



Newsletter

AUGUST 2026

August 1 – Emancipation Day
August 3 – 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)



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Lives permanently changed for the better

SUMMER FUN KITS



The team at **Henderson Partners LLP** donated **Summer Fun Kits** for our families in July.

Staff members at Henderson purchased and packed the kits for delivery to the children of single parents in Home Suite Hope programming. Kits were prepared for 41 children from 21 families.

HSH thanks Henderson Partners for its ongoing support of our mission to change the trajectory of poverty for single parents and their families, one family at a time.

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



HSH RESOURCE HUB: ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR SUPPORT

For information, email programs@homesuitehope.org

PATHWAYS FORWARD INTAKE EXPANDING

The HSH **Pathways Forward** program is expanding.

The program's pilot was initially made possible through a grant from the **Robert Kerr Foundation** and the **Halo Fund, a division of the Minto Foundation**.

After receiving funding to expand thanks to grow grant funding from the **Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF)**, HSH caseworkers have been doing the intake for 10 additional families to the program, with an additional 10 families to follow next year.

This grow grant across three years that totals \$285,400 is being used by HSH to expand Pathways Forward, a program that serves single parent families through extended housing-first supports to build stability, independence, and long-term financial security.

The program supports 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 Homeward Bound Halton program that works intensively on housing as well as education and employment.

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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.



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BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACKS



**HOME SUITE
HOPE**

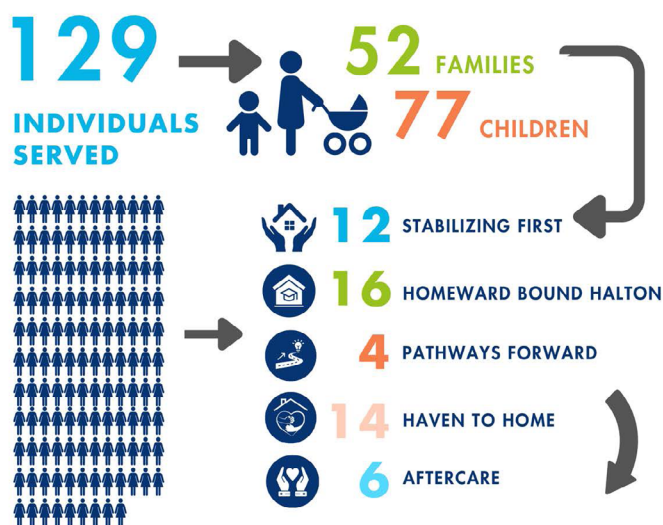
Home Suite Hope is grateful to **Irving Consumer Products**, a long-time supporter, for its sponsorship of our annual **Back-to-School Backpacks** project.

Irving has funded the purchase of backpacks filled with grade and age-appropriate supplies for our program participants who will be heading back to classes in September - as well as for their children in grades ranging from daycare settings to post-secondary.

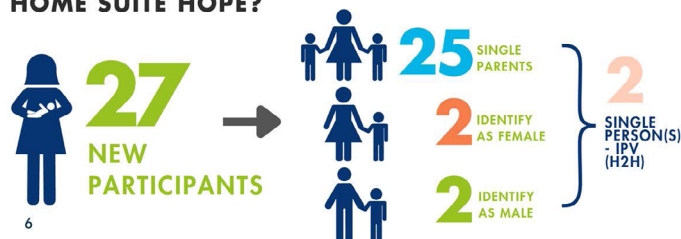
The shopping and assembly is now underway so that the backpacks will be ready for distribution to our single parents and their children before the first day of school.

HSH 2025 OUTCOMES

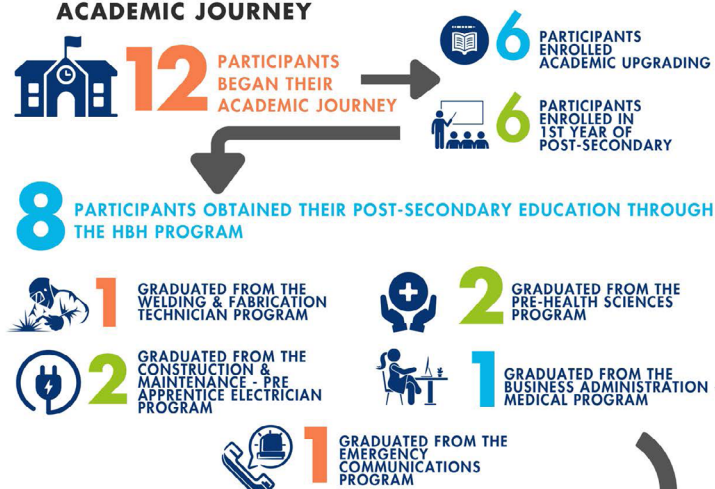
HOW MANY FAMILIES DID WE SERVE?



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



ACADEMIC JOURNEY



HOW MANY PARTICIPANTS HAVE COMPLETED THE HBH PROGRAM?



HOME DEPOT SUPPORTS HSH

The Trafalgar Village Home Depot and its customers raised \$9,278.53 for Home Suite Hope this spring.

The store, thanks to its generous customers, surpassed its \$8,000 goal after selecting HSH as its charity partner recipient for the spring edition of the Home Depot Canada Foundation's [Orange Door Project](#).

The national campaign 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.



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.

Home Depot cashiers and staff became ambassadors for HSH spreading word about us to the store's customers. HSH staff also visited the store to meet customers and share the HSH story. HSH thanks the Trafalgar Village Home Depot and its generous customers and the Home Depot Canada Foundation for their support.



