

### SAD FAREWELL

It is with sadness that we acknowledge two “Founding Members” of Kairos passed away this last year. Dan Connelly and Tom Jones were there in the beginning giving their time and skills to do whatever was needed to get the homes ready for the single mother-led families, and then of course maintain them. Without their willingness to put their beliefs into action and their dedication, Kairos would not be the amazing organization it is today! Sincere thanks to them and their families for supporting Kairos!!!

### BOARD MEMBER: WELCOME

Caitlin Howe, a secondary school teacher and mom of 2 young boys has watched her mom Donna Ball (Board member since 2013), and decided to join the Kairos team. She felt that Kairos was a good match with the courses she teaches on social justice. Caitlin will take on the responsibility for maintaining the website. This is a skill no one on the Board had, and so we are so appreciative of her expertise.

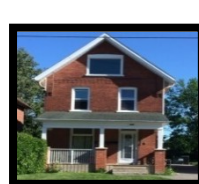
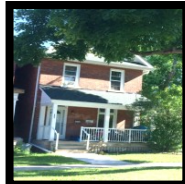
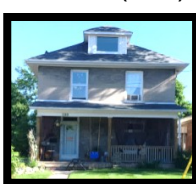
### BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

As with all organizations, new members bring new skills and energy. Kairos is no different. We are so thankful when someone offers to volunteer their time and talents. Maybe you are ready to do so yourself, **OR** you know of someone who might want to become involved. Please consider this for yourself or someone you know. The commitment is not onerous! The Board and Community Development Committee meets monthly from September to June for about 1 ½ - 2 hours. The benefits are HUGE! You are doing something positive for your community, and making a real difference in the lives of 12 single mother-led families. That is significant! The original Kairos Founders knew they couldn't change the world, but they could make a difference for a few. Don't be shy, please contact [Kairos@nexicom.net](mailto:Kairos@nexicom.net) to offer your time, talent, and skills to become a member of the Community Development Committee or the Board.

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## **KAIROS NON-PROFIT HOUSING OF PETERBOROUGH INC.**

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**Kairos Founded 1985**

**MISSION:** Kairos Non-Profit Housing of Peterborough provides affordable housing for single mother-led families, particularly those leaving abusive relationships.

**VISION:** Kairos seeks to provide and nurture opportunities for its families to flourish and realize their full potential.

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

*Dear Friends,*

*As we reflect on another year of impactful work, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible support we've received from our community. Thanks to you, our donors, volunteers, and partners, we've continued to provide affordable housing and support to those who need it most.*

*This year, we hosted some fantastic fundraising events, each a testament to the spirit of generosity that drives our mission. We were honoured to be a chosen beneficiary of the 2024 Liftlock U11 Hockey Tournament here in Peterborough. The Bowlathon was another highlight, with participants showing up in full force to help us strike down barriers to housing. And, of course, our Golf Tournament allowed us to connect with supporters in a relaxed yet impactful way*

*These events not only raised vital funds, but they also reinforced the sense of community that makes our work possible. Housing is a fundamental human right, and your support helps us ensure that more single mother-led families have access to safe, affordable homes.*

*As we look ahead, we encourage you to stay engaged, share our story, and continue to support us. Every dollar you give helps us bring hope and stability to families in need. On behalf of our board, thank you for your unwavering commitment. Together, we are changing lives and building a brighter future.*

*Warm regards,  
Suzannah Bennett  
Board Chair*

### PETERBOROUGH IS A GIVING COMMUNITY

Last December Chemong Family Dental decided to give to others than give to each other. So, they donated to Kairos, and each of our families received a \$30 Grocery Gift Card to help with their Christmas Family celebrations. Our tenants were so very appreciative. **Sincere thanks to the staff for being so “giving”!**

Kairos was the recipient of a bequeath and the Board will discern how best to use this money for the organization. Possibilities include educational scholarships for Kairos children to assist them to complete post-secondary education/training to acquire skills to break out of the cycle of poverty which is so prevalent in today’s society. SINCERE thanks to Doris Graham Reid for including Kairos in her will.

