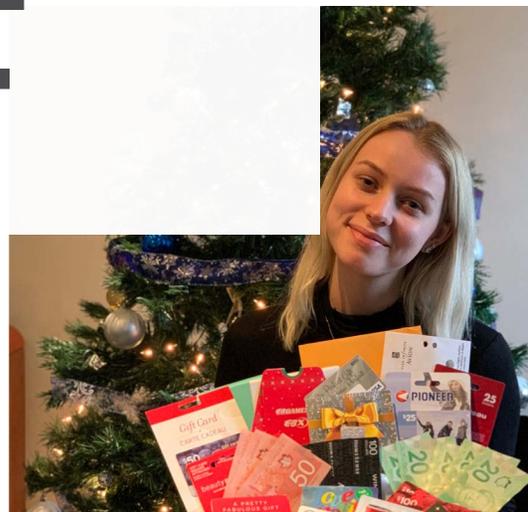
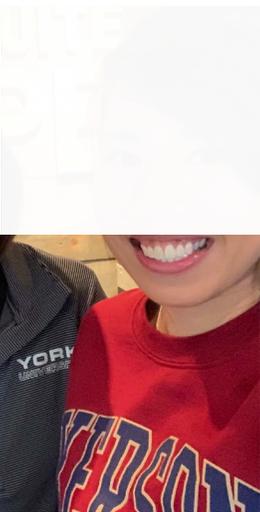




HOME SUITE HOPE 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



2019 STATISTICS

HOW MANY PEOPLE DID WE SERVE?

85 INDIVIDUALS
32 MOTHERS
53 CHILDREN



HOW MANY WERE NEW?

9 MOTHERS



15 CHILDREN



HOW MANY WERE HOMELESS OR CAME FROM SHELTERS?



6 FAMILIES

HOW MANY ACADEMIC GRADUATES?



2 GRADUATES

HOW MANY HOMEWARD BOUND GRADUATES?

2 GRADUATES



HOW MANY HBH GRADUATES ARE OFF ONTARIO WORKS?

100%

100%

OF THOSE WHO GRADUATED AND ARE EMPLOYED ARE EARNING OVER THE CANADIAN AVERAGE.

71%

ARE EARNING AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$50,000 OR MORE

86%

OF PARTICIPANTS THAT COMPLETED THE HBH PROGRAM EXITED EMPLOYED

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I first came to Home Suite Hope in 2018 as the Program Director with the goal of evaluating outcomes and overhauling programming to align with evidence-based practices.

We often referred to 2018 as the year of transition and renewal. We had paused intake while we worked on strengthening staffing, programming and our funding model. By the start of 2019, we were renewed and ready to deliver the best programming possible.

Strength and resiliency are the words that would best define 2019 for Home Suite Hope. We strengthened every aspect of the organization, from building up our internal staff to expanding and enhancing our relationships with our valued stakeholders, to securing new funding avenues to keep our program moving forward. Staff positions were reviewed and re-evaluated, and enhanced or streamlined where necessary to better support our goals as an organization. I moved into the role of Executive Director after Britta Martini-Miles decided to step away from a long and meaningful career to spend some more time with family and friends. As well, we augmented our team with new hires: a Director of Development and an Administrative Assistant who have been invaluable additions to our team.

I am pleased to announce that Home Suite Hope entered into a collaboration with three post-secondary institutions. We are thrilled about this new collaboration, which enabled us to take on three new student placements. For the first time, we accepted a social service worker student from Sheridan College; a social work undergraduate student from McMaster University; and a student pursuing a master's degree in social work from Wilfrid Laurier University. These three exceptional students were a welcome addition to Home Suite Hope. In addition, we invested in our office space to make our working environment more productive. This included investing in new technology for both our staff and participants.

We officially launched two new programs: *Jill of All Trades* and *Stabilizing First Halton*. Our first cohorts into both programs were accepted in September 2019. This was our biggest intake to-date, as we brought eight families from homelessness into our new programming and one of our families moved from our previous *ReStart* program into *Homeward Bound Halton*. All of our *ReStart* families phased out of programming and that program was officially closed. Two of our *Homeward Bound Halton* participants graduated from Sheridan College.

This year, we were able to continue to strengthen our community partnerships, increasing the commitment from The Region of Halton, the Oakville Community Foundation, Sheridan College, the YMCA of Oakville and Kerr Street Mission. A new collaboration with Food For Life commenced in early 2020. We continued to see growth in our donor numbers and were the very proud recipients of the fifth consecutive year of funding from Genworth Canada and from the Peter Gilgan Foundation. This year also marked the first year we, in partnership with FCT, were able to award the William G. Davis Scholarship to one of the children of our participants to pay \$5,000 towards his first year of post-secondary education. Also, 2019 was the first year we, in partnership with St. Jude's Anglican Church, were able to provide all of our current participants and their children with back-to-school supplies, including laptop computers for all our incoming participants.

I am extremely proud to also announce the growth of the volunteer sector of our organization. This year, we launched a large mentorship program with all of our participants who are attending school. Each one of our active students was paired with a female executive of Sheridan College. We also launched *Community Nights*, which brings together women in the community with our *Stabilizing First Halton* participants to build organic mentorships. Our business networking program was revamped and reinvigorated last year thanks to industry leaders from organizations across Halton and beyond who stepped up to build a new and improved volunteer Industry Council. Representatives from Deloitte, FCT, FirstOntario Credit Union, Fiera Capital, Genworth, PwC, Sodexo, Synergy Design, WSP, and Zare Paralegal provide ongoing employment support for our participants in *Homeward Bound Halton*.

