

2014/2015
Annual Report



A Home Away from Home 

OUR GUARDIANS

Message from The Darling and Eagen Family

Several years ago, I was standing in a park with a good friend of mine. She was sitting with her eldest son watching his younger brother jump around on the play structure, laughing and enjoying the day. All I could think of was how unfortunate it was that the two boys could not play together, for the eldest son was medically fragile and technology dependent, and the playground could not accommodate his needs.

We have been guardians and funders of The Darling Home for Kids for nine years, and we have always felt that it is by far and away the best investment we have ever made.

There is something magical that happens when you drive up the driveway at the Home.

As I watch kids playing on the accessible play structure, or sitting in our new sculpture garden listening to the birds or enjoying pet therapy or music therapy, or swimming around in our wonderful pool, I know that we have managed to create not only a respite home for parents, but a great place for kids - one that is designed just for them.

The Home has surpassed the many dreams and hopes that we all had so many years ago, when we tried to figure out how to garner support, raise money and ultimately build the Home.

I am thankful for the support of so many donors - individuals, companies, foundations - and for the dedication of our Board of Directors, our volunteers and our remarkable staff. We are so very proud of all of you, and honoured to be a part of this great organization.

Michele, Mike, Dan and Ryan



Mike Eagen and Michele Darling.

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And so, when we had the chance to support The Darling Home for Kids, we leapt at the opportunity to help create a wonderful place for medically fragile children and their parents.



The Darling Home for Kids' wheelchair accessible playground.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOME



Kristin Horrell and Lana Palmer.

At The Darling Home for Kids we take time to celebrate not only our significant achievements over the past year, but also the small milestone moments that we experience with our families each day. Like the moment when a child's face lights up when they enter our hydrotherapy pool for the first time, or the comfort that we offer to parents as they bravely face the uncertainty of their child's illness and the minutes, days and years ahead. We walk forward each day striving to make our Home an exceptional oasis for children and families when they need us most - because we know that the impact of these small moments for our families is truly a milestone.

So often we continue to look forward, head down and focused on the goals that lay ahead, however our Annual Report is reason to pause and look back so we can celebrate all that we have accomplished over the past year. Our reasons to celebrate are many and too numerous to mention, but there have been a few stand-out moments that have made the year truly exceptional.

At the beginning of the fiscal year, we took time to review our therapeutic programs and determine the experiences we wanted to offer our children during their stays with us. We dreamed BIG! We wanted adaptable programs that could ebb and flow during our busiest times of year, and we wanted to add diversity to our therapeutic team. With those goals in mind we welcomed an Art Therapist and Recreation Therapist to our team. The strategic decision to engage freelance therapists enabled us to increase our therapeutic program hours substantially during our peak service times, which resulted in over 312 therapeutic sessions totaling an amazing 4,320 hours of programming. This new model offers sustainable enhancements to these enriching therapies.

In the fall, The Darling Home for Kids celebrated its 10 year anniversary having opened our doors in 2004. With a wine and cheese event on September 16th, our major donors, founding board members, and special friends, took time to reflect on the journey to build our special Home and how the original vision has truly come to fruition. In commemoration of this incredible service milestone, we published a book entitled '10 Years of Comfort; A Decade of Joy', and produced a 45 minute video entitled '1995-2014: A Determined Destiny,' which captures the rich history of our charity.

Over the past year we have seen a significant increase in the number of new children participating in our programs, as we welcomed 15 new clients. As an organization we continually strive to meet the care needs of our families, and as our number of clients continue to grow, we will look for ways to provide comprehensive care as efficiently as possible with the provincial funding available to us. We feel that this increase in new families is a testament to our positive reputation in the community as a result of the quality of care we offer to our clients.

It has been a year to remember, and we thank and appreciate all of the caring volunteers, generous donors, and friends who made this possible - the people who are truly the heart and inspiration behind what we do each and every day at The Darling Home for Kids. Our continued appreciation to our Guardians, Michele Darling, Michael Eagen and their sons Daniel and Ryan, for their incredible legacy of giving to our organization.

As one year concludes, another begins. We look forward to continuing to dream BIG, as we strive for excellence in the care that we provide to medically complex children and their loving families.

Sincerely,

Kristin Horrell
Executive Director

Lana Palmer
Chairperson



Madden with his furry friend Homie.