Kairos receives monthly donations through Canada Helps as well as well as donations by cheque which support Community Development initiatives which are described in the accompanying letter. **THANK YOU TO OUR FAITHFUL DONORS!!**

### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Thrive (formerly Kawartha Participation Projects) staff conducted a “Spring Clean Up and Planting” day at all Kairos homes. Large waste bins were provided which allowed tenants to get rid of large garbage items and items no longer needed. They also cleaned up the flower beds and planted flowers at each of the homes. What a wonderful “feel good” initiative for our tenants who would not have the financial resources to improve their outside environment for themselves. Who doesn’t love to see some flowers in the flower beds!!!

Annual inspections continue to occur, which assists the Board to plan for short and long term maintenance and capital projects.

There were no new tenants this last year. A kitchen was renovated as it we definitely past its “Best Before Date”. It still had the cabinets (installed in 1986) which were not really kitchen ones, but bathroom ones, and so storage (something as essential as dishes) was a challenge. The Kairos Board realized some years ago this was an issue, and has been gradually replacing those kitchens as new tenants arrived, and/or when the old ones HAD to be replaced.

### FUNdraising SUCCESS

As reported in the last Kairos Newsletter, Kairos presented at the June 2023 “Abzolutely Choir” (reported in last year’s Newsletter), and Don Smith (on the Executive of the Liftlock U 11 (Under Eleven Years) Tournament was in the audience. After he heard about Kairos, he recommended us to the Executive Board, and we made a presentation to them. Here, Rick Green, Joyce



Murray, Donna Ball, and Su Musclow are presented with a \$2,500 cheque from the U 11 Liftlock Hockey Tournament in January 2024. Both organizations have similar missions; to help children. The money was used to pay for recreational day and overnight camps.

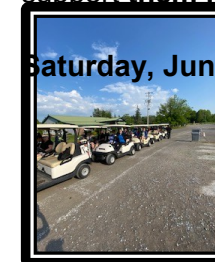
Ava, once of our Kairos overnight campers spent the week of August 20-27 at Camp Quin-Mo-Lac. It was Ava’s 3rd year attending the camp and she was SO EXCITED to go as she had made some friends there, and they had all decided that was the week for them to return. For her 3rd year at Camp Quin-Mo-Lac, Ava wore her t-shirt from last year, also took her Quin-Mo-Lac hat from her first year, and chose a Quin-Mo-Lac sweat-shirt this year. On her return home, she asked the driver, one of the Community Development Committee members, if she would be able to go next year. The driver assured her she would.

### FUN

There’s a reason that we “capitalize” FUN in our FUNdraising Kairos activities, and that’s because it’s the truth. There’s always **lots** of laughter mixed with a bit of healthy competition and prizes. All our prizes are all donated. Some are brand new, and others are re-gifted items that have never been used. If you have any items that you’d like to donate, please contact us at [Kairos@nexicom.net](mailto:Kairos@nexicom.net). We’d be thrilled to take any items off your hands.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The annual Bowl-A-Thon at Lakeview Bowl is confirmed for Friday, February 21, 2025. There are prizes for almost everyone, and the top, 2nd, and 3rd highest scorers receive a coveted Gold, Silver, or Bronze Kairos medallion. Of course there’s a Sweet/Treat Auction, and the loyal/local “Dominos Pizza” sponsors the evening by donating pizza. When you get your next pizza, please **support them in return for their ongoing support for Kairos!!!**



**Saturday, June 21, 2025 has been confirmed for the annual Golf Tournament at Heron Landing. You can expect a morning of golf, a BBQ lunch, a Silent Auction, chance to win the 50/50 Draw, along with tall tales of “holes in one” and lots of laughter. Also, you will be able to meet with some of the current “Petes” who will manage a putting contest, with half the proceeds being donated back to Kairos! Please contact Cheryl Argue at: [cargue16@gmail.com](mailto:cargue16@gmail.com) to register or for more info regarding the golf tournament.**

More details about both these FUNdraising events will be posted in the New Year!