

## AUGUST 2022

August 1 – Emancipation  
Day; Civic Holiday

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

August 12 – International  
Youth Day (UN)

August 13 – Obon (Shinto-  
Buddhism)

August 18 – Krishna  
Janmashtami (Hindu)

August 19 – World  
Humanitarian Day (UN)

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

## EMPTY BOWLS IS BACK



Home Suite Hope is preparing to serve up its traditional in-person signature fundraiser, Empty Bowls, presented by the Taylor Group. The date is Nov. 6, 2022 and the venue is St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School. **See inside for details.**

## BACK TO SCHOOL CALL OUT

We are inviting the community to help Home Suite Hope participants and their families step back into the class in new running shoes. We are asking for monetary donations so HSH single parents can purchase the running shoes for their family.

If you can help, please donate through CanadaHelps with a notation for Back to School Shoes.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/home-suite-hope-shared-living-corp/>

# EMPTY BOWLS RETURNS

IN PERSON AGAIN: NOV. 6, 2022

Empty Bowls ticket sales are live!

In its 14th year, Empty Bowls, presented by The Taylor Group, brings the community back together once again - this time in-person - at St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School to visit the various soup vendors by handing the chef their new bowl to fill. This tangibly represents the soup kitchen experience that many homeless individuals face.

This is Home Suite Hope's annual signature fundraising event with all proceeds going to its wraparound supports.

Back by popular demand, Empty Bowls 2022 will happen on Sunday, November 6, 2022 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Seating Option #1: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Seating Option #2: 1-2:30 p.m.

You will receive:

- Soups prepared by local chefs
- COBS Bread for dipping
- \*A ceramic bowl
- Delicious desserts

***\*With purchase of Single Admission + Bowl or Single Admission + Bowl Painting tickets only***

Scan this QR code to be directed to our ticket sales page.



**We hope to see you there!**

# SOS: RUNNING ON EMPTY!

## FILLING THE NEED

HSH launched an emergency transportation campaign – Running on Empty - to help our families with rising gas and transportation costs in June.

The campaign began with a week-long Matching Challenge and will continue throughout the summer.

**So far - thanks to the generous support from the community kicked off by the outstanding response to the Matching Challenge - the \$25,000 campaign is nearing the \$15,000 mark.**



Our participant single parents are facing steeper challenges as they work to move from poverty to stability, as rising transportation costs are proving to be a real hindrance.

While HSH helps families with rental subsidies, a post-secondary bursary, childcare costs and case management, rising transportation costs are impeding their ability to get to school, grocery store or food bank, work, childcare and case management and life skills meetings.

Our \$25,000 campaign launched with a **Matching Challenge** – for every \$1 that was donated between June 22 and June 29, 2022, it was matched by **an anonymous supporter, who provided \$5,000 in matching funds**. The Matching Challenge was taken home by a \$2,500 donation from the **Willis Family through the Aqueduct Foundation** and **Bonnie and Terry Jackson through The Jackson Family Foundation Fund at the Oakville Community Foundation**. Thank you! If you missed the Matching Challenge, you can still donate to this worthy cause.

**Make a monthly donation through CanadaHelps earmarking it for transportation/gift cards:**

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/home-suite-hope-shared-living-corp/>

# PARTICIPANT UPDATES



## A FULL-TIME JOB!

**H**ome Suite Hope is celebrating as one of its single parents in the Stabilizing First Halton program secured a full-time job. Way to go!

## HBH GRAD AT WORK

A Homeward Bound Halton (HBH) graduate has obtained employment in her area of study. She is working 30 hours per week to start. Congratulations!

## PARTNERSHIP PAYS OFF!

**H**ome Suite Hope recently announced a partnership with CAA South Central Ontario (@caasco)!

CAA provided us with video content to share with our participants during the month of May, which is CAA's car care month, and created a self-paced course to be rolled out in August for our Life Skills program.

Many of our single mother participants have expressed gratitude for this, as most do not have access to adequate support/knowledge when it comes to car maintenance and safety. We are so grateful to CAA for lending their expertise to Home Suite Hope participants!



# HSH BOARD NEWS

## FORMER HSH TREASURER RECEIVES QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE AWARD

HSH recently bid farewell to long-time Board member and Treasurer Lisa Garland, who having reached the end of her tenure, stepped away from official duties at HSH in June.

HSH successfully nominated Lisa as a Community Hero, who was recognized with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Award at a July 21 ceremony officiated by Burlington MP Karina Gould and Burlington Mayor Marianne Meed Ward.



"That night was a special night for me. It was an both an honour and a surprise to be nominated by HSH for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Award. I am not sure I fit into the category that some other recipients did, but I was truly impressed with all the volunteers and the number of hours that they spend volunteering. Thank you, Krystal and Katelyn, for spending your personal time to come to the event it meant a lot to have you both there. Thank you again for thinking of me for the award!" said Lisa.

## QUEEN'S JUBILEE AWARD FOR HSH BOARD CHAIR FRANCE FOURNIER

Oakville Chamber of Commerce President & CEO - and HSH Board Chair France Fournier - was also recognized with a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Award by Canada's Minister of Defence and Oakville MP Anita Anand. Congratulations, France!



## QUEEN'S JUBILEE AWARD FOR SARA

Oakville MP and Canada's Minister of Defence Anita Anand recently congratulated Home Suite Hope Executive Director Sara Cumming on being presented with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Award. In honour of the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, MP Anand honoured outstanding residents with a commemorative pin and a certificate of recognition. Sara was recognized with this award for her exceptional service to the Oakville community.