Madden Pettipas MADDEN'S STORY

FUN FACTS:

- 15 new families engaged in our programs for the first time last year, giving moms and dads a much needed break.
- 312 therapeutic sessions were held ranging from music, art, recreation, hydrotherapy, pet therapy and the magic of Snoezelen - bringing joy and unique experiences for our children as countless smiles and giggles echoed through our Home.

My family's journey began four years ago when we were thrilled to find out we would be giving our then, two-year-old Grayson, identical twin baby brothers.

On April 29, 2011, our world came crashing down when, after a routine ultrasound, we were told one of our boys didn't have a heartbeat, and the other one was in critical condition. I was 32 weeks pregnant.

Our sweet angel Ty was born still, and Madden was born flat, but over the next few hours, after a blood transfusion and being resuscitated three times, he was finally stable enough to be airlifted out of the hospital to one that could better care for him. It was the most devastating day of our lives as we watched our boys, who hadn't known a moment apart so far, go in completely separate directions.

For the next 56 days we lived by Madden's side in the NICU.

He looked so perfect, so when they gave us the inevitable diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy it seemed unbelievable. We didn't know anything about CP. We felt completely lost and terrified. We were told that he would never know us. He would never interact with us, he would never walk or talk and would likely be fed by tube.

Over the past four years, Madden has proved them wrong in so many ways. This kid is a fighter. While he is visually impaired, he knows who everyone in his life is, by name. He smiles and laughs, can hold his head up and loves learning how to maneuver around in his walker. And the way he lights up around his big brother would melt your heart.

But life with Madden isn't always easy.

He does have a feeding tube. He has a seizure disorder. He is not yet capable of using his hands.

I can't imagine our lives now without The Darling Home for Kids. It means so much to our family...

The first 18 months he was home with us he screamed non-stop. I try to block those days out.

Madden needs 100 percent support, 100 percent of the time. He weighs 33 lbs and is growing fast. His equipment has taken over our house, including his wheelchair, bath seat, stander, paediatric stroller, walker, supportive seating devices, a medical bed, plus he wears leg

crafts, swimming, the Snoezelen room... not to mention how beautiful, clean and fully accessible the Home and property are. Sometimes I wish I could stay there for the weekend! Even Madden's brother Grayson has asked if he can stay!

As much as we love Madden and love caring for him, caregiver burnout is a very real thing.

When he is at the Home it allows my husband and I time to reconnect with Grayson, reconnect with each other and reconnect with our sanity! It's a time for us to remember that Madden's diagnosis doesn't define our family. I truly believe that at the end of the day when we have had some time to take care of ourselves it allows us to be better parents.

We are so grateful to the staff for treating our son like their own. There is a huge trust factor that goes along with leaving your non-verbal child in the care of others, and I can honestly say we have never had any doubt that he is being well taken care of.

I can't imagine our lives now without The Darling Home for Kids. It means so much to our family and the other 62 families a year it serves.

This journey is not an easy one. Rewarding, yes, but not easy.

I know it's difficult to put yourself in the shoes of others. If you don't have a child with special needs it can be hard to imagine what this life is like. So when you give to an organization that perhaps isn't benefitting you directly, that's a true sign of a golden heart.

Thank you for your generosity, your kindness, and your acceptance of the differently abled, on behalf of my family and all the other families who rely on The Darling Home for Kids and their amazing services. Thank you.

- Kristine Pettipas, Madden's Mom



The Snoezelen Room at The Darling Home for Kids.

"When Kristine took the podium at our 16th Annual Charity Golf Tournament and began sharing her story and journey over the last several years, I was completely overwhelmed with emotion. I thought that this woman was so strong, courageous and she could overcome any hurdle in her path after what she had been through. I also remember feeling that The Darling Home for Kids had played such a significant role in supporting her family and I was again astounded with a feeling of joy that our event would make even more of a positive impact."

- Laura Pedone, The Monte Carlo Inns

braces and hand splints daily. He requires five medications, three times a day.

His daily routine includes physiotherapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy... have I mentioned yet that my husband and I both work full time?

We discovered The Darling Home for Kids a year ago when we finally admitted to ourselves just how exhausted and overwhelmed we were. Madden started by going for day respite. I remember being so nervous the first time I dropped him off. He can be a handful, but I was excited when I picked him up to learn that he had had an amazing day! He now goes for full weekends and we have no hesitations at all.

