

**AUGUST
2023**

August 1 – Emancipation Day

August 7 – Civic Holiday

August 9 – International Day
of World's Indigenous People
(UN)

August 12 – International
Youth Day (UN)

August 13 – Obon (Shinto-
Buddhism)

August 19 – World
Humanitarian Day (UN)

August 23 – International Day
for Remembrance of Slave
Trade and its Abolition (UN)

**HSH'S 2022
ANNUAL
REPORT**

Home Suite Hope's **2022
Annual Report** is now
available.

Read the [HSH 2022 Annual
Report](#)

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FLIGHT for HOPE TAKES OFF



The average Home Suite Hope participant lives on approximately \$1,800 a month while going to school full time. Halton is one of the most unaffordable housing markets in Ontario, while Oakville has now been named the most expensive mid-sized city in which to rent housing. When apartments do become available, they are rarely below \$2600 per month, which limits our ability to take in new participants. For our graduates, in 2020 100% of HSH's program participants were able to pay market rent independently. Today, that number has plummeted to 72%.

A one-bedroom apartment rarely hits the market for anything less than a jaw-dropping \$2600 monthly. Two-bedroom apartments command an astronomical price tag of over \$3200 a month! It's a dire situation that hampers our ability to welcome new program participants and hinders the success of our graduates.

To shed light on the struggle of single mothers to access affordable housing Oakville's Callum Wallace will take off in his single-engine plane Aug. 1 on his **Flight for Hope** journey around the world. His goal is to raise \$1 million towards HSH's affordable housing efforts. His welcome home will include HSH's brand new Home For Good Gala on Nov. 10, 2023.

See inside for more.

FLIGHT FOR HOPE TAKES FLIGHT AUG. 1 IN SUPPORT OF HSH

'ROUND THE
WORLD' SOLO
FLIGHT IN
SINGLE-ENGINE
AIRCRAFT TO HELP
MARGINALIZED
SINGLE-PARENT
FAMILIES



On August 1st, Engel & Völkers Oakville advisor **Callum Wallace** will embark on a **Flight for Hope**, taking off from Burlington Executive Airport on a round-the-world journey in a small single-engine aircraft. The initiative will generate a substantial contribution to Canadian charity **Home Suite Hope** and awareness to aligned charities around the world. Home Suite Hope serves the Halton Region, supporting single-parent families in their journey from homelessness to stability and self-sufficiency.

Callum's flight path covers many destinations, including: Quebec, Iqaluit, Greenland, Iceland, Scotland, Wales, England, France and Spain, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Pakistan, India, and Sri Lanka, followed by touch downs in Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Samoa, and Christmas Island. The trip will end in Burlington, ON, Canada, on October 14th, before the **Home for Good Gala**, on November 10th.

Callum will pilot a V35B Beechcraft Bonanza modified to fly up to 18 hours from five. The customization includes additional fuel storage, making the vessel and its load heavier than usual. As a result, the margin for error is narrowed, especially when flying over the ocean. Only three Canadians have ever completed this journey, compared to 11 Canadians making the trip to outer space. He is the fourth Canadian to embark on this daring trip. Fewer than 150 people have attempted it.

FLIGHT FOR HOPE TAKING OFF



“Home Suite Hope helps single-parent families get a second chance and get back on their feet — ‘I’m incredibly grateful to be able to use my passion for flying to fundraise and give back to the community,” says Callum.

“Flight for Hope will be hosting numerous events leading up to the August 1st departure date —locally and internationally — to foster awareness and support for the initiative. The proceeds from this event will go towards purchasing multi-unit buildings to help more families at once.”

Home Suite Hope creates change through its four-year program providing homeless single parents with rental subsidies, access to childcare, transportation, two years of college education, life skills, professional development, mentorship, employment support and intensive case management. The outcomes are financial independence and long-term stability with intergenerational impact. Callum has previously worked with Home Suite Hope. In 2018 and 2019, he and his family provided property to a family enrolled in the four-year program.