A group of our *Homeward Bound Halton* graduates also banded together to serve as our first ever volunteer Alumni Group. The Alumni Group helps incoming participants with onboarding and acts as outreach for the participants as they navigate through the programming requirements. Through the efforts of our much-appreciated volunteer coordinator, Sharon Richardson, we continued to provide support to our *Community Garden* run by Ken Stockstill.

The community also wrapped its support around us for our highly successful relaunch of *Empty Bowls* 2019. The success could not have happened without

our amazing volunteer committee, our spectacular event sponsors, soup and in-kind sponsors, or the hundreds of community members who attended the event and donated to the success of the *Home Suite Hope* families.

Not including government funding, *Home Suite Hope* ended 2019 in the best fiscal position of the previous five years. This was due in large part to all our supporters who gave their time and energy and made financial contributions to support our families.

Academics often argue that there is a direct correlation between adversity and resiliency, and between resiliency and success. In 2018, *Home Suite Hope* was facing extraordinary adversity.

In 2019, we showcased our resilience and leapt forward—rather than the normal bounce-back that defines resiliency. We witnessed favourable outcomes in every area of the organization, and most importantly, in the lives of our participants.

As we launched into 2020, we did so with an upward trajectory of growth allowing us to change even more lives permanently for the better. However, the universe dealt us an unexpected hand in its delivery of COVID-19. Our ability to wrap services around our current participants has once again become our most significant need. A demand we cannot fulfill without the generous donations of money, time, skills and space.

Our 2020 goals now focus on ensuring that our participants are able to navigate this difficult year ahead of us. In addition, we will continue to expand our resources into Burlington and Milton, and further develop our *Jill of All Trades* program. We ask you — our supporters and advocates — to continue to introduce our cause to your networks so that we can continue supporting journeys from poverty to stability.

A community is only as strong, or as healthy, as its weakest members. We ask all of you to join with us in wrapping our arms tightly around our vulnerable families as we forge through the unknown effects of all that 2020 has brought to-date. Together we can continue permanently changing lives for the better.

Sara Cumming, Ph.D
HSH Executive Director, June 2020



MEET JASMINE: LOOK AT HOW FAR SHE HAS COME

When I was 15 years old, I started working at No Frills in Milton. I started as a cashier and then worked my way up into the cash office, which is a management role for the front end.

As I grew older, I began to feel depressed; I did not feel like my life was working out the way I wanted it to be. I really felt that I could do so much better somewhere else. I wanted to leave the country, get a visa, and start working a new job abroad. I love traveling and so the idea of moving away did not seem crazy to me. I thought to myself “people do it all the time right?” My heart was set on Australia, but somewhere in Europe was also an option. So, I booked a month-long trip to Europe to see if anywhere specific caught my attention and made me feel like “YES, I can have a life here.” I made the decision that when I turned 21, which would be after my Europe trip, I was going to leave and tell my friends; I was ready to make this move.

Everything happens for a reason! When I was 20, one month before my European adventure, I found out that I was one month pregnant. I would have never known that this was the case because I showed no symptoms (that I knew of). In fact, if it was not for my best friend who came to me after work one day asking me to take a pregnancy test, I would not have known that soon. My friend thought that she might be pregnant but was too scared to take the test by herself, and so, being a good friend, I agreed to take a test as well.

So there we were, in the Tim Horton’s parking lot in my car waiting to find out our test results. We waited only to find out that my friend was not pregnant but that I was. WOW! You can only imagine the emotions running through my body at this point. Some might ask if I thought that my life was over? I did not; I just knew it was about to be very different. I still went on my trip, but my previous idea of

leaving the country was just that, an idea. I told the boy (my child’s biological father) that I was pregnant, and he wanted me to have an abortion. I did not want to have one and so he told me that he wanted nothing to do with the situation, which was fine by me. Fast forward to a year later, add \$10,000 of lawyers’ fees, and I finally received full custody and child support.

I turned 21 years old and had a 2-month-old baby boy. I lived at home because I could not support my baby and myself on my own with my wage at No Frills. I paid for all my bills and gave my dad rent every month, which started once I finished high school. After having the baby, my rent increased slightly because now there were two of us to account for. However, my dad wanted us out of the house, and so, I applied for government housing. At the same time, my caseworker told me about the Homeward Bound Halton program at Home Suite Hope. I thought that I should put in an application because I needed to be out of the house and I learned that the Homeward Bound program would also provide me with the opportunity to improve my life and receive a full educational scholarship to Sheridan College to be more successful in my future.

The start of the Homeward Bound program was stressful. I even got shingles because of all the stress I was experiencing. Everything was just happening all at once; I had to move out on my own with my son, go back to school after being off for six years, and quit my job that I had been working at for eight years. It was a little wild.

