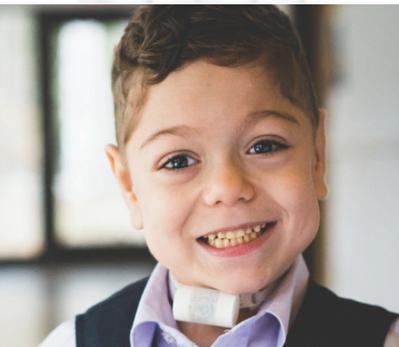


2017/2018 Annual Report

The Big Book of Gratitude!



A Home Away from Home 



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OUR GUARDIANS

Message from The Darling and Eagen Family



Mike Eagen and Michele Darling

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I always enjoy writing the introduction to this annual report, especially this year. We have much to celebrate, and many new friendships and accomplishments to acknowledge, but it's the spirit of this special place, our Home, that truly takes my breath away.

The spirit of cooperation, collaboration and partnership permeates everything we do. It's an attitude that says we are better together, and acknowledges that when we work well with one another and find new partnerships and friends, it makes us stronger as an organization.

This year, we worked diligently to meet the needs of our families. We continued to provide exceptional care to our children, with a record number of hours of service, and we offered programs and services to help our kids thrive and reach their full potential.

Partnerships were at the forefront as we built and enhanced our relationships with local hospitals, welcoming a member of our Board from Trillium Health Partners and exploring ways that our two organizations can work together to serve our families. We also

strengthened our partnerships with SickKids, McMaster Children's Hospital and other service providers in our local community.

Our staff team has grown over the past year to meet our demands for service. We worked together during times of transition and warmly welcomed new friends, staff and volunteers to our ever growing family at The Darling Home for Kids.

Donors and sponsors were an important part of our success. This year The Rogers Family made a significant donation, which will enable us to further our mission and increase our capacity to make a difference. We are so thankful for their incredible support, joining our circle of friends in contributing to our Home.

We did all of this in the special spirit of our Home, and with the leadership of our Board of Directors. I have enjoyed the journey over the past year, and am excited for the year ahead as we continue to partner together for our children and families.

Michele Darling, and her family Michael, Daniel and Ryan Eagen

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Kristin Horrell and Elaine Blaylock

“What does it mean to be a friend? We often think of a friend as someone who’s there when you need them the most. They care about how you’re doing and they keep in touch and stay connected with you. They want what’s best for you; to celebrate your successes and help you achieve your dreams.”

When we reflect on the past year we are reminded of the incredible community of supporters that surround us and make what we do possible. At The Darling Home for Kids we are fortunate to have many friends – volunteers, donors, partners and supporters who make contributions to our Home with an impact that can be seen and felt in tangible ways.

What does it mean to be a friend? We often think of a friend as someone who’s there when you need them the most. They care about how you’re doing and they keep in touch and stay connected with you. They want what’s best for you; to celebrate your successes and help you achieve your dreams. A friend is someone you can call upon when you need help. They understand what makes you who you are, and they are alongside you in your journey.

Our donors care about our mission. They understand, and help us achieve the vision we have for our services. Their contributions enable us to provide quality care to children and families. They celebrate our successes each year and know that every dollar of support directly impacts a child’s life. Our donors are true friends.

Our volunteers are also champions for our children. We call upon them when we need help and they respond. They send out mailings, plan our events, make home-cooked meals, water the flowers, read books to our kids, and the list goes on. Our children could not ask for better friends.

Our Guardians are also an integral part of our circle of friends. We would not be where we are today without the incredible support of Michele Darling, Michael Eagen and their family. We are truly grateful for their generosity.

Our partners at the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and Ministry of Health and Long Term Care are also an important part of our network. Their essential funding ensures that our special Home can be here when families need us the most.

In the pages to follow we celebrate everything we have accomplished over the past year thanks to all of our friends. Thank you for continued support. We are making a difference at The Darling Home for Kids each and every day, and it’s because we have incredible friends like you.