We have been so impressed with The Darling Home for Kids on every level. The care is second to none. The activities are designed to appeal to all the children, whether it's therapy dogs, arts and

The History of The Cedarbrook Society Celebrating a Decade of Care



1995

The Cedarbrook Society granted charitable status

1996

Real estate acquisition of property in Milton, Ontario from The Basilian Fathers



1998

\$1.5M renovation capital campaign launched

Don Cherry named honorary patron and Home named "Rose Cherry's Home for Kids" in tribute to the late Rose Cherry



2000

Renovation campaign upgraded to \$3.5 million reconstruction campaign



2002

Ground Breaking Ceremony - June 26th

2003

Construction began on Rose Cherry's Home for Kids

2004

Grand Opening Celebration of Rose Cherry's Home for Kids - Sept. 23rd

Welcomed our first respite client on Christmas Day with funding from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services

2006

Completed construction on caretakers cottage

Welcomed our first palliative client with funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care as Ontario's first paediatric hospice



2007

Home renamed "The Darling Home for Kids" in honour of our Guardian Michele Darling and her family

Completed construction of hydrotherapy pool

2008

Home rebranded with new butterfly logo



2009

Grand Opening Ceremony for Phase II

Laneway at the Home named "Rose Cherry's Lane" in honour of the Cherry Family

2011

Wheelchair accessible playground constructed



2013

Therapeutic sculpture garden and Kids Clubhouse constructed

2014

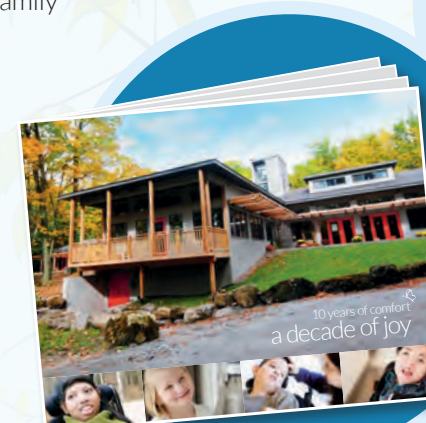
10th Anniversary of Care at The Darling Home for Kids

To mark this milestone year a book entitled '10 Years of Comfort; A Decade of Joy' was published and a 45 minute documentary, '1995-2014: A Determined Destiny' was produced.

Please visit darlinghomeforkids.ca for more information

170 families have been served over the past 10 years

273,270 hours of care have been provided to medically fragile children across all of our programs



THE CEDARBOOK SOCIETY

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

Summarized Statement of Operations

| | 2015 | 2014 |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
| Revenues | | |
| Government funding | \$1,073,448 | \$1,129,214 |
| Donations | 321,061 | 331,426 |
| Fundraising | 267,636 | 259,999 |
| Designated revenue | 67,626 | 46,099 |
| Other | 42,117 | 41,110 |
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| | 1,771,888 | 1,807,848 |
| Expenses | | |
| Salaries and related benefits | 1,172,569 | 1,234,137 |
| Home operations | 183,169 | 184,947 |
| Fundraising | 101,119 | 93,991 |
| Designated expenditures | 67,626 | 46,099 |
| Office and sundry | 70,522 | 61,461 |
| Insurance | 30,765 | 29,616 |
| Taxes | 10,467 | 9,834 |
| Interest and bank charges | 9,689 | 8,302 |
| Telephone | 8,978 | 7,988 |
| Professional fees | 6,835 | 7,550 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 1,661,739 | 1,683,925 |
| Excess of revenues over expenses from operations | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 110,149 | 123,923 |
| Capital items | | |
| Amortization of deferred capital contributions | 138,876 | 129,232 |
| Capital maintenance fund spending | (3,180) | - |
| Amortization of capital assets | (199,763) | (191,210) |
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| | (64,067) | (61,978) |
| Excess of revenues over expenses before other items | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$46,082 | \$61,945 |
| Recovery of commodity taxes | - | 52,357 |
| Excess of revenues over expenses | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$46,082 | \$114,302 |

