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www.peacehaven.ca

BE A VOLUNTEER!

If you have special interests or skills and have a heart for Christian service, we would love to hear from you. Check the SERVICES list (Page 4) and consider how you can help. Remember Peace Haven in your prayers.

VOLUNTEER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Church Membership: _____

Please send the completed form to:
 6 Oneida Dr., Brantford, ON N3S 7X8

OUR SERVICES

- Respite care to relieve the family, either in-home or outside the home for shorter or longer periods of time.
- Make available information for referrals to agencies that offer appropriate services.
- Encourage "Care & Share" Groups.
- Assist with devotions/Bible Study programs.
- Help with transportation.
- Assist with recreational activities such as shopping, skating, swimming, bowling, board games, crafts, etc.
- Provide short periods of Sunday relief, invitations for home visits, evenings or weekends.
- Occasional weekend relief.
- Relief for special events, such as weddings, out of town trips, family vacations, etc.
- Camping and vacation experiences.

OUR MISSION

To serve individuals and families with special needs.

ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION

Peace Haven's Board is made up of deacon representatives from Brantford, Dundas, Fenwick, Hamilton, St. George and Vineland, in addition to a number of concerned parents and others.

DONOR/MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: (Please Print) _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____

Business Name/Address: _____

Tel. _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

CONTRIBUTION PLAN

- One-time Donation Amount: _____
- Post-Dated Cheques Amount: _____
- Monthly Automatic Chequing (fill in below) Amount: _____

Annual Membership - Payment of annual membership dues entitles the donor to all voting rights and privileges according to the By-Laws and Policies of Peace Haven.

- Individual: \$15.00 monthly or \$180.00 annually Amount: _____
- Family: \$20.00 monthly or \$240.00 annually Amount: _____
- Other (Specify) Amount: _____

AUTOMATIC CHEQUING

I hereby authorize Peace Haven, Free Reformed Association, to draw from my account on the 16th day of each month for payment until further notice.

In the amount of _____ / per month.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please enclose or attach your first cheque marked VOID across its face. With this authorization and from the information recorded on this personal cheque, we will process all future monthly donations automatically. No further cheques are required. This authorization may be cancelled at any time followed by written notice.

Note New
 Address!

Please make all cheques payable to PEACE HAVEN
 Mail to: Ryk Naves, Treasurer; 1058 Botanical Drive, Burlington, ON L7T 1V2
 Tel. 905 526-9703; Email: rnaves@sympatico.ca
 Charitable Registration Number: 123858458



PEACE HAVEN

NEWS

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Free Reformed Association
 Serving Families and Individuals
 with Special Needs

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10

PLAN TO ATTEND! Peace Haven Annual Meeting 2009

Thursday, October 29, 2009

D.V. at 8:00 pm

Free Reformed Church of Hamilton
 1114 Old Mohawk Rd.,
 Ancaster, Ontario

Speaker: Dr. David Murray

Dr. Murray is a professor at Puritan
 Reformed Theological Seminary in
 Grand Rapids, Michigan. A sermon

on CD, by Dr. Murray, entitled,
 "Why God Makes Disabilities"
 was circulated when Peace Haven

was first instituted and was an
 inspiration and blessing.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Luke 10:27 *"And Jesus answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself."*

As had happened many times while Jesus was on earth, this verse details another occasion where one of Jesus' enemies tried to corner Him. This time a certain lawyer asked Jesus what he needed to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus, in turn, knowing this man's motives, pointed him to the Old Testament laws and asked him how he would answer the question based on the man's extensive knowledge of the law. The lawyer answered this very quickly and easily by saying to Jesus that first, we must love the Lord God with our entire being and then we must also love our neighbour as ourselves. Jesus commended him for his answer and told him that if he truly did that, he would inherit life eternal. The lawyer wanted to justify himself and then asked "Who then is my neighbour?" Jesus answered him with the well known story of the Good Samaritan.

Do we know who our neighbour is? How do we love our neighbour? Are we like the priest and the Levite? Do we tend to look past those in need that are close by us, as though we do not see them? Or are we like the Samaritan who was willing to help regardless of the cost or inconvenience? Do we make ourselves available when there are those that need our help? Or are we caught up in our own lives and plans to such an extent that we avoid helping those that are in need? We really do not need to go very far away from home to see families and individuals with needs. They are in our own church community and among our own relatives.