Kristin Horrell
Executive Director

Elaine Blaylock
Chairperson

Together, We Have Accomplished Great Things!



58

58 families received care this year, including 13 new families



53,600

53,600 hours of service were provided across our respite, hospice palliative, and residential programs



5,640

Over 5,640 hours of therapeutic programming were provided to our children, including Art Therapy, Recreation Therapy, Music Therapy, Pet Therapy, and Hydrotherapy

10,100

Over 10,100 hours of service were contributed by our dedicated volunteers





22

22 volunteer groups rolled up their sleeves to help keep our Home a warm and welcoming space for our children and families, contributing over 1,600 hours of service across 37 days



\$674,000

General donations from individuals, corporations, foundations and community events totaled over \$674,000, fulfilling our remaining operational budget needs after government funding



\$487,000

More than \$487,000 raised through our signature events – our Charity Golf Tournament, Pearls 'n Plaid Comfort & Joy Gala and Ride with Wheels



\$457,000

Funds given by donors for specific purposes, called Designated Funding, totaled \$457,000. These funds were directed to areas such as Therapeutic Programs, Hospice-Palliative Services, Wish List, and others



THE CEDARBOOK SOCIETY

The following is summarized information from the organization's audited financial statements.

Summarized Statement of Operations

	2018	2017
Revenues		
Government funding	\$1,234,052	\$1,090,171
Donations	624,015	448,526
Fundraising	424,620	329,263
Designated revenue	59,264	81,546
Other	42,721	45,189
	<u>2,384,672</u>	<u>1,994,695</u>
Expenses		
Salaries and related benefits	1,338,832	1,293,877
Home operations	227,361	241,381
Fundraising	137,579	112,696
Designated expenditures	59,264	81,546
Office and sundry	88,536	79,037
Insurance	36,128	31,544
Taxes	16,618	14,761
Interest and bank charges	14,515	11,989
Professional fees	20,880	9,501
Telephone	6,239	5,951
	<u>1,945,952</u>	<u>1,882,283</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses from operations	<u>438,720</u>	<u>112,412</u>
Capital items		
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	146,963	186,134
Amortization of capital assets	(216,108)	(212,314)
Capital maintenance fund spending		(23,156)
Loss on disposal of capital assets		(31,418)
	<u>(69,145)</u>	<u>(80,754)</u>
Excess of revenues over expenses	<u>\$369,575</u>	<u>\$31,658</u>

Our auditors Grant Thornton LLP, have audited and issued an opinion on the complete financial statements of The Cedarbrook Society. A complete set of the audited financial statements, as well as the auditors opinion, is available by request.

THE CEDARBOOK SOCIETY

The following is summarized information from the organization's audited financial statements.

Summarized Statement of Financial Position

	2018	2017
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$193,906	\$106,367
Short term investments	2,572,256	1,682,847
Accounts receivable	162,750	144,944
Prepaid expenses	42,432	6,358
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	2,971,344	1,940,516
Capital Assets	5,234,429	5,365,757
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	\$8,205,773	\$7,306,273
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$277,835	\$160,360
Deferred revenue	1,168,282	699,004
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	1,446,117	859,364
Deferred capital contributions	3,029,301	3,086,129
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	4,475,418	3,945,493
Net assets		
Invested in capital assets	2,205,128	2,279,628
Stabilization fund	320,000	338,000
Unrestricted	591,727	480,652
Capital maintenance fund	613,500	262,500
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	3,730,355	3,360,780
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	\$8,205,773	\$7,306,273
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OUR CARING STAFF

Maddison Gilmour



"Yes, I call our kids superheroes. They go through more than any of us will ever go through in our lives and they handle it with all the grace and courage imaginable."

I am the Client Care Coordinator at The Darling Home for Kids, and a nurse. When I tell people what I do - that I work at a children's home and hospice - the response I often get is "that must be so sad." It's true we deal with sadness; it's the nature of walking a child through to the end of their life. However, it isn't all sad.