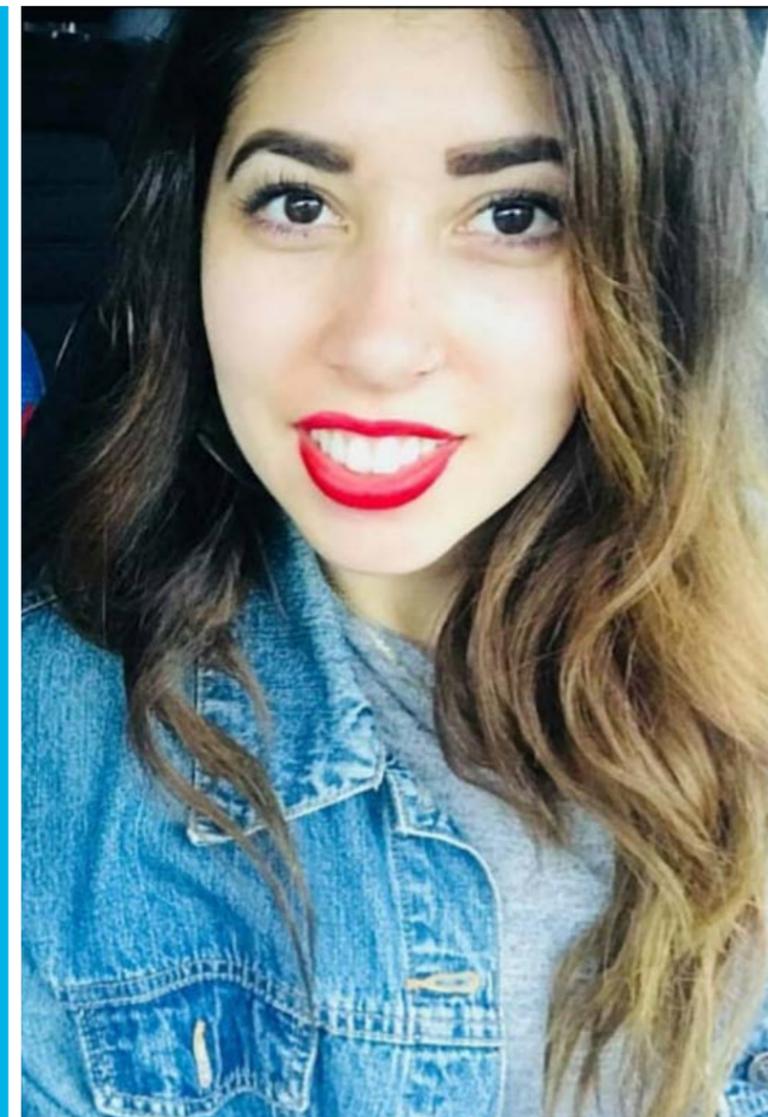
Throughout my two years in Homeward Bound Halton, the staff and my case manager helped me and checked in with me to make sure I was staying on track with my schooling, that my self-needs and my son’s needs were met. When I needed help,



they always did what they could to support me and relieve some of the stress I was experiencing. Home Suite Hope provided me with resources, such as affordable food support when I was in need, and also gave me resources for extracurricular activities to keep my son active and healthy.

I went to school to be an Electrical Engineering Technician. In my first year, I was the only girl in all my classes; but by my second year, there were a few more girls in my program. I am a couple of weeks away from graduating and I feel so good! My grades are good, my teachers are very supportive, and they all want to see me thrive. Before I went back to school people use to tell me that being in the trades would be hard because I am a woman. Not to brag, but I am a top student in most, if not all, of my classes. My teachers also tell me that I have an advantage because I am a woman, and explain that employers are looking for more women in the trades. The Homeward Bound Program and the support of Home Suite Hope have been great and have given me the push that I needed to get the ball rolling. I am confident that I will have a job in no time and cannot wait to see what the future holds for both my son and myself.

Jasmine
A HBH, Jill of All Trades Participant



BUILDING COMMUNITY

Life Skills Workshops at YMCA of Oakville

As a core program principle, all our participants attend Life Skills workshops twice a month. Each workshop is facilitated by an expert in the field and covers important topics such as healthy eating, budgeting, maintaining positive relationships, stress management, and parenting skills. In partnership with the YMCA, all Life Skills workshops have been moved to be held at the YMCA of Oakville. With a donated meeting space, participants are able to attend Life Skills workshops while their children participate in YMCA programs.

William G. Davis Scholarship (through First Canadian Title)

Geoffrey, the son of a Homeward Bound Halton participant, was awarded the William G. Davis Scholarship. The \$5,000 scholarship is funded through First Canadian Title (FCT) to assist youth with pursuing post-secondary education. Geoffrey is in his last year of high school and has hopes to continue his education in the Computer Science program at Sheridan College. He has expressed that his dream has been to be a software developer since he was a child. This scholarship will help him pay for all the fees associated with this path and allow him to pursue the future he wants.

First Canadian Title: Period Campaign

In honour of International Women's Day, First Canadian Title (FCT) held a Period Poverty campaign by collecting donated boxes of sanitary napkins, such as tampons and pads. The campaign was used to bring awareness of the rising prices for sanitary napkins and the massive expense this can be for a woman living in poverty. Across FCT locations, over 1,000 boxes were donated by staff! Home Suite Hope was one of the selected recipients of the sanitary napkins, which were distributed to all the mothers and young women in our programs.