“Home Suite Hope helps single-parent families overcome homelessness through our four-year program providing housing and college tuition to help the parent become independent. The cost per family is roughly \$47,000 per year,” says **Sara Cumming PhD., Executive Director of Home Suite Hope**. “One of the struggles with the current housing market is finding suitable accommodation for families in the program. ‘That’s why funds raised through Flight for Hope will go towards financing a multi-unit dwelling.”

[Click here to track the flight live starting August 1st](#)

Home Suite Hope is a non-profit organization that supports low-income, single-parent families across Halton. Its five programs unite a network of vital wraparound supports for families as they journey from poverty to stability, permanently changing lives for the better – breaking the cycle of generational poverty - one family at a time. Home Suite ‘Hope’s programming is based on the successful replica of Toronto’s WoodGreen Community Services’ Homeward Bound model - a four-year, employment-based program with a two-year scholarship. It offers housing, wraparound support and opportunity for single parents to secure employment by earning a post-secondary education in programs highly employable for graduates through Sheridan College.

HomeSuiteHope.org



SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2023

BRACE YOURSELF FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENT!

Home Suite Hope takes flight with an electrifying, all-new extravaganza. Get ready for the Home For Good Gala, a high-octane celebration that will ignite the spark for change.

Brace yourself as we launch Home Suite Hope's ground-breaking Affordable Housing Campaign and set the stage for the return of Flight For Hope's monumental Around the World flight in unwavering support of our life-changing mission.

We're in the midst of an urgent affordable housing crisis, and we need YOU to join the fight!

Cast your mind back to 2020, when 100% of Home Suite Hope's program participants triumphantly graduated and paid market rent independently. But here's the shocking truth: today, that number has plummeted to 72%. Our marginalized communities are teetering on the edge, struggling to afford the soaring prices that skyrocket with each passing day.

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But fear not! Flight For Hope is on a daring mission to rally support for Home Suite Hope's visionary affordable housing campaign.

HOME FOR GOOD GALA

IN SUPPORT OF HSH'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING CAMPAIGN

Join us as we witness the incredible journey of local hero Callum Wallace as he embarks on a pulse-pounding solo flight on August 1st, 2023. Seventy-four adrenaline-fueled days, he is soaring through a staggering 26+ countries.



Only three fearless Canadians have conquered this daring feat before him. It's an opportunity of a lifetime to witness Callum's awe-inspiring adventure unfold as he circles the world, all while championing the cause of affordable housing for those in desperate need. You don't want to miss out on this epic journey of hope!

Welcome home Flight for Hope pilot Callum Wallace and celebrate the launch of HSH's Affordable Housing Campaign by purchasing a ticket for this year's gala. Enjoy the open bar, food stations, dancing, photo stations, a live sketch artist, magician and more at this inspiring event!

Don't miss the chance to join HSH on our mission to make housing in Halton more affordable and help more single-parent families find a Safe, Affordable Home, for Good.

- The Pearle Hotel Burlington
- Friday, November 10th, 2023
- Doors Open at 7:00 PM
- \$400

Stay tuned by following the updates on Instagram - @HomeSuiteHope and @FlightForHope. Secure your gala tickets today by [CLICKING HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code.

Remember, you hold the power to make a real difference—support the Campaign directly by visiting https://fnd.us/flightforhope?ref=sh_dBUPwf Sponsorship inquiries for the Home For Good Gala are welcome and encouraged!



To get all the details, reach out to KatelynZ@HomeSuiteHope.org and prepare to embark on an unforgettable journey toward a brighter, more affordable future for all.