When you first meet our children, the words wheelchair, disability, special needs and fragile may come to mind, and maybe even death, sadness, fear or pity. But once you get to know our kids, your perspective changes. Instead of seeing disability, sadness or pity, you see joy, life, happiness, bravery, courage, inspiration and superheroes. Yes, I call our kids superheroes. They go through more than any of us will ever go through in our lives and they handle it with all the grace and courage imaginable. Our kids have life limiting illnesses, many of whom won't live to see their 25th birthday and there may not be much we can do to change that. What we can do is make the best of every day.

We can improve their quality of life by having dance parties, swimming, playing musical chairs, watching movies, having water balloon fights, and playing at the park. We can give them a chance to be kids; to feel the wind blowing through their hair on the swing, to feel free while swimming in our hydrotherapy pool, to smile or laugh, to listen to music and dance to it whatever way they choose. That's what being a kid is about.

We allow parents to forget about the tough stuff. The feeding tubes, seizures that make their child turn blue right in front of their eyes, lifting their child in and out of a wheelchair into bed or the shower, countless medications, and the stress of not knowing when the other shoe will drop. We allow them to forget about that for short periods of time while their child is with us.

At the end of the day, it's not about the money you've made, or things you've bought, but it's about the relationships you've built, the impact you've had on others and what you've chosen to do with your life that really counts. I hope one day you interact with our children and have the opportunity for them to reach out, grab your hand, give a high five or even say thank you. In that moment, you will know that what you've done for our home is ALL worth it.

I've had the privilege of reading "Wonder", a book about a boy with a disability, to one of our residents. In it they say, "I think there should be a rule that everyone in the world should get a standing ovation at least once in their life." Our kids, the superheroes of our story at The Darling Home for Kids, give you a standing ovation, because you all have done something amazing!

Maddison Gilmour, RN, Client Care Coordinator



PARENT TESTIMONIALS

2017-2018 STAFF AWARD RECIPIENTS

"It's been said "It takes a village to raise a child". The Darling Home for Kids is a part of our family's village. It is a safe, fun environment, whose staff have earned my trust and eternal gratitude. The experience of stays at DHK enrich my son Corbin's life, and that is a value beyond measure."

-Tara (Corbin's mom)

The Darling Award

Maddison Gilmour

The Darling Award recognizes a staff member who is passionate about the organization and our children and families. This staff member embodies our mission and vision and will do whatever they can to provide our children with an oasis of comfort and joy.

Children's Champion Award

Stephanie Myers

A true champion for our children and families, the Children's Champion Award recognizes a staff member who understands the incredible impact that each moment can have on a child's life. Advocating for our kids, this staff member demonstrates a commitment to making each day a great day.

Family Impact Award

Halyna Kruger

The Family Impact Award recognizes a staff member who establishes a positive rapport with families and ensures that The Darling Home for Kids is an extension of a child's own home. Always greeting families with a smile, this staff member is genuinely interested in getting to know each family we serve.

The Butterfly Award

Olivia Leja

The Butterfly Award recognizes a staff member who has a spirit of transformation and change. This staff member advocates for process improvements that will make a difference in each child's experience at The Darling Home for Kids.

"DHK means everything to our family. It is the beautiful caring Home where Cerys can hang out and have fun while we get to recharge our batteries, and get some much needed rest."

-Sian (Cerys' mom)

"What does The Darling Home for Kids mean for my family? It's knowing that my son is being well taken care of so I can spend quality time with my other children and get a much needed rest."

It means so much knowing that the staff care about the children and give them such a good quality of life while they are away from home!"

-Karen (Adam's mom)





SIGNATURE EVENTS



Thursday, November 2nd, 2017
Country Heritage Park - Gambrel Barn, Milton

What a memorable evening! The beautiful and historic Gambrel Barn at Country Heritage Park was the perfect setting for Pearls n' Plaid, the 19th Annual Comfort & Joy Gala, in celebration of Canada's 150th and all things Canadian, raising a net amount of **\$150,000!**

CLICK TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR COMFORT & JOY GALA

19TH ANNUAL COMFORT & JOY GALA

Presenting Sponsor

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- Mary Horrell
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- Brenda Speck
- Jennifer Young

Event Manager

- Geraldine Cabral – Shake it Up Events

"I have attended galas over the years and The Darling Home for Kids Gala tops them all for attention to detail, content, fun, class and heart! It is an exceptional experience worthy of your support."