Peace Haven Home is an example, and a result of this love to our neighbour. Much love and provision has been given to those who are living in this home. Yet there are also others who could support this home and the families of those with special needs, but are not really aware of the difficulties that some of our fellow church members are facing. In every one of our churches there are those with special needs; let us do what we can to help in whatever way we are able.

The lawyer did not address his personal relationship to God, but tried to bypass it by asking who his neighbour was. He was not striving to enter into the kingdom of heaven. He was not motivated by love to God or his neighbour. If it is our desire to inherit the kingdom of heaven we are to submit to, and keep God's laws and commandments. Jesus made that clear in this portion of Scripture. It is with God's help and through the perfect submission and obedience of Christ, even to the death on the cross, that we can be willing to obey that command to love our neighbours as ourselves, deny ourselves, bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. It is the love of God and the love to God that leads us to also love our neighbour. We ask that you will continue to support the residents, families and board of Peace Haven and keep them in your prayers.

Paul Vandenberg

DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Another season has passed by already and we look forward to new opportunities and activities this autumn. This past summer the staff and persons supported at Peace Haven had many wonderful times to enjoy God's awesome creation and the friendships they have developed.



Varick, family and friends, as well as going on day trips. Their favourite day was going to Canada's Wonderland in Toronto with a group of friends in the early part of the summer! Connie just couldn't get enough of those rides! Sandy Spyksma moved back home with her mom in July from the Lighthouse home in Fergus (under the auspices of Anchor Association) and joined us 3-4 days a week for day supports. We welcome her and her many talents to Peace Haven. She is presently



Varick had several weeks of camp in Brantford this summer, and on his weeks home, he spent time with the ladies at a park, outdoors, or just enjoyed the company with his friends at Peace Haven. He is looking forward to school again this fall. Lindsay and Connie continued their work at the Dunn Employment Centre and at the church, but enjoyed their days "off", spending time with



looking for employment and other exciting volunteer opportunities where she can use her abilities and learn more vocational skills.

There are so many things that we are thankful for! We praise God for His continued blessings to us – for



the good health He has provided to us, and for the many friendships and opportunities He gives us. Thank you to the wonderful staff team at Peace Haven who make Peace Haven a "real home" and a Christian abode for all those who come/live there. Also we would like to recognize and thank the Board and the many volunteers who help direct and support Peace Haven Association.

Connie, Lindsay, Sandra and Varick invite you to their home for coffee or social time – please give us a call!

Margaret Heemskerk



TREASURER'S REPORT

We have nearly come to an end of the first fiscal year during which we have operated Peace Haven Home. The financial report below shows the income and expenses for the eleven months ending August 31, 2009. This report reflects the actual cost of operating the home at 6 Oneida Drive with three residents.

At our October annual meeting, a full financial statement and new budget will be presented. Thank you for your support this past year. Please continue to remember us in your prayers and financial giving as we provide this much needed service to those with special needs.

Peace Haven Financial Report October 1, 2008 till Aug 31, 2009

Revenue	
Membership Fees	\$15,420
Donations (both members & non-members)	\$20,574
Church Collections	\$76,660
Fundraisers	\$27,620
Corporate Donations	\$8,650
Resident Fees	\$21,283
Total Revenue	\$170,207
Expenditures	
Payroll Expenses	\$110,937
Home Expenses (groceries & household)	\$15,626
Utilities	\$3,819
Office & Promotional Expenses	\$5,088
Loan Repayment (interest & principal)	\$10,400
Total Expenditures	\$145,870
Opening Balance October 1, 2008	\$12,331
Bank Balance August 31, 2009	\$36,668
Mortgage Debt	\$122,000

Care & Share Report

With Peace Haven up and running quite efficiently for over a year now, our meetings have changed direction a bit. Mothers of children/adults with special needs continue to meet either monthly or alternating months during the school year over coffee and treats. At these meetings we discuss any needs or concerns we may have, with other parents in a similar "boat". Margaret Heemskerk informs us of any new developments within the government or in Peace Haven that will affect our families.

Those of us who have "host families" who take our children for a few hours a day or even overnight, can't say enough about how much we and our children appreciate and enjoy these outings. Since many of our children lack regular invites to social outings from their peers, they are left with a void in their life which host families help to fill. Our children love to have something to look forward to and enjoy a change of scenery. These outings give us as parents, a break from being their "personal social club". What a blessing to have an "extended family" within our churches.

May God bless those who try so hard not just to say "hello" but to truly make those with special needs feel loved by including them and helping to carry our burdens.

Lorraine Hannaford
Co-ordinator of Care and Share Meetings