HSH: ANNUAL REPORT

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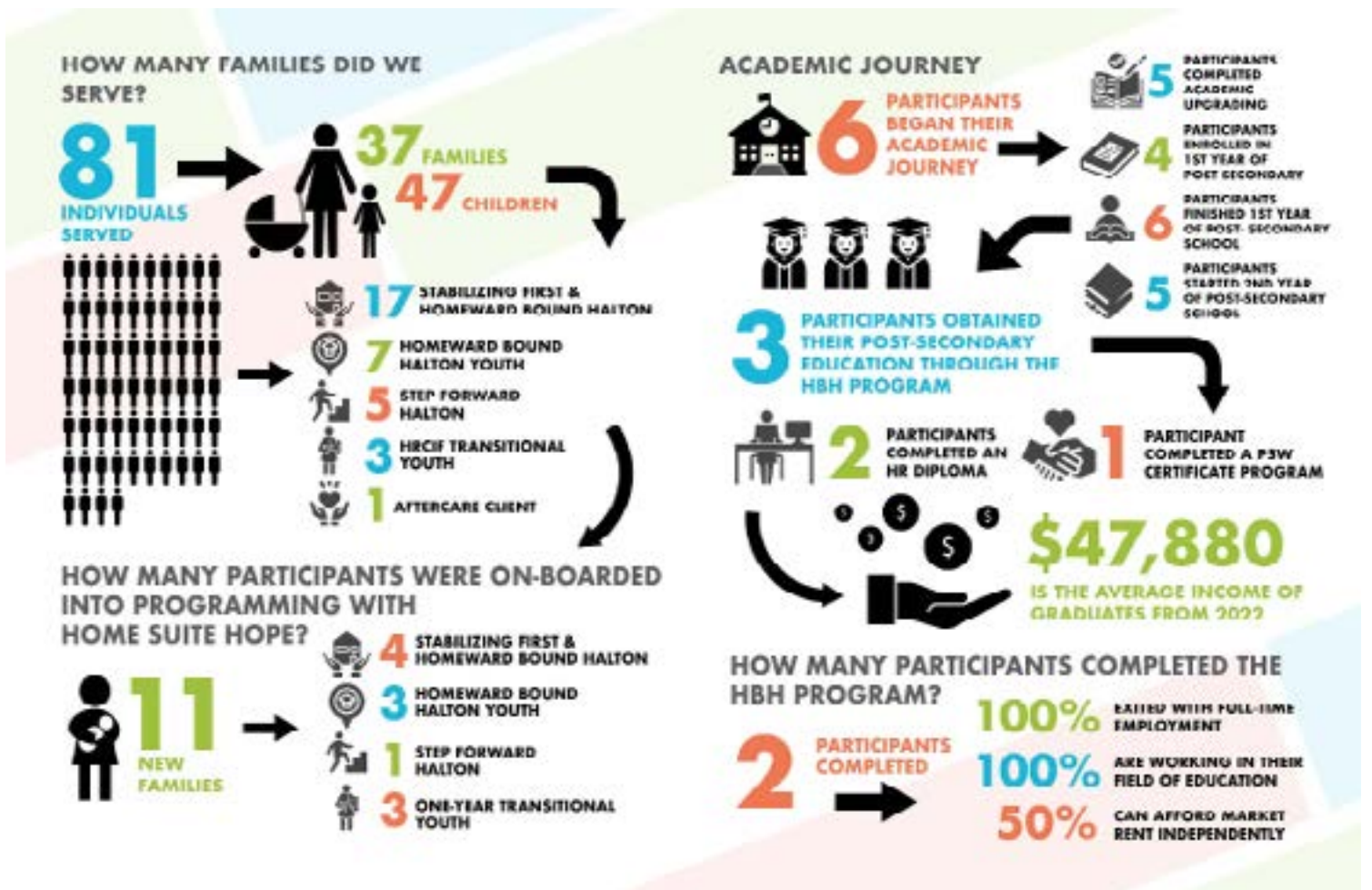
See a special message from our Board Chair France Fournier and our Executive Director Sara Cumming - as well as highlights from 2022!

Read more here: [HSH 2022 Annual Report](#)

Building stronger communities through empowerment and opportunity, Home Suite Hope is making a difference



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EMPTY BOWLS TICKETS ON SALE



[Empty Bowls tickets](#)

Empty Bowls at Home is back!
The at-home format is making a return!

Empty Bowls at Home 2023 will happen on Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 11 AM to 2 PM.

You will receive:

- 5 soups from local chefs
- COBS Lakeshore Bread for dipping
 - A ceramic bowl
 - Delicious desserts
 - ALL DELIVERED

In its 15th 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 Inc.** An annual fundraiser that brings the entire community around the table. With ticket sales that provide you with delicious soups, bread, and desserts donated by local restaurants and businesses, each purchase shares the delectable tastes that Halton has to offer while supporting Home Suite Hope to make a great change in our communities.