Maureen and Bob Lush



SIGNATURE EVENTS



Tuesday, July 18th, 2017
Greystone Golf Club, Milton

The 20th Annual Charity Golf Tournament was an opportunity to reminisce on the great golf, great company, and great success we have enjoyed over the last two decades, and it was also a chance to look ahead to the future. Thanks to our generous supporters, the event raised a net amount of **\$55,000** for **The Darling Home for Kids** to help fund the operations and programs we offer our children and their families.

CLICK TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

20TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Lunch Sponsor

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- Mattamy Homes

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Tournament Committee

Co-Chairs

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- Glen Tennison

Committee Members

- Evann Bush
- Jean Crescenzi
- Simon Dearden
- Jessica Gilbert
- Allison Hadley
- Jennifer La
- Judell Soulsby
- Letty Stevenson
- Janice Vancso



SIGNATURE EVENTS



Presented by: 

Sunday, June 25th, 2017
Mattamy National Cycling Centre,
Milton

Rider numbers increased three-fold as we rode through the beautiful Niagara escarpment. The event raised a net of **\$140,000** and went towards the purchase and conversion of a wheelchair accessible van as well as our core programs.

[CLICK TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHEELS](#)



7TH ANNUAL WHEELS EVENT

Presenting Sponsor

- Mattamy Homes

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- Brampton Brick
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Wheels Committee

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- Elizabeth Harding

Honorary Co-Chair

- Pete Pomeroy

Committee Members

- Frank Bon
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- Jodi Bridge
- Rob Brydges
- Greg Christie
- Diana Christie
- Susan Cleland
- Martha Gleeson
- Greg Holmes
- Assad Iqbal
- Marly Levene
- Shalon Lewis
- Ryan Oosterhoff
- Peter Stock

"Fantastic event!!! We had a great ride and thoroughly enjoyed all the other aspects of the event. Was great to see the Home and some of the kids and the band/music/food/swag was amazing. The OCA would love to be involved again next year" - Adam Morrow from OCA

"Amongst the riders there was a very friendly atmosphere which made the ride enjoyable and a positive feeling that we were all riding for a Home we all care about." - Wheels Participant

"The Darling ride is a heartfelt experience that is worth every stroke of the pedals. The day amazed me. Looking forward to the experience next year".
- Wheels Participant



CURRENT DONORS & FRIENDS

The Darling Home for Kids values its donors, without whom our work would not be possible.

Thanks to the generosity of supporters like you, The Darling Home for Kids is able to maintain the financial and operational independence that allows us to provide care to medically fragile children and a much-needed rest for their families. As our children and their families experience great life challenges, we will remain strong and unwavering in our care for them and in our commitment to our mission.

Generous donations from individuals, corporations, foundations and community events totaling over \$674,000 allowed us to provide 53,600 hours of service to 58 families across all of our programs.

The Darling Home for Kids would like to recognize and thank the donors who have made gifts during the fiscal year – April 1st, 2017 to March 31st, 2018.

Our Guardians

Michele S. Darling and her family, Michael, Daniel and Ryan Eagen

Gifts of \$250,000 - \$499,999

The Rogers Family

Gifts of \$100,000 - \$249,999

The Rogers Foundation

Gifts of \$25,000 - \$49,999

Mackenzie Investments Charitable Foundation

18th Annual Monte Carlo Inns Charity Golf Tournament

Sargent Farms - Buy A Case, Support the Cause

Gifts of \$10,000 - \$24,999

Francesco and Nisha Cairo

David Gallinger

Gear Foundation

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Hoffman-La Roche Ltd. Employee Giving

Bryan and Anne Marshall

Naylor Building Partnerships Inc.