Blueberry Fields Garden

Much like every year, the Blueberry Field's Garden was fruitful, growing vegetables such as lettuce, kale, peppers, and carrots. Home Suite Hope Staff helped open the garden and spent a staff day planting potatoes and preparing the soil. The garden was tended with love from various individual and corporate volunteers in the community, including Velocity EHS, ARI Fleet Management, and Merck Canada. With the garden's massive harvests, through a partnership with Kerr Street Mission, more Halton families are able to access the produce through the Fresh Food Box program.

Penalta Cruise

Penalta Group hosted their very first Cruise for a Cause event and selected Home Suite Hope as the beneficiary. Attendees were invited to enjoy the night aboard a beautiful boat cruise around the Toronto harbour. The successful event raised approximately \$2,500, which was allocated to supporting the Homeward Bound Halton Jill of All Trades academic program.

Back to School: Backpacks, funded by St Jude's Anglican Church

With the generous \$5,000 donation from St Jude's Anglican Church, Home Suite Hope was able to purchase brand new backpacks and back to school supplies for every participant and their children for the upcoming school year. All backpacks were paired with a lunch bag and filled with supplies that were specific to each grade. This included items such as pencils, crayons, glue sticks, scissors, notebooks, binders, and USB sticks. All new participants also received a laptop to use as they complete their post-secondary education.

Our Students

Home Suite Hope is so thankful for the opportunity and the privilege to support three placement students this past year! For the first time, we accepted three students in partnership with three different post-secondary schools: a social service worker student from Sheridan College, a bachelor of social work student from McMaster University, and a masters of social work student from Wilfrid Laurier University. We are so grateful to be able to provide the space to help future social service workers and social workers in their efforts to learn hands-on skills to help and encourage our community. Nancie, Megan and Samara were wonderful students and incredibly helpful! We are proud to say that we have seen such growth in their personal and professional skill sets. Home Suite Hope is wishing all three of you all the best in your future endeavors!

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Our Hope 4 Holiday's campaign was an incredible success this year. With multiple ways to get involved, the Halton community got into the holiday giving spirit and shared hope to all our families.

Hope 4 Holiday's Dinner Party with Santa Clause

For the very first time, Sheridan College opened their doors for Home Suite Hope's annual Hope 4 Holiday's dinner. They provided a beautiful venue for our families, which undoubtedly contributed to the fun-filled night. Hope Bible Church in Oakville, for the third time, cooked a delicious holiday dinner with Turkey and all the fixings. We were also joined by the Zonta Club of Oakville, who donated yummy side dishes and desserts and shared some great company with our families. The evening was topped off with a surprise visit from Santa Claus and his Firefighter elves from the Oakville Fire Department. Each child waited patiently to sit on Santa's lap and receive their personalized present, provided by the annual Firefighter Toy drive.

Sponsor Meet and Greet

As an extension to the Hope 4 Holiday's sponsor a family program, Home Suite Hope hosted a meet & greet night for sponsors and participants to meet. The evening was filled with hot cocoa, smiles, laughter, and tears of joy as community members, partners and corporations generously shared gifts and household items to each family to ease some of the burden of holiday shopping. We are very thankful for all of our community partners who have continuously helped with supporting these families during the holiday season.



#GivingTuesday

#GivingTuesday was held on December 3rd, 2019 and "is a global day of giving. After the sales of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday is a time to celebrate and encourage activities that support charities and non-profits" (Giving Tuesday Website). With amazing support, Home Suite Hope surpassed its goal and raised \$10,930. We received over \$2,800 in gift cards from the Penalta Group's Annual Holiday Party as well as \$1,275 in gift cards thanks to Scott Russell, Peter Kolisnyk, and Engel & Volkers. Gift cards for groceries, gas, Vanilla pre-paid, and family outings such as Cineplex were all collected and distributed to program participants.

The Purse Project by 100 Women Who Care

New and gently used purses filled with self-care items such as personal hygiene products, toiletries, scarves, beauty and nail products, and chocolates were generously donated by The Purse Project of Halton and the Waterdown and Oakville's 100 Women Who Care group, led by Michaela Hutchison. Home Suite Hope Students wrapped each purse and they were gifted to program participants to open on Christmas Day.

PARTNERS IN CHANGE CAMPAIGN

As an organization, we hope to provide not only a home for families who face financial difficulties but more importantly, a support system for families looking to change their circumstances and to take back control of their own lives.

Home Suite Hope focuses on providing single-parent families with the education and life skills required to regain and sustain financial independence, however, this is a battle that we cannot fight alone.

The Partners in Change campaign was launched in 2019 and is a top priority for Home Suite Hope in 2020. The aim is to connect the 17 families that we currently serve with 17 community members through a sponsorship.

It will address the **\$9,534** funding gap in the **\$48,075** total annual cost per family to help them journey from homelessness or precarious housing to a stable home, education and a brighter future – hope.

Home Suite Hope is proud to announce our first Partner in Change: **St. Jude's Anglican Church**. Since 2016, St. Jude's has been involved with Home Suite Hope through sponsorship of all our children's back-to-school supplies. In 2020, the congregation doubled their support as they sponsored one Home Suite Hope family for one year, in addition to a \$500 bursary for a Home Suite Hope child's school supplies.