# HSH NEWS

## CATHERINE'S A MOM

**H**SH Program Manager Catherine Villasenor has officially left HSH - but for a good reason! Catherine and her husband, Danier, welcomed their baby boy, Caidan Jeremiah Sunday, July 3, 2022. Congratulations!

In Catherine's absence, please reach out to the following alternative contacts:

**Program matters:** Nikkian at [nikkianh@homesuitehope.org](mailto:nikkianh@homesuitehope.org)

**Intake or program eligibility:** Leah at [leahb@homesuitehope.org](mailto:leahb@homesuitehope.org)

**Funding and donation matters:** Krystal at [krystalv@homesuitehope.org](mailto:krystalv@homesuitehope.org)

**Management or urgent matters:** Sara at [sarac@homesuitehope.org](mailto:sarac@homesuitehope.org)

**Other inquiries:** [info@homesuitehope.org](mailto:info@homesuitehope.org)



## VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE



**W**e invite you to visit our newly redesigned website at [www.homesuitehope.org](http://www.homesuitehope.org). The website was redesigned with the assistance of Unity Values and offers an enhanced visit for both program participants and members of the public.

Drop by for a visit and spend some time learning more about all we do at HSH to assist single-parent families move from homelessness to stability.

## HSH RESEARCH ASSISTANT

**H**SH welcomes Sam Garland as a research assistant.

Sam is a student in Teacher's College at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, ON. He is a lifelong resident of Burlington.

"I am looking forward to helping give back to and improve our community," he said. Welcome to HSH, Sam!



# HSH STAFF NEWS



## KRYSTAL VALENCIA NAMED A TOP 30 CHANGEMAKER TO WATCH

Congratulations to Krystal Valencia, Home Suite Hope's Director of Development, who is among 30 changemakers to watch as she was named as a health and wellness changemaker in RBC Future Launch's 2022 Young Impact Leaders.

Entrepreneurs get a lot of praise for starting something new, and making big waves in the social impact world — and they should. But it's also true that much of social impact happens through bold, incremental steps inside existing organizations.

Through implementing courageous and innovative practices, initiatives and policies from the inside, intrapreneurs are driving change in the social impact world. And they deserve celebration for their work. That is why Future of Good's 30 Young Impact Leaders To Watch shines a light on what this tough intrapreneurial work looks like.

Krystal is among these 30 brave Canadian intrapreneurs, who are challenging traditional norms, mindsets and practices and pushing different ways of delivering social impact in five areas: Inclusion, Youth Engagement, Tech for Good, Health & Well-Being and Climate & Environment.

HSH joins RBC in celebrating Krystal as a young leader doing this game-changing work, day in and day out.

# DONOR NEWS



## IN MEMORY OF MARY COOTE

**H**ome Suite Hope extends its condolences to the family of Mary Coote, who passed away in July. HSH also thanks the family who asked that donations in Mary's memory be made to HSH. Thank you to all those who donated and to the Coote Family.

## BELL DELIVERS

**H**ome Suite Hope is grateful to Bell Canada for donating backpacks, basic needs (hygiene, cleaning and household items) and summer fun items.

Bell's generosity means that each of HSH's families - parents and children - can receive a Summer Fun activity bag. Thank you!



## CORPORATE COMMITMENT

**H**ome Suite Hope remains grateful to Sagen for its ongoing support of our single-parent families - and for its renewed commitment. Next up, Sagen employees volunteering at our Community Garden.

Thank you!



## TOY DONATIONS

**H**ome Suite Hope sends another shout-out to Jill Johnson of Guelph. Thanks, Jill, for your thoughtful donations. They will come in handy if an HSH single parent finds they are in need of a cool gift - an extra for those extra occasions.

Thank you!





# GET INVOLVED

ARE YOU ORGANIZED?  
DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

**HSH** is seeking a super organized individual, who would like to step in and volunteer as our interim Volunteer Coordinator.

If you are interested, please contact [info@homesuitehope.org](mailto:info@homesuitehope.org)

## JOIN HSH'S EMPTY BOWLS COMMITTEE

**E**mpy Bowls is back and we are looking for Committee Members to help with the procurement of desserts, beverages, disposable spoons & bowls for the November, 6th 2022 event date at St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School. If you are interested in joining the Empty Bowls 2022 Committee, please email Katelyn at [katelynz@homesuitehope.org](mailto:katelynz@homesuitehope.org).



## HOST A PAINTING PARTY THIS SUMMER

**A**re you searching for a team-building event or group social activity?

Consider a bowl-painting event with Crack Pot Studio in support of Home Suite Hope's annual Empty Bowls fundraiser.

We need bowls for our autumn signature fundraiser that serves up soups from various local restaurants in support of our programming for single parents and their families.

For information, contact Katelyn at [katelynz@homesuitehope.org](mailto:katelynz@homesuitehope.org).

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT

## FIRST HARVEST AT GARDEN

**A** big vote of thanks to those volunteers, who have braved the scorching temperatures this summer to help harvest potatoes, carrots, beans and zucchini from HSH's Community Garden Blueberry Fields at Upper Oakville Shopping Centre.

A whole bed of carrots and a bed of potatoes - about 30 kg of potatoes and 15 kg carrots, a large box of beans and several boxes of huge zucchini were harvested and taken Kerr Street Mission where HSH participants and members of the public can access the fresh produce.

The two beds will be planted with new seeds and will provide a second harvest. For more information about volunteering at the garden, email [volunteers@homesuitehope.org](mailto:volunteers@homesuitehope.org).



**Ken Stockstill of the Upper Oakville Shopping Centre and manager of Blueberry Fields, helps organize the community garden's first harvest.**

**- Ruth Borst, Blueberry Fields Volunteer Coordinator**



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