordinator Katelyn Zaoral** were in attendance representing HSH as a recipient agency.

Fundholders Ralph and Susan Sgro also shared about charitable initiatives they have supported in honour of their daughter **Lindsay**, through the **Lindsay's Loves Fund**.

The evening featured two special performances by a musician from the **Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton (CCAH)** on the steelpan drum. It was capped off by a moving performance from 30 members of **Myriad Ensemble**, who will be heading to the World Choir Games in Sweden later this year.

Event speakers included: **The Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton, Wesley Non-Profit, Feed Halton** and **Myriad Ensemble**.

HOME DEPOT SUPPORTS HSH

Throughout the spring, shoppers at a local **Home Depot** were able to support HSH.

The **Trafalgar Village Home Depot** had a goal to raise \$8,000 for HSH after selecting us as its charity partner recipient for the spring edition of the **Home Depot Canada Foundation's Orange Door Project**.

The final counting is still on for the local fundraising goal in the national campaign that took place across all 182 Home Depot stores in Canada. The Orange Door Project supports local charities across Canada to combat youth homelessness by providing housing and life skills programs. Customers donate at checkout in-store or online.



The Foundation has a goal to invest \$125 million by 2030, to prevent and end youth homelessness in Canada. Its commitment focuses on enabling systemic change through investing in expanding stable housing for youth, providing quality wrap-around community supports, and increasing youth employment readiness. Despite ongoing community efforts, youth homelessness continues to be on the rise in Canada. Homeless youth make up approximately 20% of the homeless population in Canada, meaning each year at least 35,000-40,000 young Canadians have no place to call home. They need a safe place to live. They need access to support services that will help them develop positive life outcomes.

HSH Fundraising & Events Coordinator Katelyn Zaoral and **Administrative Assistant Angela** were at the Cross Avenue retailer May 23 for **Double Impact Day**. Then on June 6, **Interim Director of Operations & Program Manager Nikkian Hanson-Daley** and **Caseworker Haley Weber** were at the store. We are grateful to those who donated or stopped by to visit our information table.



BLUEBERRY FIELDS' ANNIVERSARY

COMMUNITY GARDEN CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

To celebrate its 10th anniversary, **Blueberry Fields - Home Suite Hope's Community Garden** - which operates at the **Upper Oakville Shopping Centre**, hosted a celebration and picnic on Saturday, June 20 from noon to 4 p.m.

HSH staff, **Caseworker Dayna Ramawad** and **Admin Assistant Angela**, attended the celebration along with staff from **Kerr Street Mission** and many volunteers and community members. There was food, free seedling and seed giveaways, an activity table for children, garden tours and gardening advice.

Founded by the **late Ken Stockstill**, Blueberry Fields is operated at the shopping centre under the watchful eye of volunteer coordinator Ruth Borst and an army of volunteers. Its harvest is delivered to KSM where HSH participants can access it, along with clients of KSM and the general public. The work of Ruth and the volunteers, and the generosity of the shopping centre is truly appreciated as more than ever people, and especially those served by HSH, are depending on food support.



COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

OFFICE VISIT BY MERIDIAN CREDIT UNION, BURLINGTON



Michelle Aitchison and the team from the Burlington Meridian Credit Union (Burlington, Walkers and Dundas Branch) visited HSH for Good Neighbour Day June 17 to commit a \$2000 donation to HSH and learn first-hand more about HSH and its work.

Good Neighbour Day is a way for Meridian employees to connect directly with the charities and non-profits supported through Meridian's community investment and social impact initiative, the **Good Neighbour Program**, across Ontario. Rather than simply celebrating funding from a distance, Meridian branch teams visit local organizations in person, hear their stories and recognize the impact they are making in their communities.

According to Michelle, "Today's visit was a meaningful reminder of how much work happens behind the scenes to support people, families and local causes. Organizations like Home Suite Hope play an important role in helping communities thrive and we are grateful for the chance to learn more about their work."

THE APPLEBY PROJECT

Students from **Appleby College** attended Home Suite Hope's office in June to assemble Essentials Kits for our single parent families.

HSH has a long history of support from Appleby College - whether as host venue of our signature Empty Bowls event or student projects such as the recent **Appleby Project**. We are truly grateful for the continuing support.



Sheridan



CHANGING THE PATTERNS OF POVERTY TO A LEGACY OF PROSPERITY