

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE NEEDED
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Kairos Non-Profit Housing of Peterborough is looking for community minded persons to join its volunteer Board of Directors, or FUNdrising or Community Development Committees. The Board and committees meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and so the time commitment is little, **but you have an opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of some Peterborough families.**

Kairos was created in 1986 by some local Peterborough residents who acted on their beliefs. They purchased six homes and renovated them into duplexes to provide housing for single mother-led families, particularly those leaving abusive relationships.

Kairos is more than just a landlord. Through the activities of its FUNdrising and Community Development Committees, Kairos provides its families with opportunities, experiences, and some financial support for its tenants to further their education and increase their personal skill levels.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining our organization, please ask them to contact Su Musclow, Chair, Kairos Non-Profit Housing of Peterborough at kairos@nexicom.net

Board

Su Musclow (Chair)
Hannah Routly (Past Chair)
Donna Ball (Secretary)
Jocelyn Hill (Treasurer)
Sr. Frances Baker
Susanne Goldberg

Staff

Katherine Blackwood (Property Manager)
Leah Buck (Office Manager)
Steve Mann (Maintenance Worker)

KAIROS NON-PROFIT HOUSING
NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 31 '17 – NOVEMBER 30 '18



Chair's Message

I am pleased to report that Kairos Non-Profit Housing of Peterborough has had another banner year of progress and successes! Because of the capital improvements and on-going maintenance, Kairos houses have been well maintained and so our families have had safe homes that allowed them to live with dignity. Additionally, I am particularly proud of the camping experience that our children experienced this last summer. (You can read about it in the FUNdrising and Community Development Committee report.

I hope you realize that your financial and moral support is the reason for Kairos's progress and success.

SOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS/SUCCESS STORIES

- ✓ Friends of Kairos donations were used to pay the course fees for one of our tenants to complete her "Hair Colourist Specialist" program
- ✓ BDO, our auditors, reviewed our Financial Statements in May and they were presented at the June Annual General Meeting. Kairos affairs were acknowledged to be in very good order.
- ✓ In November, Kairos made a short presentation to the Peterborough Horticultural Society to report on how we used their \$500 Beautification Grant to improve our community's health and wellbeing through the use of outdoor plantings. The money purchased a maple and an oak tree from Ecology Park in Peterborough, and they were carefully planted on two of Kairos properties. Our "Kairos Cares Report" featured some pictures, and a huge thank you for allowing us to provide some shade for our homes and families. The report will be posted on our website.
- ✓ May and November meetings were held to provide information, and seek input from Kairos supporters.
- ✓ Our website is being totally revamped and we expect it to be operational by the New Year. It is an easier platform, so we will be able to make regular and timely updates to it.



TIP OF THE HAT / ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- 👍 Joe Keast who maintained our previous website for the last 7 – 8 years!
- 👍 Cheryl Argue who chaired the FUNdrising Committee for the last 6 years!
- 👍 The anonymous donors who purchased a fan for one of our families! (Yes, it was a hot summer, especially in a 2nd floor apartment.)
- 👍 Kawartha Participation Projects (KPP) who has been the Kairos Property Manager for 5 years. They have assisted us to maintain our properties in good repair and ensure that we are apprised of the required Provincial and City legislation, policies, and codes.

CAPITAL & MAINTENANCE WORK COMPLETED

- ✓ new porches completed for 2 apartments
- ✓ dilapidated privacy fence removed and replaced
- ✓ wiring upgrades to two homes (4 apartments)
- ✓ 3 new washing machines and dryers
- ✓ 9 new high efficiency gas furnaces
- ✓ 1 home (2 apartments) completely painted
- ✓ Kairos Office renovations: separated from the other apartments to eliminate the effects of 2nd hand smoke, mold was remediated, carpet removed and replaced with vinyl plank flooring, and painted. It smells and looks great, but most importantly, it's now safe!
- ✓ Kitchen cupboards were renovated (extended to the ceiling and additional ones added) in one of the apartments
- ✓ Property at the back of the original 3 homes was cleaned up, storage sheds were relocated to improve parking and preserve the children's play area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: FUNDRAISING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Again the FUNdraising Committee outdid itself raising funds for our families to allow Kairos to be more than just a landlord. Their hard work and commitment provided the funds which allowed the Community Development Committee to provide experiences and opportunities for its tenants. The (very competitive) Bowl-A-Thon and June Golf tournament along with donations generated money for the activities described in this article. This work by the dedicated group allowed the Community Development Committee to determine how best to assist its tenants.



Each Kairos household Christmas package contained Galaxy Cinema Movies passes, Restaurant Gift Cards, a Gingerbread House Kit, a tin of home-made Christmas treats, beautifully hand knitted mitts, hats, & scarves, and lovely hand crafted toys.

Throughout the year, families continued to be provided with monthly grocery cards based on the number of children, and moms of babies were provided with some assistance to purchase diapers (very costly items). In February, the moms were treated to a dinner at the Ashburnham Ale House and given a Shoppers' Gift Certificate. Childcare and transportation was provided as needed, and moms were able to enjoy the company and chat. This was one of our best attended events!

The Community Development Committee asked, "**How can we help to make change happen for our Kairos families?**" Answer: "**We hope to affect change through the children.**" So, this last summer Kairos provided financial assistance for our children to attend summer day or a week-long overnight camp. The Community

Development Members created folders of information about summer day camps for the families, and also held an April information session about Camp Quin Mo Lac (near Madoc) for children eligible for an overnight camp experience. As a result, 2 days after school finished in June, 7 Kairos children aged 8 – 14, headed off to enjoy a week of camping. Kairos provided sleeping bags, sunscreen, bug spray, flashlights, duffel bags, and transportation as needed. Listening to the children on the car ride home, gave lots of proof that this was an extremely positive experience for them. They asked me to tell the donors, "THANK YOU!", and that "THEY HAD THE BEST TIME EVER!!!" (No electronic devices were allowed; they enjoyed nature!) And, for those youngsters who were too young for this sleep over experience, financial support for local summer day camps was provided. Also in June, a donor provided dedicated funding for all our families to have a "Y" membership. Use of the membership is being monitored to determine if this is money well spent.



FRIENDS OF KAIROS DONATIONS AND FUNDRAISING PROCEEDS

This year's total was \$33,818. These funds pay for some of the maintenance costs (refer to the work done on our properties), experiences created by the Community Development committee, the "Y" memberships (already referred to), and tenant grants for education, recreation, sport or dance registration fees, school trips, and short-term emergency cash loans (i.e.: medications, hydro disconnection, mattress, child's car seat, a taxi to the doctor, dental, etc.).

18th ANNUAL BOWLATHON!

Lakeview Bowl in the Market Plaza

Friday, February 15, 2019

Registration @ 6:00pm, 6:30 START

To pre-register, please call Su @ 705-742-0100

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 the Kairos Community! U can make a difference!

Bowlers are encouraged to collect at least \$50 in pledges to help us reach our goal.

For sure; you will have a lot of fun!

8th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The details of this event are yet to be confirmed.

If you can help us with this event, please call Su at 708-742-0100.



*** If you have good furniture that you are no longer using, please call the office before you give it away. (705) 741-2483