HOME SUITE HOPE

Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2023

November 1 - Samhain -Litha (Wicca/Pagan) November 11 - Remembrance November 12 - Diwali (Hindu-Jain-Sikh) November 13 - Jain New Year (Jain) November 16 - Louis Riel Day International Day for **Tolerance (UNESCO)** November 20 – Universal Children's Day (UN); **Transgender Day of** Remembrance November 25 – International Day for Elimination of **Violence Against Women** November 27 - Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday

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Together, we can transform patterns of poverty into legacies of empowered prosperity.

DON'T MISS OUR GALA

Flight for Hope has returned home and Home Suite Hope's new fundraising gala, Home For Good, will celebrate the historic journey of pilot Callum Wallace and his around-the-world flight in a single-engine plane, and launch HSH's plans to increase affordable housing in Halton.



Gala Tickets

Join us Nov. 10 at Burlington's The Pearle Hotel as we introduce a

multi-pronged project to create more affordable housing in Halton.

See inside for more on the Gala and Flight for Hope



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EMPTY BOWLS AT HOME

Empty Bowls at Home, presented by Taylor Inc., returned for 2023 on October 15. Five soups were crafted by local chefs, and delivered along with COBS Lakeshore bread, a Nothing Bundt Cakes Burlington dessert treat and hand-painted bowls sponsored through the community and Crack Pot Studio.

See inside for all Empty Bowls details!



HSH'S HOME FOR GOOD GALA FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2023



HELP HSH CREATE
AFFORDABLE
HOUSING IN
HALTON



Welcome home Flight for Hope pilot Callum Wallace and mark the launch of HSH's Affordable Housing Campaign by purchasing a ticket for our Home For Good Gala.

Join HSH on our mission to create more affordable housing in Halton to help more single-parent

families find a safe, affordable home, for good.

The Pearle Hotel Burlington Friday, November 10th, 2023 Doors Open at 7 p.m. \$400

PURCHASE TICKETS

Remember, you hold the power to make a real difference — <u>Support the Campaign</u> directly by visiting https://fnd.us/flightforhope?ref=sh_dBUPwf For inquiries about the HSH & Flight for Hope fundraising gala, please reach out to KatelynZ@HomeSuiteHope.org

FLIGHT FOR HOPE IS HOME



'ROUND THE WORLD' SOLO FLIGHT IN SINGLE-ENGINE CRAFT FUNDS AFFORDABLE HOUSING EFFORTS



On August 1, Oakville's **Callum Wallace** took off from Burlington Air Park in his single-engine plane to take the challenges of affordable housing around the world with his **Flight for Hope**.

On October 8, he returned as his family and friends, including Home Suite Hope Executive Director Sara Cumming, gathered to welcome him.

Now, Home Suite Hope will bring the challenges of affordable housing home – fueled by the awareness and funds raised by Callum and his Flight for Hope.

On November 10, at Burlington's The Pearle Hotel, HSH will officially celebrate Callum's efforts and launch its affordable housing campaign to create more affordable housing in Halton at its new fundraising gala, **Home For Good**.

"There were some points in the trip where if there had been a button to transport me and my plane home, I would've hit it," said Callum. His words at once illustrate an appreciation for home and what we all feel at times – a sense of facing too great a challenge. But Callum, like the single parents in our program forged ahead and his efforts paid off in success.

Callum, a real estate broker with Engel & Völkers Oakville, is now also only the fourth Canadian to circumnavigate the globe in a single-engine plane.

GALA TO LAUNCH HSH'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLANS

HISTORIC JOURNEY RECOGNIZES IMPORTANCE OF HOME

Home Suite Hope's single parent participants enter its programming, the four-year Homeward Bound Halton program, facing homelessness or near homelessness from precarious housing. They are stabilized in housing, provided wrap-



around support and complete a two-year post-secondary program before being supported in gaining employment and program after-care.

As they forge on from desperate circumstances to stability for themselves and their families, they, like Callum, feel the weight of their challenges. They, too, meet success by forging ahead.