Newman's Own Foundation

Regional Municipality of Halton

Tandia Financial Credit Union

Glen and Alaina Tennison

100 Guys Who Care Oakville



Gifts of \$5,000 - \$9,999

Alastair and Jennifer Murray Foundation
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 The Oakville Community Foundation
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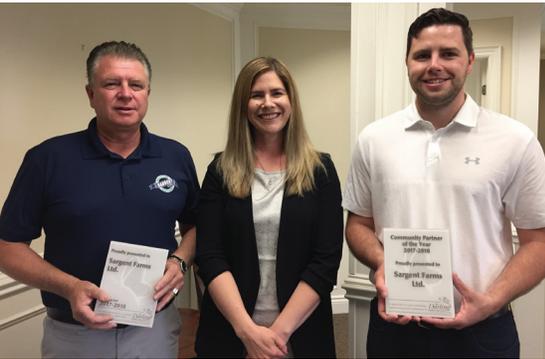
Gifts of \$1,000 - \$4,999

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 AESI Acumen Engineered Solutions International Inc.
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Changes to OUR MAJOR DONOR WALL



"The Darling Home for Kids is not only a great organization with a wonderful cause, but also an exceptional charitable partner. They have been a pleasure to deal with and the response from our customers with regards to our partnership has been great. We look forward to what the future holds with The Darling Home for Kids!"

David Sargent, Sargent Farms Ltd.

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OUR COMPLETE MAJOR
DONOR LIST](#)

The following organizations and individuals are Major Donors who, through their giving between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018, have been added or elevated to another category on our Major Donor Wall.

Ambassador Patron (\$250,000 - \$499,999)

- The Rogers Family

Founding Patrons (\$100,000 - \$249,999)

- David Bowker and Blythe Ward
- The Rogers Foundation

Leaders (\$50,000 - \$99,999)

- Bryan and Anne Marshall
- Susan Roth and the Henslow-Brown Foundation

Benefactors (\$25,000 - \$49,999)

- David Gallinger
- NAK Design Strategies Inc.
- Newman's Own Foundation
- Regional Municipality of Halton
- Sargent Farms Ltd.
- Tandia Financial Credit Union

Builders (\$10,000 - \$24,999)

- 100 Guys Who Care Oakville
- Francesco and Nisha Cairo
- Greg and Diana Christie
- Civitan Club of Oakville
- Modatek Systems
- Moens Pedersen and Sue Simone
- Daryl and Carolyn Potter
- Glen and Alaina Tennison
- Truck Town Service Inc.



The Darling Home for Kids warmly welcomes Edward and Suzanne Rogers as Ambassador Patrons. In addition to the generous giving from The Rogers Foundation, The Darling Home for Kids was selected by Suzanne as the recipient of funds raised at Haute Affair. Presented by the HBC Foundation and held at the historic King Edward Hotel, this event brought out Toronto's most stylish philanthropists, guests and press, raising an incredible \$383,400 for our Home.

2017 -2018 VOLUNTEER & DONOR RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS

"I had an amazing summer at DHK and I would like to thank all of the staff, I would love to volunteer at the Home again."

– Lushaa Duggal, YSVI (Youth Summer Volunteer Initiative)

"Ava and I have been welcomed into the Home every week and we couldn't be happier. It is us that are truly benefitting."

– Dave and Ava Badovinac, Family Volunteers

Rising Star Award

- Jodi Bridge

Big Heart Award

- Rachel Pacheco

Angel of the Year

- Hanna Grierson

Volunteer Team of the Year

- St. Peter Chaldean Catholic Church Youth Group

Helping Hand Award

- Shalon Lewis

Youth Impact Award

- Saffyre Flood

Community Fundraiser of the Year

- 100 Guys Who Care Oakville

Social Fundraiser of the Year

- Frank Doracin

Generations of Generosity

- The Badovinac Family

Foundation Partner of the Year

- The Rogers Family

Community Partner of the Year

- Sargent Farms Ltd.