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

| | 2015 | 2014 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current | | |
| Cash | \$383,276 | \$182,254 |
| Short term investments | 1,177,626 | 1,016,506 |
| Accounts receivable | 59,777 | 129,186 |
| Prepaid expenses | 6,901 | 5,112 |
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| | 1,627,580 | 1,333,058 |
| Capital Assets | 5,463,194 | 5,606,976 |
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| | \$7,090,774 | \$6,940,034 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$120,736 | \$170,849 |
| Deferred revenue | 638,917 | 391,739 |
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| | 759,653 | 562,588 |
| Deferred capital contributions | 3,070,162 | 3,162,569 |
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| | 3,829,815 | 3,725,157 |
| Net assets | | |
| Invested in capital assets | 2,393,032 | 2,444,407 |
| Stabilization fund | 273,000 | 287,000 |
| Unrestricted | 501,427 | 433,470 |
| Capital maintenance fund | 93,500 | 50,000 |
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| | 3,260,959 | 3,214,877 |
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| | \$7,090,774 | \$6,940,034 |

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OUR CARING STAFF

Laurie LeBlanc



Laurie helps little Piper defy disability.

“Disability does not prevent them from having fun...who says you can’t go through a sprinkler because you’re in a wheelchair? Not us, that’s for sure!”

While searching for an opportunity to work in the field of paediatric care within her local community, Laurie LeBlanc, a registered practical nurse, looked no further than The Darling Home for Kids, a home that “defies disability.” Now a nursing Team Leader, Laurie directly oversees the respite care of up to twelve children diagnosed with different types of medical conditions ranging from global developmental delay, chronic congenital conditions, to seizure disorders. Working closely with other RPN’s and PSW’s, the support

team is responsible for providing all aspects of personal, medical, emotional, and recreational care. The latter extends to several programs available at The Darling Home for Kids including art therapy, hydrotherapy, music therapy and pet therapy, to name a few. The staff work tirelessly to think of innovative ideas to keep the kids entertained and smiling with activities like baking, dance parties, movie nights, and water gun fights. For Laurie, when asked about the best part of her job, she says “teaching the kids that their disability does not prevent them from having fun...who says you can’t go through a sprinkler because you’re in a wheelchair? Not us, that’s for sure!” By participating in programs, the children are able to break down these barriers that once lived in their minds. Her favorite memory? “Saturday afternoon, the kids have just eaten and two PSW’s come from out of nowhere in capes and masks with nerf guns...and it’s an all-out battle. The kids went nuts.” Now that sounds like the kind of fun we all could use more of in life.



Owen participates in hydrotherapy with our Recreation Therapist, Sarah.

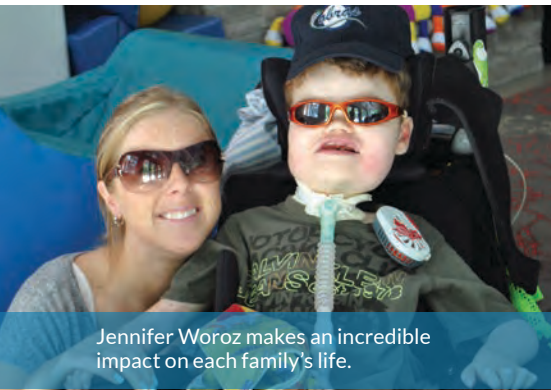


Karen and Steph are true super heroes for our children.

2014-2015 STAFF AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Darling Award Kaylee Best (RPN)

Annually, The Darling Home for Kids 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.



Jennifer Woroz makes an incredible impact on each family's life.



Kaylee Best provides comfort and joy for Kurtis.

The Family Impact Award Jennifer Woroz (RPN)

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 service.

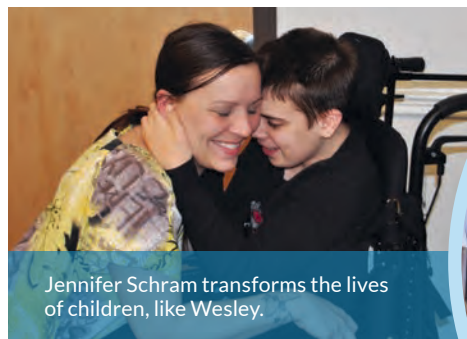
The Children's Champion Award

Stephanie Hutt (PSW)

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.

The Butterfly Award Jennifer Schram (RPN)

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.



Jennifer Schram transforms the lives of children, like Wesley.

