

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WORK

The Community Development Committee continued its supportive work to try to improve and enrich the lives of all of the Kairos families. Financial support continued with **monthly grocery cards** for each family based on the number of children. The committee facilitated access to **grants** (which are to be used for general interest courses, health, emergency travel, recreation, school trips, or sport registration fees), **Life Coach Program** (a professional social worker, employment counselor etc., to help to set goals, create, support, and implement a Personal Plan), & the **Founders' Bursary**. (As can be seen below, several tenants received funds.) Finally, in celebration of the holiday season, Santa visited the families and provided Christmas gifts and goodies for all.



This year, the committee acted on feedback from the tenants, and with the advice and assistance of a licensed social worker, began work on a new approach to a more efficient, comprehensive and relevant administration of assistance, programming and opportunities for our Kairos families. In May 2017, committee members attended a learning session which helped them better understand the Kairos mission and vision, and the history and current context of social housing in Ontario and Peterborough specifically.

Finally, committee members assisted with the development of a Tenant Satisfaction Survey which was distributed to the tenants in the latter part of 2017. The responses have recently been returned to the committee, and ongoing review of the information continues as improvements in service are being developed. The committee meets regularly to continue its work in support of all of the Kairos families.

New members to the committee are always welcome!

INCOME & EXPENSES Nov 1, 2016 – Oct 31, 2017

Friends of Kairos Income: Donations \$12,082 + March Letter Campaign \$2,560 + Bowl-A-Thon \$5,682 + Golf Tournament \$5,870 + Shout Sisters Concert \$1,129 + Peterborough Horticulture Society Grant \$500 = **\$27,823**

Friends of Kairos Expenses: Community Development Committee Activities \$9,174 + Founders' Bursary and other educational grants \$2,344 + Grants \$4,964 + FUNdrasing costs \$ 670 = **\$17,152**

If not for the work, commitment, and financial help of the Kairos supporters, staff, and FUNdrasing & Community Development Committees, our families could not have been given the support and "hand up" they so desperately need. Your work and support allows Kairos Non-Profit Housing of Peterborough to be more than just a landlord! **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

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KAIROS **YEAR IN REVIEW** **OCTOBER 31 '16 – NOVEMBER 30 '17**



Dear Kairos friends;

Kairos has experienced another year of growth and success, and we are so pleased to share this wonderful information with you. Hopefully as you read our "Kairos Year In Review" you will get a sense of the tremendous work that occurs at Kairos!

SOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS/SUCCESS STORIES

Friends of Kairos donations supported tenants by paying for the following:

- a job related course which resulted in a pay increase
- and he final course for a College Diploma for Office Support Worker
- a university translation course
- costs associated with the Kenner International Baccalaureate Program
- the moving costs for a family to relocate to another city as it was not safe for them to remain in Peterborough
- two months of rent while a tenant completed (with the assistance of Leah) the paperwork to get a disability pension (she has been diagnosed with a chronic and debilitating illness
- 3 outside storage sheds for the upper apartments on Romaine Street, so that moms can safely store their children's outside toys, and leave the yards tidy.

And finally, we are celebrating one of our tenants who is approved for a Habitat For Humanity home. The build will start in the Spring. (Kairos paid for some of her college courses, and she is fully employed.)

KAIROS CARES

In April, the Kairos Board made an application to The Peterborough Horticultural Society Beautification Grant program. The goal of the program is to improve our community's health and wellbeing through the use of outdoor plantings. Kairos was awarded \$500 and this money was used to purchase (from EcologyPark in Peterborough) two beautiful trees native to our area. The trees, one maple the other an oak, were carefully planted this fall on two of Kairos housing properties. Our report on our "Kairos Cares" grant will feature some pictures, and a huge thank you for allowing us to provide some shade for our homes and families.

Thank you, Peterborough Horticultural Society!

KAIROS LISTENS

The Board decided to obtain input from its tenants, and so a **Tenant Satisfaction Survey** was designed and hand delivered to each tenant. A \$20 Gift Card was provided as incentive for each tenant who filled it out the survey and returned it. At the time of the survey one of our units was empty (a tenant had moved, and we were completing repairs and freshening up the vacant apartment.) Out of the 11 surveys distributed, 8 were returned. 7 of the 8 tenants were **"Very Satisfied"** with Kairos. All respondents spoke glowingly about Katherine, Leah, and Steve, and the condition of their apartments. They also **"Very Much Appreciated"** the Monthly Grocery Cards, Grants, Bursary, and Christmas Gifts.

