



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

EVERY PEDAL.

EVERY STEP.

EVERY STRIDE.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026
KELSO CONSERVATION AREA

JOY LIVES HERE, AT THE DARLING HOME FOR KIDS

For over 20 years, The Darling Home for Kids has had the privilege of serving hundreds of families from a variety of backgrounds, across the continuum of medical fragility. We exist to alleviate the burden on the healthcare system and provide a bridge between hospital and home for families with a medically complex child. Our goal is to give these children and families the **critical support** they need in their caregiving journey. While parents and caregivers can receive a much-needed break from the physical, emotional and financial demands associated with 24-hour caregiving, we provide opportunities to these special children in our care to allow them to **play, grow and thrive**.

In our Respite Program, we create moments of joy, comfort, and laughter, providing children and families fond memories of childhood. Many of these children have been with us for years, and we have proudly watched them grow and thrive.

Within our **Residential Program**, children live with us full-time, our Home becoming their home. We've celebrated birthdays, milestones, back-to-school and even graduations together.

We've held hands with families as they said goodbye to their children in **Hospice Care**. Providing families a sense of calm and the opportunity to just be mom, dad, brother or sister and **experience peace together as a family**.



Last year, our children received over **45,000** hours essential support.

We welcomed **5 new children** into our Respite Program.

6 of our respite families who came forward in **crisis situations** were able to find **comfort and support** within our Home.



ONE FAMILY'S STORY

When you meet our son Rowan, the first thing you notice is his energetic personality - twinkling eyes behind his little glasses and a smile that melts your heart. At three years old, Rowan lives with SLC13A5 epilepsy, relies on his wheelchair to get around, and needs a G-tube for nutrition. **His care is comprehensive and constant**, we monitor him for seizures, manage his medications, and help him with every aspect of his daily routine.



Between appointments with various specialists and doctors, plus the hands-on support he needs at home, Rowan's care is demanding in ways that leave little space to simply rest and recharge. When we found The Darling Home for Kids, **we found a haven** where Rowan receives exceptional care, and we found the respite we needed. Respite stays at the Home extend far beyond Rowan's medical needs – **it supports our entire family**. When Rowan had a seizure during one of his stays, the incredible staff handled it with such expertise and care that we never hesitated to return.

We know he's safe, loved, and thriving in their hands. This allows my husband and me to go to the theatre, enjoy something as simple as bowling, and have precious date nights that strengthen our relationship. These moments aren't luxuries, they're essential for us to continue being the best parents we can be for Rowan. Without the support of generous donors, The Darling Home for Kids would not be able to provide the specialized care that families like ours desperately need.

The Home connects us to a network of families who truly understand our journey. This community of parents who "get it" has been invaluable during some challenging moments. With The Darling Home for Kids, parents like us never have to face our toughest days alone, and we know that we have the strength to keep being the best caregivers we can be.

Thank you for taking a moment to step into Rowan's world. Sharing a piece of his journey reminds me of how important it is to have a community that recognizes and supports families like ours. Your support **gives** Rowan and his friends at The Darling Home for Kids a place to **grow, play, and thrive**.



WHEELS 2026

We're thrilled to return to the breathtaking Kelso Conservation Area for **Wheels 2026**, an inspiring outdoor event that brings together cyclists, hikers, and families united by one mission: supporting medically complex children and their families cared for by **The Darling Home for Kids**.

Since 2011, Wheels has raised over \$1.58 million to support vital programs and capital projects at The Darling Home for Kids. As the population of medically complex children rises in Ontario year over year, so does the demand for our services. Your sponsorship isn't just about visibility — it's about **changing lives**. Together, we can provide specialized care and joyful experiences for children who need it most.



Where:

Kelso Conservation Area
5234 Kelso Road
Milton, ON

When:

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Agenda

- 7:00am Breakfast & Registration
- 8:00am 100km Cyclists Start
- 9:30am 50km Cyclists Start
- 10:00am 25km Cyclists Start
- 10:15am 5km Hikers Start
- 11:00am Accessible Family Stroll
- 12:30pm Celebration Lunch



WHEELS 2026

Wheels has unlimited potential and we are excited for what 2026 will bring. As we complete our largest expansion to date, our Home will be able to support more children and families. Events like Wheels will allow us to continue to do what we do best. We kindly ask you to support our vision of a world where no child is too complex to receive the love, care and support they deserve, by joining us as a sponsor Wheels 2026.