PARENT TESTIMONIAL

"It is often said that 'it takes a village to raise a child' and for families with special children, this couldn't be more true. We are so incredibly thankful for our 'Darling Home village' who care and love Callum as much as we do as his parents. Your constant support and enduring love keeps our family healthy, happy and together. We thank you for your commitment to Callum's amazing life experiences when he visits the Home. No words can express how grateful we are to be part of this phenomenal community."

- Heidi Blackburn, Callum's mother

"Thank you for everything you do at The Darling Home for Kids. You made some time for me and mom and dad to just hang out with no worries. I know Callum has fun with all of you. I love the Home. Me and my friend Lindsay have been collecting money for you. So far we have \$35."

- Keira Blackburn (age 8),
Callum's sister





SIGNATURE EVENTS

16th Annual

COMFORT & JOY

Gala to benefit The Darling Home for Kids

Thursday, November 6th, 2014
Burlington Convention Centre

FUN FACT:

- The 16th Annual Comfort & Joy Gala hosted over 300 guests and raised an incredible \$135,000 for The Darling Home for Kids.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

TD Wealth Presents:



Thursday, November 5th, 2015
Burlington Convention Centre

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16TH ANNUAL COMFORT & JOY GALA

Gold Sponsor:

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- Bayshore Home Health
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- Liana Palmerio-McIvor
- Marion Quinlan
- Tammy Smith
- Janis Wilkinson

Event Planner:

- Geraldine Cabral, Shake It Up Events



SIGNATURE EVENTS



Monday, July 21st, 2014
RattleSnake Point Golf Club

FUN FACT:

- Thanks to our generous supporters, this year's tournament raised \$50,000 to help fund the operations and programs available for children and their families.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Tuesday, July 26th, 2016
Greystone Golf Club

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17TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Presenting Sponsor:

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The 2014 Healing Cycle.



"That's Amore!" – 10th Annual Backyard BBQ.



20th Annual Peel Police Fraud Bureau Charity Golf Tournament.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



4th Annual Wheels for The Darling Home for Kids.

FUN FACTS:

- The surrounding communities truly embraced the Home's vision, cumulatively raising over \$131,000 this year, through various fundraising events - a testament of their generosity and unwavering support.
- The 4th Annual Wheels for The Darling Home for Kids event raised over \$50,000 to support the remodel and renovation of our medication room at the Home.

\$100,000+

- Kevin McDonald – Ironman Hawaii World Championship

\$20,000 +

- 4th Annual Wheels for The Darling Home for Kids

- 15th Annual Monte Carlo Inns Charity Golf Tournament & Spa

\$10,000 - \$19,999

- 20th Annual Peel Regional Police Fraud Bureau Charity Golf Tournament

- The 2014 GTA Amateur Tour
- Chudleigh's Employee Sales

\$5,000 - \$9,999

- The RattleSnake Member Charity Foundation

\$1,000 - \$4,999

- 12th Annual PGI Mechanical Services Memorial Charity Golf Tournament
- Cucci Ristorante Fundraising Dinner
- Domenic Meffe's "The Family of the Priest" Book Sales
- Harvey's Franchisee Association Annual Golf Tournament
- Hillcrest United Church Fundraising

- Milton Banquet & Conference Centre "Frozen" Performances
- The Monte Carlo Inns 5th Annual Teddy Bear Toss
- Street Classics Show & Shine Annual Cruise Nights
- Tatum Martino Duct Tape Wallet Sales
- "That's Amore!" - Henry Franc's 10th Annual Backyard BBQ

Up to \$999

- Canoe for Kids
- The Healing Cycle
- Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church Community Breakfast
- Norval United Church Fundraising
- P.J. Dermody Insurance Brokers Golf Challenge

- Queen's Avenue Retirement Home Holiday Raffle
- Recochem Inc.'s Employee Raffle
- Vanier Centre for Women Social Committee Fundraising

CHANGES TO OUR MAJOR DONOR WALL



"I am humbled to have met such amazing staff and volunteers at The Darling Home for Kids, and the children that are within their halls truly light up my world, and fill my heart with love. It's amazing how much positivity and warmth can come from children and families that are dealing with difficult situations that many of us take for granted. If something as simple as donating a website to The Darling Home for Kids is available to me, I thank God for blessing me with the opportunity to help out such a worthy cause."

-Taylor Prestidge, CEO,
Sway Advertising

The following organizations and individuals are Major Donors who, through their giving between April 1st, 2014 and March 31st, 2015 have been added or elevated to another category on our Major Donor Wall.