CAPITAL/MAINTENANCE WORK COMPLETED

- ✓ new high efficiency gas furnace installed on George St
- ✓ insulation and siding put on 189 Romaine St
- ✓ new roof at 185 Romaine St
- ✓ 3 outside storage sheds at Romaine St
- ✓ Basement windows on Bolivar and Romaine Streets
- ✓ retaining wall and wood fence replaced at Bolivar St
- ✓ new (safe) sidewalks at Romaine and George St



Currently underway is the rebuilding of the two (decrepit) porches on Dublin Street. Looking ahead we're aware that some of our windows are old and not at all energy efficient, and some of our furnaces need replacing. **This week we received wonderful news that the City will be providing financial assistance with the major expenditure for the furnaces!!!**

TIP OF THE HAT / ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- 👍 **Jon and Marilyn Thornton** who generously sponsored this Newsletter in the past. We wish them blessings and happy adventures in a well-deserved retirement.
- 👍 **Nancy Booth, Sandra Bradley, Dorothy Byers, Lyn Crech, Jacquie Cumming, Brenda Cunningham, Laurel Fife, Glenna Foster, Marylynn Gerhardt, Jean Harper, Barb Johnston, Kris Ketser, Margaret MacKenzie, Monica Moran, Gloria Nadeau, Jean Northey, Sarah Smith, Dorothy Temush, Elaine Thompson, Molly Thompson, & Morna White**, the ladies who donated their beautifully knitted hats, mitts, and scarves to our families. They also donated a variety of thoughtful games & puzzles.
- 👍 **Ed Hutchinson the woodcrafter** who donated the beautifully hand-crafted wooden toys for our children.
- 👍 **Cheryl Argue, Sr Sandra Boyer, Jo O'Neil, Mary Ann O'Neil, & Maureen Condon** who received recognition by the City for their volunteer service to Kairos.

KAIROS WEBSITE

The Kairos website is in need of updating, and the investigative work to do that is underway. If you have any ideas, input, and/or suggestions about this project, please contact us at (705) 741-2483 or kairos@nexicom.net

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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

17th ANNUAL BOWLATHON!

**Fundraiser for Kairos Non-Profit Housing of Peterborough
Lakeview Bowl (Market Plaza)**

Friday, March 2nd, 2018

Registration @ 6:00pm, 6:30 START

To pre-register, please call Cheryl @ 705-741-6287

You will play 2 games (shoes provided), and there will be prizes, food & refreshments.

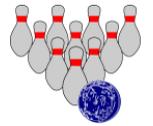
Don't forget the Cheesecake Competition and Sale.

Build your favourite cake and bring it along, or send it with someone

Help support your Kairos Community! U can make a difference!

Each bowler is encouraged to collect at least \$50 in pledges to help us reach our goal.

It's a promise: you will have a lot of fun!



8th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Gary Dalliday, Honourary Chair, invites you to attend
Saturday, June 9, 2018, at Heron Landing Golf Club.**

Registration begins at 7:45, SHOT GUN @ 8:30



Enjoy 18 holes of golf, scramble/best ball, burger lunch and prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, and closest to the rope. There will also be a Fabulous Silent Auction. The regular cost of the event is \$125 per person, but if you sign up and pay with a partner before May 25, 2018, the cost is \$ 220 per twosome.

Space is limited, so register early by contacting Cheryl Argue 705-741-6287 or cargue@gmail.com

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November 29, 2017

Friends of Kairos;



You are the reason that Kairos Non-Profit Housing of Peterborough continues to make a difference in the lives of 12 single mother-led families. Not only are they provided with safe and secure homes, but because of your generous support, our families are also provided with some things that would not be possible for them. Please read the "Kairos Year In Review" to find out the specifics of what we/you were able to accomplish this **last** year.

This year we plan to continue to provide: monthly **Grocery Cards** (base amount + additional amount per child); access to \$1,000 for each mother for a **Life Coach** (professional social worker, employment counselor, personal and family support, etc.) to help to set goals, create, support, and implement a Personal Plan; **General Interest Course** subsidy of \$200 for mothers to take a course/workshop of her choosing; **\$1,000 Founders' Bursary** to put towards education course or program fees; (we also approve other requests for financial assistance to upgrade skills and take college or university courses); \$350 **Grant** (doesn't need to be repaid) for each family member for education, health, emergency travel, recreation, hydro, food or clothing, school trips, or team registration fees; **Christmas Gifts** - Because we don't always know what the mothers and their children want, we have decided not to give personal gifts. Instead we are giving the gifts of experience for families to do something together that they would enjoy. With that as our goal, each family will be given a gift basket containing movie and restaurant gift cards (which can be used at a variety of local restaurants), and a Ginger Bread House Kit. Also, we'll be including a tin of home-made holiday cookies, and knitted mitts made by some Kairos friends.



May your holiday season be filled with family fun! Sincerely,

Su Musclow, Chair of the Kairos Board of Directors

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Please forward to: Kairos Non-Profit Housing of Peterborough
185 Romaine Street, Peterborough, ON K9J 2C3



We are not a United Way agency, and so we respectfully ask our generous supporters to make donations directly to our home grown organization. Donations can be assigned to either of the following designations described below, or split between the two.

Kairos Operating Budget: salaries for our part-time staff (Property Manager, Office Manager, and Maintenance staff person), office supplies, and maintenance costs.

Friends of Kairos Fund: to cover the cost of the activities and initiatives such as the ones described above.

Please accept the enclosed one-time cheque, or monthly post-dated cheques, payable to Kairos Non-Profit Housing of Peterborough for:

- "Kairos Operating Budget" "Friends Of Kairos" Fund
- 1/ 2 to each: "Kairos Operating Budget" and "Friends Of Kairos" Fund

If you prefer to donate monthly online using a credit card; Kairos is registered at "Canada Helps"; <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/>. Please be aware that there is an administrative fee charged to cover the cost of processing and receipting.

I would like to offer: Event sponsorship Goods/Services Volunteer time/Committee

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