Corporate Partner of the Year

- Samuel, Son & Co., Limited
- WSI Sign Systems Ltd.

Award of Excellence - Sponsorship, Commitment and Leadership

- Fish Out of Water Design Inc.
- Gallinger Ford Lincoln

Award of Excellence - Volunteer Leadership

- Jennifer Aubertin

Award of Excellence - Community Leader

- Petrina Nesbitt





VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Time is one of the most valuable gifts you can give a child, and The Darling Home for Kids is fortunate to have dedicated and caring volunteers who bring a smile to our children's faces.

The contributions of our volunteers are varied and their impact can be seen throughout our organization. Our volunteers provide comfort and care to our children, help us maintain our beautiful Home, and are champions for our fundraising efforts. Last year, 227 individual volunteers donated over 10,100 hours of service. 22 unique volunteer groups rolled up their sleeves to help keep our Home a warm and welcoming space for our children and families, contributing over 1,600 hours of service across 37 volunteer days. All of our dedicated volunteers made a difference in helping to fill our Home with smiles and laughter for children who visit The Darling Home for Kids. Thank you to all of our volunteers!



- Sangeeta Achtani
- Judy Adam
- Elizabeth Aitchison
- Susan Angell
- Bryce Anger
- Taylor Arbeau
- Marina Atalla
- Jennifer Aubertin
- Hasaan Aziz
- Dave & Ava Badovinac
- Tiffany Bessec
- Jutta Bibby
- Elaine Blaylock
- Marije Boks
- Frank Bon
- Sarah Botzenhart
- Wendy Bowie

- David C. Bowker
- Anita Boyce
- Emily Boycott
- Jolene Braganza
- Andrea Braiden
- Jodi Bridge
- Jason Brown
- Trish Brown
- Rob Brydges
- Francine Buchanan
- Linda Burdon
- Megan Burlock
- Evann Bush
- Kriss Bush
- Sarah Byram
- Matthew Cheung
- EunSeo Choi



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“Giving back has always been an essential component of my life. I believe that those who are fortunate are charged with the responsibility of offering their personal skills and resources to important causes. It was with this belief that I embraced the opportunity for involvement with The Darling Home for Kids. After seeing first hand the wonderful work being accomplished by dedicated professionals and skilled volunteers I became committed to be part of this team. I have been thrilled with the events and services that have facilitated the continuance of a warm and caring environment for our children.”

- Michelle Scott, Board Member and Chair of the Development and Communications Committee

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LOOKING AHEAD

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It was an exciting year for The Darling Home for Kids. At the beginning of last year, we continued to dream and reach for the stars for our families. Our goals were to expand and grow our programs, create a memorial space to celebrate our children, enhance our infrastructure, and continue to focus our services on providing care for children with medical complexities.

Over the past year, we have accomplished many of those priorities. In May 2017, we created a memorial butterfly garden and held a dedication service to honour children who have engaged in our programs and passed away. Last year, we welcomed a fourth child into our residential program and provided a record number of hours of service across all our programs. We made an investment at year-end to our building maintenance fund, with the success of our fundraising initiatives, as part of our commitment to ensure the sustainability of our operations.

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Expand our supports to families with the addition of a Social Worker.

We know our families face unique challenges, and we want to hire a new member of our team to provide more comprehensive support to our parents, and further develop our programming for the siblings of our clients.

Make capital improvements to enhance our service provision.

There are areas around the Home that require attention or upgrades. We want to address priority repairs and ensure we maintain the building to a high standard, using our building maintenance fund.

Grow our partnerships. The Darling Home for Kids has made some meaningful partnerships with hospitals, corporate partners, donors and service clubs. We want to continue to grow our partnerships in the community, and we know there are many opportunities to work collaboratively to address the unique needs of our families.

We appreciate the continued engagement of our donors, volunteers, stakeholders and partners who make these achievements possible. We look forward to the year ahead as we provide essential care for children with medical complexities and their families.

Thank you!



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