



# Couchiching Jubilee House

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## Volunteers and Staff are Heroes! – Sheila, past resident

**Sheila:** “Do you know about the amazing women of Couchiching Jubilee house (CJH), who sacrifice their time and support each week, to help other women, who find themselves in chaos or dangerous situations. Unfortunately, I myself was left homeless with two children and had no resources, leaving me nowhere to go. Fortunately I heard through a good friend, about the services offered through CJH. Without making an appointment I walked in to the office of CJH and was welcomed with a smile and a box of Kleenex. The volunteers/staff compassionately listened to my story and directed me through the application process. After a short time, I was accepted into the residential house and my children and I adjusted easily into the program, with the assistance of staff, volunteers and residents.

Through the program, I received a safe place to live, developed short and long term goals, and they helped me get in touch with community based programs for affordable housing. With the help of an educational grant I was able to complete a major part of my BA degree. With the help of volunteers and staff who I consider my heroes, I am working towards completing my driving license, and my finances are now in order. Even though I have moved on from the house I know that the staff and volunteers are only a call away. The program still provides me and past-residents with practical support. These amazing women that I have met because of CJH have turned my chaos into many blessings which include everlasting friendships.”

## Waiting List grows to 15 Families

### Message from our Executive Director – Charlene Taylor

“It has been a season of undesired and unavoidable immense upheaval in our lives – my worst nightmare come true. We had no place to go and no money to survive as we fled my abusive spouse” writes a mother of one pre-schooler. Couchiching Jubilee House responds to stories like this on a weekly basis. This August alone our waiting list grew to fifteen women seeking refuge at our transitional house. We live in difficult times and the stress on some families is unimaginable...homeless, near homeless, teen moms, broken relationships, broken hearts.

#### Stats

- 59 families have called us “home”!
- 100% homeless, near homeless or living in unsafe living conditions
- 60% experienced abuse
- 37% teen moms
- 36% struggle with learning disabilities
- 27% deal with mental health challenges
- 20% suffered death of a parent

It is a privilege to walk along side women/families on their life journey; many coming from tattered relationships that leave them feeling helpless and alone. I am humbled by the women that have the determination to rebuild their lives, develop goals for the future and improve their world. We are thankful for donors who keep our programs alive!

If you would like to make a donation to CJH, please print out this page, detach and send the completed form to the address below, along with your cheque. Your donations may be specifically donated to education, as well as programming OR To make a one-time donation online, please visit our secure website - [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org)

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CJH Newsletter  
Fall 2010-10-26  
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## What's New! What's Happening!

A Christmas “TV Special”  
“Live” on stage  
at the Stubleby Auditorium  
St. James Anglican Church



*A Chatty HANKness*  
Sat. December 11  
Sun. December 12, 2010  
Shows at 2:00 & 7:30 pm

Hank's Second Annual  
Christmas Show  
presented by  
Double R Productions  
& The Garage Door Players



Proceeds in support of  
Couchiching Jubilee House

**Tickets \$25 includes  
Christmas goodies  
and beverage**

Tickets available at  
Home Hardware Building Centre  
Manticore Books  
Shadows Salon  
or Couchiching Jubilee House Office  
(9 - 12 noon daily)

Tickets also available at the door  
Seating is limited

### My Donation

## Looking for Your Input Board President, Christine Hager

Greetings to all!

In the midst of the busy-ness of life, I reflect upon one important ingredient in the CJH recipe: YOU. CJH is about connections and family values. Your relationship with our program is important, as is your point of view.

Every organization is accountable to the supporters: how can we improve our communication to you? What would you prefer to read in our newsletters? How many newsletters a year? How do you rate our website [www.jubileehouse.ca](http://www.jubileehouse.ca)? Do you like e-mail, or regular mail? Do you want more information about planned giving, tribute gifts, Board governance, or giving groups? Why is our program important to you? Or are there other thoughts that are important to you?

I'd love to chat with you. With your valuable input, CJH can continue to move forward in a positive community direction. Together we can build even stronger ties.

Warm wishes,

Christine Hager

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Check the web site  
[www.jubileehouse.com](http://www.jubileehouse.com)  
for photos of the CJH  
Dragon Boat team,  
**Draggin' Our Butts!**

## Resident Christmas Party, Monday, December 6th

The Couchiching Jubilee House family grows bigger every year. We have developed our own "family" tradition of celebrating Christmas with our past and current residents at our annual Christmas party held early December. If you are able to help us with Christmas please mark your financial donation "Jubilee Christmas" or drop off new items for children or women to the office Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. – noon or call for appointment.

Thank you,  
Volunteers and Staff

### Board of Directors

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### Couchiching Jubilee House Staff

Executive Director:	Charlene Taylor
Coordinator of Volunteers:	Marianne Glead
Development Coordinator:	Gill Tillmann
Administrative Assistant:	Rene Jacobson

### Diva Day Tickets

Make great Christmas gifts!  
Call the office for information

705-326-4337  
9 am to noon daily

## New Mayor of Orillia on Capital Campaign Team

The "**Changing Lives Building Futures**" campaign is the largest undertaking in CJH's history, and we're thrilled to share that we've received remarkable community support to date. We're so proud to be chairing this campaign and working to ensure its success.

Our goal is to raise \$500,000 to purchase a permanent home for CJH's transitional house. We've received 100 per cent financial participation from each member of CJH's Board of Directors and our volunteer campaign team:

**Karen O'Coin, Chair**      **Angelo Orsi**      **Susan Clarke**      **Al Langman**      **Sylvia Smith**

We're currently in the quiet phase of our campaign work and plan to make an exciting announcement in early 2011. Our campaign team members are currently in discussion with various community leaders.

For more information about how to share your support, please call 705-326-4337.

Karen O'Coin  
Jane Sorensen

Changing Lives  Building Futures  
Couchiching Jubilee House

**Thank you to these supporters, and many left unmentioned. Jubilee Families are so grateful.**

Social work students of Lakehead University	2 Women and a Trunk	Darren Jack, Impact 360
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**Wanted: Volunteers who might be interested in managing and/or moving our donations. If you are interested in helping out, please call Marianne Glead at 326-4337**

### Apartment Sponsors and Volunteer Base

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- St. James' Anglican Church
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*Empowering vulnerable women to improve their quality of life through a program of individual support and transitional housing.*