For a complete listing of our Major Donors, please visit our website.

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

- Novus Canada

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

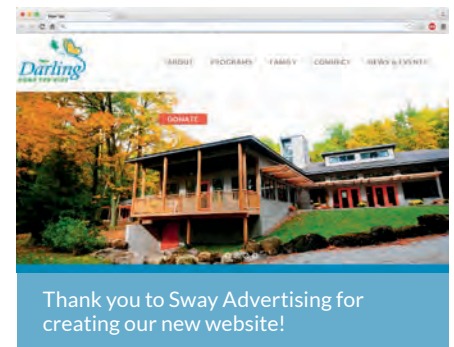
- The Gear Foundation
- Mackenzie Investments

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

- Chudleigh's
- The GlaxoSmithKline Foundation
- The RBC Foundation

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

- Acier Wirth Steel
- Frank Doracin and Elizabeth Harding
- The GTA AM Tour
- Korsiak Urban Planning
- The KRG Children's Charitable Foundation
- Sway Advertising





CURRENT DONORS & FRIENDS

FUN FACTS:

- Generous donations from individuals, corporations and foundations totalling over \$240,000 allowed us to provide over 36,000 of service to 63 families across all of our programs.
- Ironman Kevin McDonald raised over \$105,000 while competing in the World Championship in Hawaii.



The Darling Home for Kids appreciates its loyal donors.

Your overwhelming generosity – both from individuals and organizations is second to none. You are instrumental in providing the support the Home needs to stay current with the most cutting edge technology available in the industry and for helping to provide care where care is needed for families in the community.

The Darling Home for Kids would like to recognize and thank the following donors and sponsors who have made gifts during the fiscal year – April 1st, 2014 to March 31st, 2015

Guardian

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

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

- Novus Canada

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

- The Longo's Family Charitable Foundation
- Mattamy Homes Limited
- The UPS Foundation

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

- The Gear Foundation
- The GlaxoSmithKline Foundation
- The Harold E. Ballard Foundation
- The KRG Children's Charitable Foundation
- The Mackenzie Investments Charitable Foundation
- Peter and Pat Pomeroy
- The RBC Foundation

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

- David Bowker and Blythe Ward
- Frank Doracin and Elizabeth Harding
- The Henslow-Brown Foundation
- Bryan and Anne Marshall
- Naylor Group Inc.
- UPS Canada

Gifts \$1,000 - \$4,999

- Acier Wirth Steel
- Bradley Ackles
- The Alastair and Jennifer Murray Foundation
- AON Risk Solutions
- Boehringer Ingelheim
- BMO Nesbitt Burns
- Greg Bright
- Gord and Babette Buck
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- Harold Elsie
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- Fidelity Investment Canada Limited
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- The Gattringer Family
- Pat and Martha Gleeson
- Kathy Hay
- James Hewitt
- Johnson Control Blue Sky Inc.
- Ilona Kopriva
- Korsiak Urban Planning
- The Lind Family Foundation
- Norman and Gay Loveland
- Robert and Maureen Lush
- Frank MacDonald
- Maicon Ici Inc.
- Lloyd and Ann McCoomb
- The McLean Foundation
- John Melanson
- OB Golf Management LP
- The Oakville Community Foundation
- Moens Pedersen and Sue Simone
- The Petrus Fund (a fund held within the Oakville Community Foundation)
- Procor Limited
- SEI Investments Canada Company
- Don Stewart
- Tyler Investments Inc.
- Mike Vernooy
- Max and Marjorie Ward

Gifts \$500 - \$999

- Aimco Solrec Ltd.
- Paul and Cindy Avis
- Glenn and Elaine Blaylock
- Jim Chagnon
- Greg Christie
- Crawford Chondon & Partners LLP
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The following individuals were Monthly Donors in the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

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The Darling Home for Kids has received donations in honour of the following individuals:

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The Darling Home for Kids has received donations in memory of the following individuals:

- Meleva Borkovich
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- Shirley Ingleton
- Violet Johnson
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- Andrew Ross
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Every effort is made to ensure proper recognition of each donor unless anonymity is requested. Our apologies for any unintentional errors or omissions.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOUR DONATIONS

At The Darling Home for Kids we are committed to maximizing every dollar we raise, so it can have the largest possible impact on our programs and services. This can be seen in many ways:

- Cross functionality and efficiency in all levels of our staff. Our management, administrative, building maintenance and fundraising staff combined consist of only 5 full time staff and 2 part time staff. We are a small but highly efficient team!
- Volunteers are leveraged to their fullest potential – From administrative volunteers, maintenance volunteers and front line peer and family volunteers, our organization benefited from over 6,250 hours of volunteer support last year – At \$20/hr this would represent \$125,000 in savings to the organization.
- We hire employees and do not outsource our fundraising. We believe that dedicated staff who are passionate about the work that we do are our biggest ambassadors for raising funds. Similarly we do not engage the services of third party companies for our silent auctions or event services - this means that every dollar raised can support our programs.
- We look for opportunities to decrease our costs, which last year resulted in our organization moving from printed materials to electronic materials, thus decreasing our printing and postage costs.
- As an organization we know the importance of the services that we provide to our families. That drives us in all that we do, and our donors and supporters can take comfort in knowing that their donations are going exactly where they should – to put smiles on our children's faces.

2014-2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Dedicated members of our Board of Directors (missing - Steve Hart).

FUN FACTS:

- Current board members commitment on the Board represents over 55 years of combined service.
- In November 2014 a strategic plan was developed which included goals to increase brand awareness, explore new and innovative ways to raise funds, and ensure quality and comprehensive service for parents caring for medically fragile children.

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ABOUT VOLUNTEERING
ON OUR BOARD AND
SUBCOMMITTEES

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A TRIBUTE TO DAVID BOWKER

In September 2014 Founding Board Member David Bowker ended his 17 year term on the Board. The results of David's perseverance, dedication and strength of spirit can be seen throughout our Home and on the face of each child who comes through our doors. The Darling Home for Kids is a lasting legacy for David, and we are proud to have the grounds surrounding the Home and our therapeutic sculpture garden named in his family's honour. David remains a committed volunteer on our Development and Communications Committee where he continues to inspire those around him with his passion for helping children in our community.



2014-2015 VOLUNTEER & DONOR RECOGNITION AWARDS

“The Longo’s Family Charitable Foundation has enjoyed being a part of The Darling Home for Kids’ family and observing the quality care and support that children and their families receive through their programs. We recognize there is a great deal of expertise and dedication on the part of the staff to manage the daily operations and provide such outstanding care, but we also recognize that the magic continues to happen thanks to the support of enthusiastic volunteers. We salute and honour you for your time and gifts that you selflessly share with children at The Darling Home for Kids.”

-Rosanne Longo

Community Partner of the Year

The Monte Carlo Hotel Motel International

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Helping Hand Award

Greg Harding



Rosanne Longo and Julia Hanna.



Thank you to Longo’s for their incredible support fulfilling their \$100,000 pledge in support of our Volunteer Program. Over the last 4 years, as a result of their generosity, we were able to provide over 26,000 hours of volunteer service, and have had over 20 corporate groups roll up their sleeves – many of them returning year after year.

From front line volunteers being a companion for our children, to maintenance volunteers helping to keep our grounds clean and safe, Longo’s support of our volunteer program has allowed us to provide care to over 85 families in a warm and inviting environment over the last 4 years.

Thank you Longo’s – you have made an incredible difference in the lives of our children and families!



HELPING HANDS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

FUN FACT:

- 159 volunteers rolled up their sleeves to help, cumulatively donating over 6,200 hours.

“The care and compassion for the kids is humbling. I love the kids, and adore the staff. Such a wonderful place.”

- Linda Burdon, Volunteer

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THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!

- Haya Ahmed
- Olivia Al-Joundi
- Kim Anger
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HELPING HANDS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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FUN FACT:

- In an effort to foster team building and a stronger connection to the community, 14 corporate volunteer groups rolled up their sleeves to help keep our Home a warm and welcoming space for our children and families, contributing 1,380 hours of service.



RBC Employees roll up their sleeves.



Employees from UPS Canada helped to keep our Home in tip-top shape.

“Each year we look forward to participating in the golf, gala and our staff volunteer days. Our donations are one way for us to show our support to the amazing children and their families, but we know giving of our time is equally important. The Darling Home for Kids provides a wonderful family environment and we are happy to assist them in their efforts.”

-Lori Fernandes, AON Risk Solutions

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