[TICKETS](#)

WELCOME TO THE HSH BOARD



NAZEERA KHAN

Nazeera Khan (left) is Vice President and Chief Audit Officer at a financial institution in Ontario. She is an authentic and energetic leader with 18 years of global experience and qualification 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 approximately 20 countries, loves the outdoors, adventure and fitness and she has participated in hiking/climbing on Mt Kilimanjaro. She is fluent in five languages and is learning three others. Nazeera has lived experiences where she has developed resilient characteristics and is passionate about helping and making a difference in the lives of others. She has been a volunteer/mentor/coach with HSH's Industry Council and supports animal rescue and conservation efforts.

ROSE SHARIFI

Rose Sharifi (centre) is a lawyer dually licensed in Ontario, Canada and California, U.S.A. She is an experienced lawyer with a demonstrated skill set in a variety of different 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 is currently Associate General Counsel at Sheridan College.

JULIANNA VARPALOTAI-XAVIER

Julianna Varpalotai-Xavier has been in the investment management industry for over 25 years. She is a CPA, CA and has an MBA from the University of Cambridge. Over the course of her career, she has had extensive experience working with affluent families, institutional clients and advisors. Julianna is currently Chief Operating Officer And Chief Compliance Officer at Bellweather Investment Management. Prior to joining HSH as a Board Member, Julianna was on HSH's Finance Committee. Julianna and her family have resided in Oakville for more than 25 years. In her free time, Julianna enjoys reading and skiing.

THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS!



DIELLA INSPIRES AT CRAIG KIELBURGER S.S.

Home Suite Hope sends a big thank-you to **Diella Sulemani**, a Grade 12 student at **Craig Kielburger Secondary School** in Milton, for dedicating her Social Justice and Equity course final project to HSH.

With the goal of taking social action to address the issue of poverty and homelessness, Diella successfully spread the word about Home Suite Hope's work to her school community, and collected donations of personal hygiene supplies, cleaning supplies and some fun summer activities for the children of our participants.

Way to go, Diella! Your hard work is much appreciated by everyone at HSH, but most importantly, the single parents we serve. Thank you!

THANK YOU

Thanks to the following for their generous support:

Kodama, Tracy
Zonta Club of Oakville
Christopher Jarratt
Oakville Lions Club
Knights of Columbus, Marian Council #3381, Oakville

Unlocking potential, transforming lives: Home Suite Hope is here for families in need. Empowering single parents, one family at a time through safe housing, job training, education – Home Suite Hope provides the tools for success. We are creating lasting change, one family, one step at a time.

From stability to prosperity: Home Suite Hope is your partner in breaking the cycle of poverty. Together, we can transform patterns of poverty into legacies of empowered prosperity. Choose Home Suite Hope and be a catalyst for change in the lives of deserving families.

STAFF NEWS: NIKKIAN GETS MARRIED

NIKKIAN'S WEDDING

HSH staff joined HSH Program Manager **Nikkian Hanson** and her new husband, **Oshane Daley** to celebrate their wedding on July 20 at the Arlington Estate in Vaughan.

The bride was beautiful, the groom debonair, the venue picturesque, the company amazing and the food awesome. The wedding held all the sparkle that we've come to recognize as Nikkian. Congratulations, **Mr. & Mrs. Daley!**



COMMUNITY



FILMING AT HSH

HSH Executive Director Sara Cumming wrapped up the filming of Home Suite Hope's new infomercial in July.

Staff and program participants are featured in the new video filmed by the crew of **Sharp Storytelling**.

Stay tuned for the infomercial's release later this year. Safe housing, job training, education – Home Suite Hope provides the tools for success.

INDUSTRY COUNCIL

Home Suite Hope **Industry Council** members **Mark and Naz** joined HSH Program Manager Nikkian Hanson and the team recently for a PD Day workshop – one of the first held in person since the pandemic.

The Industry Council at HSH is a group of senior executives from a variety of fields who help support the professional development of participants as they search for employment.

If you're interested in becoming an Industry Council member, please email info@homesuitehope.org. Together, we can transform patterns of poverty into legacies of empowered prosperity



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