The first sponsored Home Suite Hope family is an up-and-coming success story. She became involved with Home Suite Hope after a referral from a Halton health nurse, and has made long strides since entering our programs. From her own words:

“I just started academic upgrading at Sheridan in January and my classes are going great. I did not think college would even be an option for me to consider at this time due to the financial stresses, but thanks to the help of Home Suite Hope, and now yourselves, it is something I can not only now consider but also look

forward to. And in turn I can become qualified for a job in a field I really want to work in, that will allow myself to provide a great life to [my son], as he has made my life so great.

So thank you, thank you so much for opening your hearts and deciding to take a chance and sponsor our small family, it truly means the world to us. I am still so overwhelmed by joy to be given this opportunity to create a better future for us. I know I will be successful in this program because I have the best reason to be, my son.”

Thanks to our wonderful partners, each Home Suite Hope family can expect that almost 80% of their needs will be provided for; but we need your help to bridge the gap.



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WOODGREEN HOMEWARD BOUND & THE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

In 2014, Home Suite Hope launched the Homeward Bound Halton program as the first Canadian replication of WoodGreen's award-winning Homeward Bound program. Since then, other agencies have begun delivering the Homeward Bound program in their own local communities including, Brockville, Peterborough, and Brantford.

More than 200 women have completed the Homeward Bound program and have moved towards independence and financial stability over the 15 years Homeward Bound has been in operation. In 2017, a follow up study was completed measuring the impact of the Homeward Bound programs on participants that had graduated. It was found that housing instability decreased significantly with 92% of participants who had lived in shelters upon intake handling market rate rent, the unemployment rate dropped amongst survey respondents, and 92% of respondents felt their children had benefited through their involvement in Homeward Bound. **Within the same study, it was**

found that Homeward Bound generated a social return of six dollars for each dollar invested in the program.

Home Suite Hope is a proud partner of WoodGreen and a member of the Homeward Bound Advisory Committee. Home Suite Hope is also an active member in the Homeward Bound Community of Practice, a group that brings all the Homeward Bound sites together to collaborate, share expertise and knowledge, provide support, and offer resources. Along with Home Suite Hope and WoodGreen, representatives from Brockville, Peterborough, Brantford and seven Urban Indigenous Friendship Centres participate in the group. In 2019, staff have had the opportunity to join the Community of Practice gatherings in Ottawa, Toronto, and virtually online during teleconferences. Home Suite Hope also received five skids of donated household items from TJX Canada and WoodGreen to be shared with participants over the holiday break.



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TJX Canada Donations



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OUR FINANCES

On the heels of some truly challenging times for Home Suite Hope as an organization, we rose stronger and more resilient in 2019, even beyond our expectations. From the change in leadership to adding key support staff to critical investments in our office space and technology, we emerged with a strengthened program and a stable organization. Our efforts were rewarded with an increase in revenue and net income for 2019. We were humbled to receive a generous estate donation in 2019 which greatly assisted in our transition and allowed us to increase our total number of participants. Home Suite Hope is continuing to concentrate on earning revenue from all of our revenue line items more consistently, as well as to broaden awareness in all of Halton to increase donation and fundraising support.