That is the magic of Home Suite Hope. The path has become even more daunting however with recent hikes in rental fees and the rising cost of living. HSH graduates who do obtain an education and employment are struggling still to make ends meet.

Affordable housing is high on HSH's radar as HSH has for years supported its participants in housing in what was already one of the most expensive areas of Canada in which to call home – Halton and its municipalities – Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville.

HSH is well prepared to take funds raised by Flight for Hope along with increased local, and global awareness, of the need for affordable housing to new levels – here at home.

HSH is on a mission to create more affordable housing in Halton, now, in the future and for the long term.

Join HSH at its Home For Good Gala as it celebrates the sacrifices, challenges and successes experienced by Callum and his 145,000-km Flight for Hope.

Join HSH at its fundraising gala to help join in the quest to bring more affordable housing to Halton.

For more details and to purchase tickets

EMPTY BOWLS AT HOME 2023





ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EMPTY BOWLS EVENT!

HSH's **Empty Bowls**, presented by Taylor Inc., returned in its delivery at home format this year on Sunday, October 15.

Many volunteers helped pack the soup kits at **Food for Life**'s Burlington headquarters and others delivered the soups. HSH is indebted to **COBS Bread Lakeshore** for its long-time contribution of bread to the Empty Bowls event.









EMPTY BOWLS 2023 PACKED...











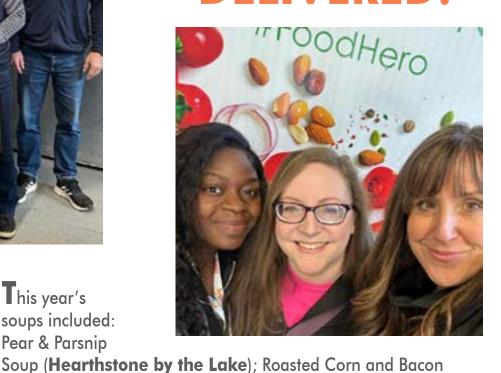


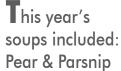






EMPTY BOWLS 2023 -DELIVERED!





Markets) and Italian Red Lentil Vegetable Soup (Food for Life by NextDoor Kitchen). Our dessert sponsor was Nothing Bundt Cakes Burlington.

Bisque Soup (Oakville Golf Club); Lentil Soup (Montfort

Mediterranean Cuisine Oakville); Chicken Thai Soup (Longo's

With long-time supporter **Taylor** Inc. as Presenting Sponsor, Fiera Capital Foundation stepped up as this year's **Silver Sponsor** and **Celernus** as the **Bronze Sponsor**.

Empty Bowls' ticket purchasers received a hand-painted bowl thanks to the support of Oakville's Crack Pot Studios and the many individuals and groups who donated back their beautiful creations! La Rose Bakery in Milton donated a gift basket.

Empty Bowls truly is a gathering of people, helping make the event a success and in turn helping change the trajectory of single-parent families from poverty to stability. Thank you all!

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PARTICIPANT NEWS



PARTICIPANTS TURN UP THE HEAT AT SOCIAL

Home Suite Hope hosted its Empty Bowls fundraiser on October 15 and on October 17 its single parent participants were inspired to whip up their own potato soup during HSH's October Social: Move for Food.

The in-person social is part of the wrap-around

support provided to HSH's Homeward Bound Halton program participants.





The program helps single parents facing homelessness to gain stable housing, a two-year post-secondary diploma and employment – all while providing wrap-around support as these single parents and

their families journey from poverty to stability.

The inperson social

was organized by the HSH Programs Team – Nikkian, Temisha and Haley – and Executive Director Sara Cumming provided the recipe!



Build a brighter future with Home Suite Hope - Break free from poverty's grip.

HOPE FOR HOLIDAYS 2023

HSH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN GETTING STARTED

Home Suite Hope is proud to launch its annual Hope 4 Holidays 2023 campaign for the 2023 holiday season.

This campaign connects HSH's single parents and their children with the community through the spirit of giving.

There are several ways to get involved:



You can support a family by purchasing and donating items on their wish lists. View the lists, at www.homesuitehope.org.

