

Haven

ON THE QUEENSWAY

HOPE STARTS HERE . . .

HERE'S TO THE NEW SEASON!

Dear Haven Supporter,

Happy September! We certainly have a lot to share in this issue of our Haven Newsletter. Dive right in!

HAVEN'S CLOSET



NOW ACCEPTING
fall & winter clothes only



Here at Haven's Closet, it is time to say goodbye to summer and hello to winter!

We have had a successful summer season and supplied families with fun seasonal items such as bathing suits, flip-flops, and everyday clothing. With the start of the new school year, Haven's Closet is busy handing out backpacks, runners and school clothing. Having to purchase these items can cause a substantial financial strain on many families, and being able to shop in our free store can make such a difference in their lives.

Our shoppers are already expressing concerns about being suitably attired for our harsh Canadian weather, especially new Canadians who will be experiencing winter for the first time. With your help, we will be able to keep everyone warm and cozy this year!

Please see each of our programs' donation needs at the end of the

FOOD BANK



Recently Haven on The Queensway took part in a lunch kit program sponsored by Second Harvest. Every week we provided families with children a lunch bag that included a nutritious and generous supply of snacks. Included in the kits were activities such as puzzles, books, and colouring pages. One of our food bank guests brought their children in one day to speak to our Food Bank Coordinator and the volunteers. They were so excited to be receiving the books and snacks in their lunch kits, and their father explained that his children loved to read, but he wasn't always able to bring them to the Haven. Getting books in their lunch kits provided the children with reading material regularly, and they no longer had to wait until they could come with their father. It is wonderful to know that not only were we able to provide snacks that the children enjoyed but also encouraged a habit that will have a lasting positive impact.

We also would like to express our gratitude to the donors from our community who support Haven's Food Bank. Thank you, [Lilian Hee-Karstadt](#), [Desjardins Insurance Agent](#) for donating goods for our program!

HAVEN HELPING SENIORS



Many seniors in our community struggle with isolation and loneliness. To provide them with tools to communicate and keep in contact with their family, friends and community, the Haven, in partnership with TechServeTo, offered a series of digital fluency workshops. The series consisted of five sessions the seniors could attend in person or virtually to learn more about cybersecurity, online shopping, video chat and social media. This was an excellent opportunity to reconnect and learn new skills!

As a result of the pandemic, issues like food insecurity continue rising, and the senior population is one of the most impacted. The number of requests to join our seniors' program is also increasing. Thanks to our amazing volunteers and community, we can continue supporting our seniors through weekly friendly phone calls, food delivery and other services.

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FIRST CARE

It is always a great pleasure to share a glimpse of the help the First Care Program offers to our clients daily.

As we know, most of the time, the birth of a new baby brings great happiness to the family. However, for some families, this is not always the case. This is the condition of one of our First Care Families, who recently welcomed the arrival of their new baby, however, due to unexpected complications, the baby's mother is no longer with us. Our First Care Program is proud to be by this family's side, providing them with the help and support they need to help them through these difficult times. Your donations and incredible generosity make this possible.



As a program, our help reaches out to expectant moms, helping them prepare for their new addition to the family. Many moms registered in our program receive a baby bag and essential baby items such as diapers, wipes, blankets, bottles, and newborn clothes, among others. In addition, they continue to receive a monthly gift card donated by Doordash, a type of support that provides these new moms with significant financial relief. Thank you, Doordash, for your continued support of our First Care families.



Finally, we are pleased to announce that, as of last week, our program began delivering toddler potties to registered moms. This will undoubtedly assist them in potty training for their 18-24-month-old. Our goal is to help our moms make potty training easy and fun!

BACK TO SCHOOL

According to the 2016 census brief, 19.7% of children in Toronto live in low-income households. For many of them, the hope of receiving help starts here,

at the Haven. This year with the "Got Your Back" project we distributed 300+ backpacks to children in need, and we could affect the lives of more than 150 families in our community. We could not have done this without your significant support. We believe that all children have the right to start a new school year with the necessary tools and supplies to be successful. Your gift had a tremendous impact on these kids' lives and helped them have the skills, vision and motivation to change the cycle of poverty.



INTRODUCING THE FIRST CARE CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

One of our goals in the First Care Program is to meet the material needs of our newborns and infants registered in the program. We decided to take a bold step and develop a new way for you to contribute to this program! Now through Amazon.ca, you can purchase products that our clients wish the most. Please visit [this link](#) or click the button below to buy an item from our First Care Program wish list. **Please make sure to have items in your cart only from this list. That way, you will be able to choose our address for delivery.** We appreciate your generous collaboration with the donation of baby bath products to help our mothers maintain the health and proper care of their little one's delicate skin.



FIRST CARE AMAZON WISH LIST

HOPE WITH WHEELS



At Hope with Wheels (HWW), we have added a third outing to our schedule, and we serve our local community at St. Margaret's Anglican Church which is a short drive away from the Haven.

From the very first day, the Haven team was kindly welcomed by the ever-so-amazing Reverend Jacqueline, Reverend Jess and the rest of the beautiful St. Margaret's staff and volunteers. The people we served were just as kind and always offered to help if they saw anyone needed it.

On a typical HWW outing at St. Margaret's, we prepare burgers, hotdogs, desserts, fruits, bottled water and hygiene kits. Everyone was thankful for what we offered, and one person even started crying because she was so happy with the hygiene kit. We were also able to provide emergency clothing to someone who desperately needed it, something that would have been difficult had we not been there.