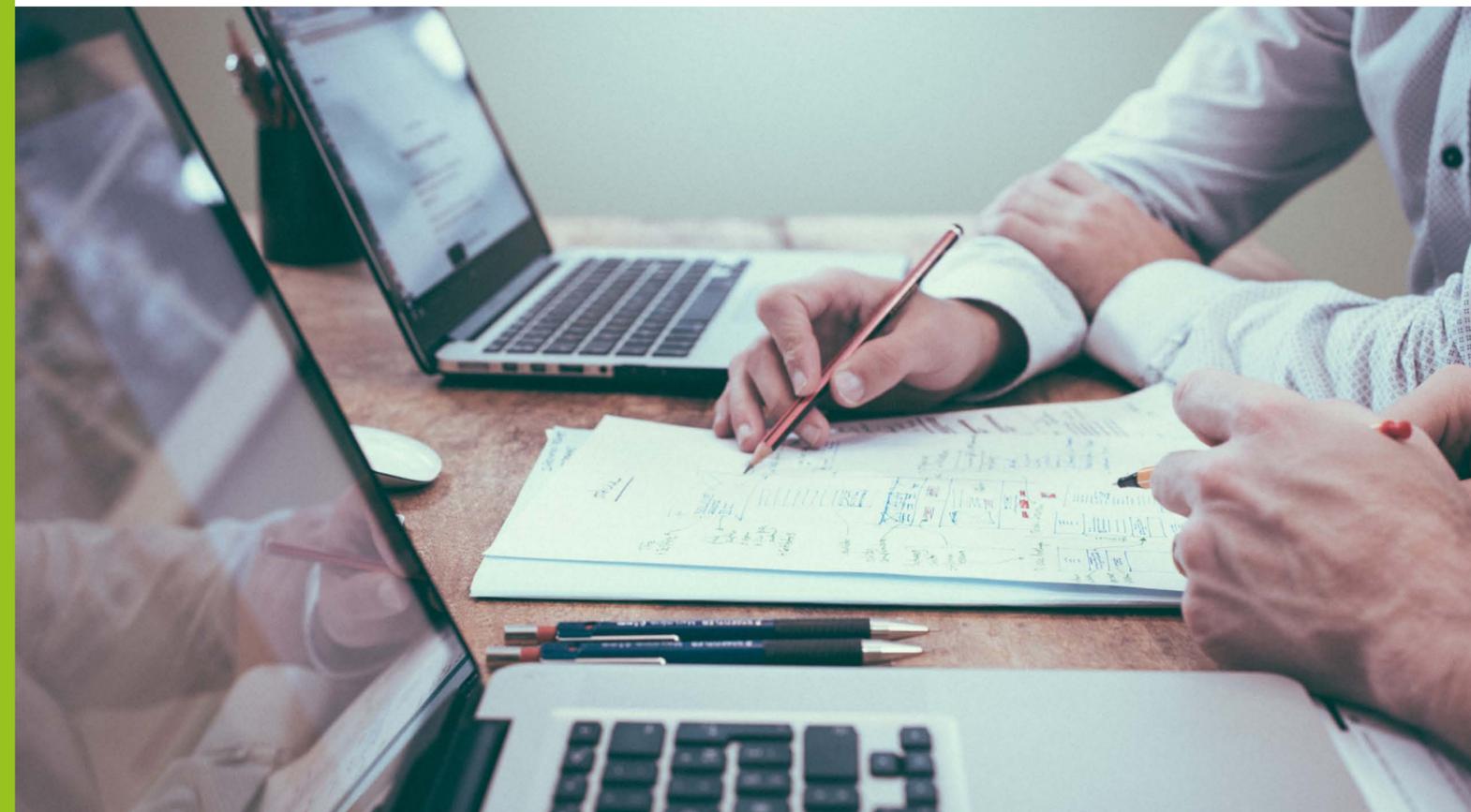
BALANCE SHEET

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	200,609	151,753
Guaranteed investment certificate	250,000	50,000
Accounts receivable	7,926	61,213
Other current assets	2,446	2,447
	<u>460,981</u>	<u>265,413</u>
Oakville Community Foundation Funds	437,684	395,176
Fixed assets	23,282	28,355
Total assets	<u>921,947</u>	<u>688,944</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable & accruals	24,651	29,876
Deferred revenue	127,722	-
Total liabilities	<u>152,373</u>	<u>29,876</u>
Equity		
Invested in capital assets	23,282	28,355
Internally restricted	600,000	400,000
Endowment fund	31,325	30,525
Unrestricted fund	114,967	200,188
Total equity	<u>769,574</u>	<u>695,068</u>
Total liabilities & equity	<u>921,947</u>	<u>688,944</u>

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

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	2019	2018
INCOME		
Grants	317,952	311,271
Donations	297,625	93,141
Sponsorship	52,000	25,000
Fundraising	64,690	175,788
Other	58,124	(5,965)
Total Income	<u>790,391</u>	<u>599,235</u>
EXPENSES		
Fundraising	21,852	36,873
Wages and benefits	121,453	224,289
Margaret Gardens project	80,186	-
Office and general	53,773	65,973
Non recoverable sales tax	13,852	9,238
Insurance	1,277	1,401
Participant support	327,498	418,664
Professional fees	38,071	33,918
Volunteer program	10,380	4,362
Amortization	12,343	9,060
Total expenditures	<u>680,685</u>	<u>803,778</u>
Net Income	<u>109,706</u>	<u>(204,543)</u>



THANK YOU

Thank you to all our donors, friends, ambassadors and networks that have given so generously this past fiscal year. Your continual commitment to our participants and their families through donations, grants, in-kind support and fundraisers such as Empty bowls support our families in changing their trajectories from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Every participant who comes to Home Suite Hope works hard to disrupt cycles of poverty—a quest that is only made possible through your gifts.

OUR PARTNERS



OUR DONORS (Gifts over \$500)

AESI Acumen Engineered Solutions Int.	Insurance	Newman, Adam
Altruists of Oakville	Goodale Miller Team & Ontario REALTORS Care Foundation	O'Connor, MacLeod, Hanna LLP
Angela Bruce Chapter IODE	Gore Mutual Insurance Company	Oakville Community Foundation
Bankey, Theresa	Foundation - through HUB International	Penalta Group Ltd
Barr, Mark	Greater Toronto Apartment Association	Peter Gilgan Foundation
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Bowick, Michael	Haslett Theall, Janet	RBC Foundation - Andrew Sharp
Brady, Douglas & Sue (personal & via OCF)	Hayhoe, Steve	Richardson, Blair
Burl-Oak Theatre Group	Helsdon, Jim & Lisa (via OCF)	Rubicon Publishing
Burlington Community Foundation	Henderson Partners	Samuels, Donna
Carlyle, Barrie	Herring, Glen	Scheuring, Tom
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Chisholm, Susan	Hutchison, Michaela	Somers, Lisa
Cockwell, Ian & June	Jamison, Neil & Martine	Spence, Wilma
Cogeco Connexion	Kodama, Tracy	St. Jude's Church
Davenport Realty, Brokerage	Kolisnyk, Peter	The May Court Club of Oakville
Degroote, Lorraine	Lacey, Dwight	The Oakville Club
Dow, Nancy	Lake, Ian	The Taylor Group
Dunnigan, Frank & Mary-Beth	Layfield, Susan	TMX Shorcan Brokers Limited
Elliot, Christine & Paul	Lester, Neil & Joanne	Walton Memorial United Church
Engel & Volkers	Mackey, Anita & Shaen, Michael	Waugh Family Foundation
First Canadian Title	Martini-Miles, Britta	Willis, Peter & Eve
FK Morrow Foundation	Miller, Constance	Wolseley Canada
Fleck Foundation	Milley, Marg & Greg	Woodbridge, Gene & Sasha
French, Jodi	Milli Ltd.	Yates, Kevin & Adrienne
Garland, Lisa	Morrison, Scott	Yong, Kim
Genworth Financial Mortgage	Munn's United Church	Young, Elizabeth
	National Money Mart	Zonta Club