As a sponsor, you'll play a vital role in creating an unforgettable experience while making a lasting impact on children who need specialized **care, comfort, and joy**. Your partnership helps ensure that every pedal, every step, and every stride translates into meaningful support for those who need it most.

We are thankful for all of our event sponsors. In recognition of your support, we are proud to provide the following tiered benefits, based on the level of sponsorship:

- Logo recognition on DHK and fundraising websites
- Mention, with tag where applicable, on The Darling Home for Kids social media platforms
- Logo recognition in sponsor specific area
- Logo placement on media advertising promoting the event, as applicable
- Logo on start/finish line inflatable archway (starting at Silver Leve)
- Opportunity to include promotional items/samples/materials in participant kits
- Opportunity for employees to volunteer at the event



*Size and location of logo recognition on posters, advertisements and signage will be based on the sponsorship level. Recognition opportunities may be subject to content and print deadlines.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

PRESENTING SPONSOR - \$15,000

Opportunities Available (1)

- Your Logo incorporated into event logo
- Recognition as Presenting Sponsor on all collateral
- Logo, with link, on DHK & fundraising website, as well as e-blasts
- Mention, with tag on DHK social media platforms
- Corporate recognition in media alerts and press releases
- Logo recognition on event signage
- Logo on start/finish line inflatable archway, with priority placement
- Logo placement on all media advertising promoting the event
- Priority logo placement at the Starting Line
- Full page colour ad and welcome letter (2 pages total) in electronic Rider's Manual
- Logo placement on participant giveaways, if applicable
- Fifteen (15) complimentary registrations to participate in the event
- Ten (10) additional invitations to the post-ride lunch



Corporate Social Responsibility

- Exclusive opportunity to engage your employees (up to 10) on site at Darling Home in our Group Volunteer Initiative

PLATINUM SPONSOR - \$10,000

Opportunities Available (1)

- Post-Ride Celebration

Additional Benefits Include:

- Logo, with link, on fundraising website, as well as e-blasts
- Mention, with tag on DHK social media platforms
- Logo recognition on event signage
- Logo on start/finish line inflatable archway
- Priority logo placement at post-ride celebration tent!
- **Full page** colour ad in electronic Rider's Manual
- **Ten (10)** complimentary registrations to participate in the event
- **Six (6)** additional invitations to the post-ride lunch



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

GOLD SPONSOR - \$5,000

Opportunities Available (4) **Only 2 left!**

- Lunch, Volunteer, Rest Stop, Photography

Additional Benefits based on sponsor level

- **Ten (10)** complimentary registrations to participate in the event
- **Six (6) additional** invitations to the post-ride lunch
- **Full page** colour ad in event program



SILVER SPONSOR - \$2,500

Opportunities Available ~~(5)~~ **SOLD OUT!**

- Breakfast, Entertainment, Cyclist Lounge, Registration, Family Stroll

Additional Benefits based on sponsor level

- **Six (6)** complimentary registrations to participate in the event
- **Four (4) additional** invitations to the post-ride lunch
- **Half page** colour ad in event program



BRONZE SPONSOR - \$1,500

Opportunities Available (5) **Only 2 left!**

- Nutrition, Pace Vehicles, Hydration, Bike Corral

Additional Benefits based on sponsor level

- **Four (4)** complimentary registrations to participate in the event
- **Two (2) additional** invitations to the post-ride lunch
- **Quarter page** colour ad in event program

Additional options are available to sponsor the event and receive corporate recognition along each of our routes.

Logo Marker (\$1,000)

- Logo recognition on signage along all routes*
- Logo listed in event program
- 100% tax receipt

Text Marker (\$500)

- Company name recognition on signage along one (1) route
- Company name listed in event program
- 100% tax receipt

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Thank You!

Together, we can improve the lives of families who care for a child with medical complexities, and ensure they aren't left behind.

Your investment in our Home will make a significant contribution to the care offered at The Darling Home for Kids and have a major impact on the underserved population of families raising medically complex children in Ontario.

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