The Foundation, founded in 2008, 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



HELP HSH HOST EMPTY BOWLS



It's August and before you know it autumn will be here – and that signals the arrival of Home Suite Hope's signature fundraiser, **Empty Bowls**.

Many already know of this popular event, but if you haven't heard, it replicates a soup kitchen to raise funds in support of single parents facing homelessness in our community.

A variety of local restaurateurs create their finest heartwarming soups which these generous chefs are happy to serve up to Empty Bowls attendees who can sample as many soups as they like and get the added bonus of breads and desserts to go with the main fare. They can also either use or take home a handcrafted ceramic bowl as a souvenir of their culinary adventure.

With fall fast approaching we are planning for the event taking place November 8, 2026 at **Appleby College**, our generous venue host.

For those sponsors and supporters who have already reached out to us, thank you. For others, we are still hoping that you will be interested and that we will connect.

Home Suite Hope unites a network of vital support services for single parents and their children; encouraging and supporting them as they journey from poverty to stability. In its 18th year, Empty Bowls is Home Suite Hope's signature fundraising event with all proceeds going to our wraparound supports.

Empty Bowls General Admission tickets come with no ceramic bowl, but tickets can be upgraded to include the bowl. There is also a To-Go Soup Kit Pick-up Option available. All ticket purchases are eligible for a \$50 tax receipt.

There are also a variety of Empty Bowls sponsorships available for those who'd like to get involved in supporting us host this fundraiser.

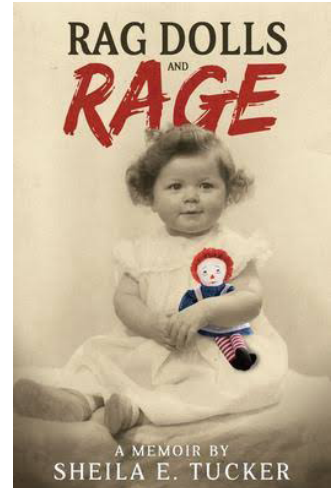
You can reach out to us through email at KatelynZ@HomeSuiteHope.org

And stay tuned as we share more details about Empty Bowls 2026 and ticket sales go live later this fall.

BOOK SALES BENEFIT HSH

Oakville writer, poet, editor and graphic designer **Sheila E. Tucker**, is selling her first full-length book – a memoir titled ***Rag Dolls and Rage*** published in 2019 – through **St. Jude's Anglican Church** Office for \$25 with 100 percent of sale proceeds supporting Home Suite Hope.

The first 40 purchasers will also receive a ticket to an October 26 talk given by Sheila (starting at 10 a.m. in St. Jude's Hall) about her book, life, social issues, and how people can try to make a difference. There will be refreshments and a raffle for three prizes. Sheila reached out to **HSH Executive Director Sara Cumming** earlier this summer after Sara spoke to the St. Jude's congregation about supporting HSH through the book sales.



The local author attends the church's Ladies Fellowship and learned of HSH through fellow church member **Blair Richardson**, a long-time supporter of HSH and member of St. Jude's Justice & Servant Committee.

Sheila's mother was a single parent in the late 1950s in Britain, at a time of much stigma and scandal attached to being an unmarried mother. It altered the course of her life, and not for the better. Sheila had a turbulent childhood and put her story to paper in the memoir published in 2019. *Rag Dolls and Rage* is in turns sad, happy, tragic, and ultimately victorious. It illustrates the long-term effects of poverty and single-parenthood, amongst other things, according to Sheila.

The books are available in St. Jude's office and purchaser can leave their contact information so details of the October event can be shared. The names will also be entered into a raffle, regardless of whether readers can attend. Alternately, people can pay the \$25 via e-transfer (stucker512@yahoo.ca) and collect the book at the talk.

Reviews of *Rag Dolls and Rage* can be found on Amazon and Goodreads however only purchases made through St. Jude's or e-transfer will support HSH.

Sheila's work has won contests and been published in numerous anthologies, magazines and newspapers. She is founder and host of Poetry & Prose, a literary salon in Oakville and belongs to the Heliconian Club for Women in the Arts & Letters. *Rag Dolls and Rage* is a coming-of-age story set in a gritty, northern English town. After a turbulent childhood, Sheila turned into an angry teenager who fought back against cruelty and betrayal, ultimately leaving home to travel the world. Her adventures abroad were a form of therapy, a way of finding herself. However, after settling in Canada, she spent a year in psychotherapy to see her life and herself in a different light. *Rag Dolls and Rage* is equal parts raw, happy, sad and funny, and it ends victoriously: a book that will surely help others scarred by their past.



COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

RAISE GRANT SUPPORTS HSH PARTICIPANTS



Exciting news!

Home Suite Hope is grateful to receive support from **Raise Recruiting's Meaningful Work Foundation** in support of HSH's new **Pathways Forward: Building Bridges to Employment!**

This funding will help single-parent families overcome barriers to employment through professional clothing, transportation, career support, training, and certifications.

Thank you, Raise, for investing in the potential of the families we serve and helping us build stronger pathways to meaningful employment and long-term stability.

In 2017, Raise launched the Meaningful Work Foundation to increase its non-profit capacity and make giving part of its DNA. Every year, 10% of its profits are given to organizations that work to break down barriers to employment.

Since 2019, Raise has provided more than \$830,000 to 47 charities around the world that are actively working to remove barriers to work. Raise's mission is to "connect people in meaningful work" so that it realizes its vision that one day the 20% of people who love their jobs will become the 80% – and the world will be a different place. These grants further support that mission.



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