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100 Women Who Care Oakville	Jane De Cheverry	Sharon Wong
7 Communications	Jennifer Olmstead and Stephanie Macina, of the PC Cooking School, at the Real Canadian Superstore	Sheridan College Ceramics Studio
Altruists of Oakville	Joshua Creek Furniture	Sheridan College Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Amy Blanchard & Mary Kay Canada	Kate Fudge & The Sharp Family	Sodexo Canada
Angela Bruce IODE	Kathryn Smith	Spinco Oakville
Anita & Kevin Boyce	Kerr Street Cafe	St. Simon's Anglican Church, Oakville
Bob Fleck	Kristen Arcena	Stoney Creek Furniture
Braam's Custom Cabinets	Laura Murphy & The Murphy Family	Tansley Wood Community Centre
COBS Bread	Longo's	Ted & Kristine Boldt
Coriander Green: The East Indian Feast	Lorrie Lunny	The Lounge Salon Oakville
Cove Restaurant & Bar	Mama Fitness	The Oakville Club
Crackpots Studio	Nik's Chicks	The Penalta Group
Dr. Jessica Pulis	Oakville Firefighters Association	TJX Canada
Elizabeth Giroux	Oakville Golf Club	Violet Jameson & Yellow Door Studio
Engel & Volkers Oakville	Purse Project of Halton/Waterdown and Gayla Matos and Jill MacKeller	Walton Memorial United Church.
Food for Life	Rebecca Pointon	Well Dressed Home
Fouad Khalique	Ritorno	Whole Foods Market Canada
France Fournier	Samantha Crandall & The Crandall Family	WoodGreen
Genworth Canada	Seasons Restaurant	Zonta Club of Oakville



EMPTY BOWLS 2019



In its 11th year, Empty Bowls 2019 raised a total of \$108,300 at Appleby College, in support of Home Suite Hope families. Over 500 Home Suite Hope families and friends enjoyed delicious soups ladled into hand-crafted bowls from Oakville's favourite establishments. This brought together over 20 local businesses in support of single-parent-led families faced with homelessness, who are working hard to make a change in their own lives, and that of their children. Since 2015, our signature fundraising event has been proudly presented by The Taylor Group as a fundraiser benefiting Home Suite Hope, who for the first time-ever matched all corporate donations up to an additional \$15,000 beyond their title sponsorship. The Taylor Group is a global brand experience agency that unites brands with their target audiences through events, environments and digital engagement.

Tracy Kodoma and Sharon Richardson co-chaired the Event Planning Committee who planned all of the logistics leading up to Empty Bowls 2019. The committee members divided and conquered the

workload to plan all moving parts of Empty Bowls; Cindy Perras and Denise Iafrati organized all soup vendors; Jodi French obtained hundreds of hand-crafted and hand-painted bowls from our sponsors; Randall Kodama became the venue liaison; Lori Sims and Joanne Peters took charge of dessert sponsors; Laurie Forsyth was the community-outreach liaison; Debbie Marks, Peter Kolisnyk, and Krystal Valencia coordinated sponsorship and marketing. Crack Pot Studio and Sheridan College's Ceramics Studio put the hand-crafted and hand-painted into our Empty Bowls.

Year after year, both big and small businesses continue to come together for this Soup-er Sunday afternoon. This year, community members became involved by: planning the day, hosting bowl-painting parties and donating the bowls to our event, or through in-kind donations throughout the afternoon. Empty Bowls 2019 would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors!



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

To Home Suite Hope Donors and all Stakeholders:

It's amazing how much a difference a year can make! Home Suite Hope had a great 2019 year where we continued with our strategy of growing our presence in the Halton region and doing more to make the best resources available to our program participants. Last year, I summarized 2018 as the year of change and renewal. This year, I'd summarize 2019 as a year where we fired on all the cylinders, demonstrating strength and resilience.

Our signature event, *Empty Bowls* was outstanding with us exceeding our targets on sponsorships and donations. We expanded our program offering by going into a new skill range for our program participants known as *Jill of All Trades* which is an area I'm confident will continue to grow in interest amongst our women. We also launched *Stabilizing First Halton* to offer single parents much needed support in transitioning from homelessness.

Corporations continued to show interest in supporting Home Suite Hope, such as Genworth, whose generosity leaves us so grateful. FCT provided its William G. Davis Scholarships to Home Suite Hope, which was awarded to our program participant's son who is pursuing his post-secondary education in Information Technology.

Penalta held a fundraising boat cruise over the summer and donated the proceeds to Home Suite Hope.

