



Couchiching Jubilee House

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From Our Residents - One Woman's Story ...

It was almost 5 years ago that with a few personal belongings, I left an abusive relationship and fled to Orillia – a place that had been “home” 35 years earlier. My goal was to find a place to live, get my grade 12 and feel safe.

I first met Pat Hehn from North Simcoe Victim Services and she strongly encouraged me to apply to Couchiching Jubilee House. I was accepted with open arms into Jubilee House and it was like being welcomed home. The encouragement was phenomenal. Volunteers and staff supported at every turn, supporting me through highs and lows of living on my own. Friendships were made and continue to this day.

I completed my grade twelve at the Learning Centre and then enrolled at Conestoga College in Kitchener; with family far away and with the high cost of education I decided to leave Ontario at the end of January 2007 and relocate to Winnipeg. I began a job a week later.

It was not very long before I was able to purchase a home (July of that year). Since then, my wages have greatly increased and I've put my son (who moved in with me) through College and am living closer to my daughter. God has truly blessed me and I am very appreciative of the support of Jubilee House as I wouldn't be where I am today if it hadn't been for their belief in me. Now as Administrative Assistant/Payroll Clerk my days are busy – and I'm known as the “Den Mother” to the 50 people in the company where I work. Thanks Jubilee House from the bottom of my heart.

I pray that Couchiching Jubilee House has a smooth transition into their new location and that it continues to grow, helping the women in need in Orillia and surrounding communities. Thanks for always being there and for your continued love and support.

CJH Newsletter
Spring 2011
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What's New!
What's Happening!

CJH is Moving!

We need volunteers to clean, paint, put up curtains, plant flowers, put up a fence, assemble play structure, move and set up furniture.

If you can lend your talents and time, please call the CJH office at 705-326-4337!

Celebrating 10 Years in the Community!

Couchiching Jubilee House celebrates with great excitement and anticipation 10 years in our community. In this newsletter we have much to share with our residents, supporters and community partners. Our “Changing Lives Building Futures” Campaign with support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation have successfully introduced community leaders to our program and established the much needed funds to purchase a new home for our families in need of transitional housing. Women and their dependent children will be moving to their new home by the summer of 2011. There will be many opportunities for the community to help during this time of transition. We continue to seek financial support to reach our goal to raise \$500,000 and we are also looking for confidential helpers willing to donate their talents and time to prepare our new facility.

Couchiching Jubilee House success is thanks to strong community partnerships and a large, devoted team of volunteers. At the base of this team is a small dedicated staff passionate to support vulnerable women and children. Our part-time team boasts administrative assistant **Rene Jacobson**, coordinator of volunteers **Marianne Gleed**, development coordinator, **Andrea Williams** and executive director, **Charlene Taylor**. Recently the team has changed and we want to take this opportunity to thank **Gill Tillmann**, past development coordinator for her leadership over the past few years and wish her every success in her future endeavours. Gill is passionate about CJH and will continue in a volunteer capacity to lead fundraising events.

Charlene Taylor, Executive Director

Introducing our new Development Coordinator, **Andrea Williams**

I am thrilled to have been hired in April 2011 as the new Development Coordinator for Couchiching Jubilee House. Everyone has been so kind at welcoming me to the team. I am married and have three children. I truly look forward to working with the board members, committee members, staff, community and volunteers. Please feel free to stop by the office and say hello. I can be reached at (705) 326-4337 or by email: awilliams@jubileehouse.ca.

Appreciation of Support From Our Churches

CJH was founded as a Millennium project in the Jubilee year of 2000. There have been many changes, but one thing remains constant and that is the support of the Orillia community churches.

We are grateful for the ongoing financial commitment and volunteer hours donated to CJH. In March, certificates of appreciation were presented to Westmount, Regent Park and Forest Home United churches to acknowledge their volunteer work over the past **10 years**. These volunteer changeover services ensured each new resident moved into a safe, clean and furnished apartment complete with food in the fridge. This initial act of love starts a sense of security and support for those entering our doors. Our families are also very appreciative of the sponsoring churches generosity at Christmas.

A presentation was made at St. James Anglican Church on May 1, with Orillia Presbyterian Church, St. Andrew's and St. Paul's United Church shortly thereafter.

Thank you for changing lives and rebuilding futures for our women and children.

Christine Hager, Board President

Recognizing Our Volunteers!

Volunteers are the lifeblood across Canadian communities. They provide us with a sense of connectedness and well-being. They nurture and bring people together. They support and understand without judgment. They give of themselves and express concern, while finding solutions to challenges. Volunteers help to build better, stronger, healthier communities.

Couchiching Jubilee House volunteers are certainly among the very best. We are blessed with such a skilled team, willing to share their time, energy and experience.

Two Jubilee House volunteers, **Terry Rideout** and **Doug Christie**, were recently recognized for their invaluable volunteer work in our community, receiving the **Order of Orillia**. In addition, all CJH volunteers were the recipients of the **2010 YMCA Peace Medallion**. Our volunteers truly have an enormous impact on the lives of women and children who call Jubilee House 'home.'

As we face the exciting challenge of purchasing a new home, we are most grateful for our Capital Campaign volunteer team. Without their dedication and support, we would never have accomplished financial success.

Couchiching Jubilee House volunteers are truly an inspiration to others. They are the backbone of our organization, making a difference one woman at a time, one family at a time, one future at a time.

Marianne Gleed, Coordinator of Volunteers

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Thank you

Couchiching Jubilee House wishes to acknowledge with much gratitude the financial support of our Capital Campaign, Diva Day and the ongoing general financial support of our program.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your generous donation, time and efforts. You are truly making a difference in people's lives.

Thank you again for your continued support!

Wanted: Volunteers who might be interested in assisting with move to our new location. If you are interested in helping out, please call Marianne Gleed at 326-4337

Apartment Sponsors and Volunteer Base

- St. Paul's United Church
- St. James' Anglican Church
- Orillia Presbyterian Church, St. Andrew's
- Catholic Women's League of Canada, Guardian Angels Council



Empowering vulnerable women to improve their quality of life through a program of individual support and transitional housing.

We are almost there!!!

Update from the Campaign Team



The Couchiching Jubilee House Changing Lives Building Futures campaign is the most ambitious project in our history. The purpose of this campaign is to purchase a permanent facility for women and children in need of transitional housing.

We are thrilled to announce that we are close to reaching our \$500,000 goal to purchase our first home. Generous community donations have come through major gift commitments from private and corporate donors. Thanks to a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the campaign costs have been covered. We invite the community to be part of CJH historic journey to enable the purchase of a home for our vulnerable families.

Now that we are close to securing funds for the bricks and mortar, we are looking to our community for help. We will be developing teams to work on various aspects of our transition to our new home. If you can help by donating time, talent or furnishings please contact the administrative office for more details (705-326-4337). Together, we can continue to **change lives and build futures**.

Our dedicated volunteer team is the driving force behind this important work. The team includes **Sylvia Smith, Mayor Angelo Orsi, Al Langman, Susan Clarke** and campaign treasurer **Dave Simpson**.

Karen O'Coin, Capital Campaign Chair **Jane Sorensen, Capital Campaign Vice-Chair**

Diva Day

It was a great success! Thanks to all who participated! Consider tickets for next year – great gift!

You may detach and mail the form below ... Your donations may be specifically donated to Campaign, Resident Education or Programming
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