Gifts can be purchased and then dropped off - unwrapped - at our office. Volunteer gift wrappers will then take over wrapping duties and the gifts will be distributed to HSH families at the annual Hope 4 Holidays celebration.



You could choose to donate much-needed household and cleaning products and/or personal hygiene products. Donations can be dropped off at our office.

Donate Grocery & Gas Gift Cards

Please consider donating funds for our most-used gift cards for gas, groceries or Walmart. Gift cards can be dropped off at our office or donated online at <u>CanadaHelps</u> (https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/home-suite-hope-shared-living-corp/ and earmarked for Home Suite Hope Gift Cards/Hope 4 Holidays.

For more information, please contact HSH Program Manager Nikkian Hanson at nikkianh@homesuitehope.org

Thank you for sharing your holiday spirit with our single parents and their families!



HSH: FUNDING NEWS

HSH WILL DELIVER THANKS TO OTF GRANT

Home Suite Hope Executive Director Sara Cumming is pleased to announce an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant.



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The \$58,500 capital grant will address a community need by purchasing a truck to offer

enhanced program and service capacity and delivery, to homeless single-parent led families. HSH faces challenges when it comes to donations and deliveries - often depending on staff or community volunteers. This grant will significantly boost our ability to serve our participants! It will be used to accept donated furniture and housewares, move equipment and materials to and from community and fundraising events, transport fresh produce from the community garden to HSH families - and more. This capital grant will allow HSH to divert furniture, food and gently-used items from landfill, allowing HSH to engage with donors in a more fulsome way and help create homes our families can be proud of and deserve to raise their children in.

The **Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF)** is an agency of the Government of Ontario and one of Canada's leading granting foundations. OTF invests in community projects and partnerships to build healthy and vibrant communities and strengthen the impact of Ontario's non-profit sector.



A CALL TO ACTION

HSH's single parent families need your help.

HSH is putting out this **Call to Action** for **grocery gift cards**. HSH provides wrap-around support for our single-parent families as they and their children attend school. This support includes the provision of grocery gift cards, which can help with the cost of the monthly grocery bill.

With grocery bills being significantly impacted by recent inflation, this support is needed more than ever.

Please consider donating through <u>CanadaHelps</u> (https://

www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/home-suite-hope-shared-living-corp/impact/view/) and earmark the funds for grocery gift cards. HSH uses the funds to purchase gift cards, those for Metro and Walmart being the most used. Thank you!

DONORS: SUPPORT HSH PROGRAMS



GREATER
TORONTO
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ASSOCIATION
(GTAA) SUPPORTS
HSH... AGAIN

The Greater Toronto
Apartment Association (GTAA)
Charitable Foundation's Board
of Directors selected Home Suite
Hope to receive a \$20,000 grant.

The cheque was received by
HSH Director of Operations
Catherine Villasenor, above
and at right, and HSH Program
Manager Nikkian Hanson,
right, amongst other grant
recipients, during the GTAA's
Annual Dinner October 19 in
North York.

The GTAA is an ongoing supporter of HSH programming. HSH is grateful for the continued support of the GTAA and its members.

Thank you!



COMMUNITY:

THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT

ROBERTSON KADWELL TEAM FUNDRAISER

On Thursday, October 19, the Robertson Kadwell Team of Sotheby's International Realty Canada in Oakville

(Nancy Robertson, Joanna Kadwell and Andrew Kadwell) invited their clients, friends and family to join them at Hagerty's Garage + Social for drinks, food and golf/F1 simulator challenges to raise money for HSH.

The 'Drive to Survive' event, included food, drinks and games and challenge prizes for the longest drive, closest to the pin and driving

the fastest lap.





HSH was in full support with
HSH Executive Director Sara
Cumming, Marketing & Events
Coordinator Katelyn Zaoral
and Case Manager Temisha
Jacques attending with HSH
Board Chair France Fournier
and Board of Directors
members Emma Jarratt and
Nazeera Khan. All proceeds
support HSH. The Robertson
Kadwell Team are ongoing HSH
supporters. Thank you!











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