Finally, I'm so pleased to announce we've expanded our presence further into Halton by holding our first Burlington Chamber of Commerce Event with a panel of keynote speakers consisting of:

Janet Morrison, President Sheridan College

Lisa Lisson, President Fed Ex Canada

Karina Gould, Minister of International Development; and Member of Parliament for Burlington

Dr. Sara Cumming, Executive Director, Home Suite

Hope and Professor of Sociology at Sheridan College

These successful women have shown us that strength and resilience have helped them be successful. I think those messages will be important to keep with us as we continue to face the challenges ahead of COVID-19. While I've no doubt Home Suite Hope and our participants will come out of this journey stronger, it won't come without challenges, moments of despair and the need for a sense of humour when it all just seems too much from time-to-time.

As we sign off on another year, I'd like to thank Dr. Sara Cumming for being an outstanding leader in her role as Executive Director at Home Suite Hope. I also express my gratitude to the staff at Home Suite Hope who put their super hero capes on every day and do the great work that they do to support our participants. Finally, I'd like to thank Home Suite Hope's Board of Directors for their dedication and commitment to the organization. I'd like to extend a special welcome to our newest board members: Elizabeth Young, who joined us in the summer of 2019; Mary Sheridan, who joined us in early 2020; and Sharon Richardson, who will join us this June. I'd also like to thank two board members who are stepping down in June, Bill Perras and Peter Kolisnyk. Bill and Peter have served on the board for several years, their passion and support for Home Suite Hope has been incredible. Bill and Peter, thank you for all of your service to Home Suite Hope, we wish you all the best for the future.

Thank you once again to our donors and stakeholders who have sponsored Home Suite Hope over the past year: You've played a significant role to Home Suite Hope's success. We hope we can count on you going forward!

I am so grateful for the time that I have served as Board Chair. As I now pass the baton to our new Chair, Barrie Carlyle, I am full of both excitement and anticipation to think of where Home Suite Hope might go in the next two years.

Wishing you all the best of health at this unprecedented time,

Sharon Wingfelder

HSH Board Chair 2019

OUR STAFF 2020



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Executive Director



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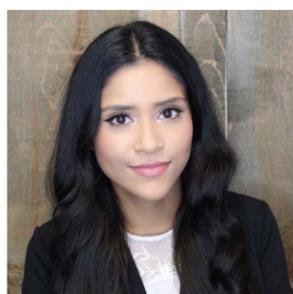


Leah Burton
Case Manager



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WELCOMING NEW STAFF



Trina Roiballove
Community Outreach Worker

Home Suite Hope is excited to welcome Trina Roiballove as our new Community Outreach Worker and Angela Blackburn as our new Administrative Assistant.

Trina is the liaison with the Halton Region to coordinate Home Suite Hope's community-wide Life Skills Workshop—an HRCIF-funded pilot project that enhances access to life skills programming for individuals at risk of homelessness. She holds a bachelor's degree with a double major in Psychology and Anthropology from the University of Toronto, and a post-graduate certificate in Addictions and Mental Health from Humber College. Trina has a passion to support individuals in the vulnerable sector, and has worked with the community in supportive housing, mental health and addictions, and the criminal justice system.



Angela Blackburn
Administrative Assistant

Angela recently joined the Home Suite Hope team after a lengthy career in community journalism. As a long-time news reporter, Angela covered everything from politics and police to community and arts across Halton and Mississauga, and then was a community section editor and then managing editor in Oakville. Angela comes to us with a Bachelor's degree, with double majors in English and French literature from the University of Toronto, diplomas in legal office administration and journalism from Sheridan College, as well as experience as a legal office assistant at a Toronto law firm and contract public relations consultant with a school board.

OUR BOARD 2020



Barrie Carlyle
Incoming Chair of Board of Directors
Member of HSH Human Resources Committee



Sharon Wingfelder
Past Chair of Board of Directors
June 2018-September 2020
Member of HSH Human Resources Committee



Catherine Meagher
Secretary
Chair of HSH Governance Committee & Member of HSH Human Resources Committee



Lisa Garland
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Blake J. Hampton-Davies
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France Fournier
Chair of HSH Fundraising & community outreach



Mary Sheridan
Board Member
Member of HSH Community Outreach



Elizabeth Young
Board Member
Member of HSH Governance Committee



Natalie Jamison
Board Member



Sharon Richardson
Board Member

THANK YOU & GOODBYE

Home Suite Hope would like to extend its sincerest gratitude to past Board Chair Peter Kolisnyk and Board Member Bill Perras. Bill joined HSH's board in 2011 and Peter joined board in 2014 after years of volunteering and acting as interim Executive Director. We are so incredibly thankful for their kindness, dedication and hardwork. Their collaboration and time has undoubtedly impacted Home Suite Hope and our participants in ways that we cannot describe. We will miss them dearly!



Peter Kolisnyk
Past Chair of Board of Directors



Bill Perras
Board Member

A MESSAGE FROM OUR INCOMING BOARD CHAIR



Barrie Carlyle
Chair of Board of Directors

I am honoured to be assuming the role of Board Chair at Home Suite Hope. Having joined the board in 2019, it has been a privilege to work alongside our current Chair Sharon Wingfelder as she brought an inclusive and transparent leadership presence to her role. As chair of the HR Committee over this past year I have also had a front-row seat to the amazing transformation this organization has made under Sara Cumming's direction as our Executive Director. All of us who live in Halton region can be extremely proud of the transformative work being done at Home Suite Hope and I am excited to help us continue the progress we have made throughout 2020 and beyond.

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