We always look forward to our bi-monthly HWW outings to St. Margaret's, as it is a pleasure bringing our teams together and serving those who need our help.

HAVEN VOLUNTEERS

We are thrilled that the fantastic volunteer team at the Haven continues growing. A warm welcome to the new members of the Haven family. Thanks to our volunteers' support and commitment, we can continue serving the increasing number of people in need in Etobicoke and the GTA. We also want to celebrate the following volunteers who, year after year, have kept their commitment to support the Haven programs:

NAME	PROGRAM	AMOUNT OF YEARS VOLUNTEERING
Adrian V.	Hope with Wheels	12
Scott D.	Hope with Wheels	12
Rosalie B.	Hope with Wheels	10
Brenda S.	Hope with Wheels	10
Doris T.	Hope with Wheels	8
Ana L.	Hope with Wheels	8
Kathy J.	Haven's Closet	8
Judy K.H.	Haven's Closet	6
Bonnie E.	Haven's Closet	5
Olga A.	Haven's Closet	5



To all our volunteers: we cannot express enough how grateful we are to all of you!

THANK YOU!



Olga, Kathy and Bonnie are three incredible ladies that are part of the exceptional Friday clothing sorting group.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering at the Haven, please visit our website or fill out the volunteer application form by clicking the button below.

[VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM](#)

THANKS FOR 10 YEARS OF SUPPORT!



We celebrated ten years of golf tournaments supporting Haven on The Queensway. These years of fundraising have made it possible to sustain and spread awareness of our programs that serve those in need in the South Etobicoke community and beyond. This project has and continues to flourish through the support of our sponsors, donors, board, volunteers, and staff. [Watch our video of the past ten years here!](#)

We have never cancelled for bad weather, only pausing in 2020 for the lockdowns. Still, we returned strong the following year, holding a modified tournament with the help of Lambton Golf and Country Club and our supporters. Our sponsorships and registrations now sell out well in advance, with significant demand. We've seen so much generosity over the years.

In the words of Denzel Washington, *"At the end of the day, it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished. It's about what you've done with those accomplishments. It's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back."*

Thank you all for your support; here's to another ten years!

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[EVENT VIDEO](#)

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO WALK & RIDE WITH US!



The World Needs Refuge

The [Ride for Refuge](#) is a family-friendly, in-person fundraising ride/walk held at the **Humber River Recreational Trail on Saturday, October 1, 2022**, supporting the HAVEN that helps **people needing refuge from danger, hardship, and abuse**. On RIDE Day, we gather to move our hearts and legs in solidarity with all affected by a callous world that ignores their pain, needs, and great potential.

We need ENTHUSIASTIC TEAM CAPTAINS!

- Register online and create your team with a fun name!
- Recruit 7, 8, or 20 of your friends and family to register and fundraise with you.
- Fundraise personally as captain and encourage your teammates to fundraise too.
As a rule, team captains fundraise 3X more than their teammates.
- Donate to your campaign and teammates to set a generous fundraising tone for the event.
- Communicate frequently with your team to keep them excited and connected. Use your RIDE account (a.k.a. FundHub) to browse between templates!

Thank You RIDE T-shirt

When you fundraise the modest, minimum levels below, we thank you by sending you a much-loved RIDE T-shirt:

Youth 0-17: Fundraise \$75 or more

Adults 18 and over: Fundraise \$150 or more



A huge shout-out to Team Haven's Angels, who already raised \$5,555 at this year's Ride for Refuge!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TO RIDE](#)

NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT BY THE STARBUCKS FOUNDATION

The Starbucks Foundation's Neighborhood Grants are investments that help build sustained local impact and inspire increased partner volunteerism with nonprofit organizations. Through this unique program, The Starbucks Foundation invites Starbucks partners (employees) to nominate a local organization in their community.

For several years in a row, Haven on the Queensway has been receiving the Neighborhood Grant from The Starbucks Foundation thanks to a nomination from one or more partners who recognize the vital work we are leading to strengthening our community. We are grateful to have this fruitful partnership with Starbucks and its local stores and employees.



THANK YOU

Our organization was nominated by Starbucks partners (employees) to receive a grant from The Starbucks Foundation!

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP THIS SEASON

Food Bank

Toilet paper, canned fish, canned or packaged soup, paper towels, mac & cheese, canned fruit, juice boxes, coffee, tea, canned beans, baked beans, cooking oils, dish soap, laundry detergent, cold cereal

Haven's Closet

New, clean, or gently used fall and winter clothing, winter jackets, winter boots, hats, gloves, mittens and scarves

Children's Book Centre

New and slightly used children's books

First Care

New infant items, diapers, baby formula for baby care bags, small baby equipment items

Hope With Wheels

New socks, new underwear, new sleeping bags, men's and women's hygiene products

Haven Helping Seniors

Toilet paper, soap bar, shampoo, deodorant, razors, body wash, conditioner, body lotion, toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrush, adult diapers, incontinence pads, body wipes

For a complete list of donation items accepted, [click here](#).

Donations can be dropped off at the Haven
Monday to Wednesday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Thursday 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM

Please note that we do not accept furniture or adult books.

If you prefer to mail your donation:

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