



OTTAWA ROTARY HOME FOUNDATION

Updater

Summer edition 2007

**As we follow our path each of us brings something along with us.
Working together, each contributing what we can, a little more of
the dream is realized...**

Dear Family Members, Supporters and Rotarians,

As the new President of The Ottawa Rotary Home Board of Directors, I would like to begin by thanking all of you for being so supportive of our efforts. Parents, we know you have been waiting patiently for news about the progress being made on the new Ottawa Rotary Home (especially if your child is approaching 21 or you are among the 130 families who have had children graduate from our program over the past eight years). We know that you are at home with very little support and although it's taken a long time, I have some very good news for you today.

Knowing what was on the horizon for our families, a "new" Ottawa Rotary Home has been the dream of many dedicated Rotarians, parents and other caring members of the community for 11 years. Diligently they have planned, designed, lobbied and saved, even when there was no hope to cling to.

On March 22nd 2007 a joint meeting of the Ottawa Rotary Home and Ottawa Rotary Home Foundation Boards was held to decide the fate of the new Home. We had all held our breath that day in anticipation of the 4:00 p.m. Ontario Provincial Budget release and the news it would bring. *It was joyous!* The Ontario Government had recognized our efforts with a \$2 million grant for the building of a new Ottawa Rotary Home. Cheers of excitement mingled with tears of joy were shared with board members from Ottawa to Florida and Mexico. After 11 years, the running shoes that had sat ready by the back door would finally be dusted off...we had a new Home to build *and only 20 months to do it.* As you can imagine we have been busy since March. Here is where we are at today:

The new \$ 6.5 million Home will have a spacious 12-bed wing for children and an eight bed wing offering new respite services to young adults who are living at home. A central pod will connect the two wings.

- ◆ Gib Patterson, chair of the Building Committee, and his team are working with engineers, city planners and architects to ensure the doors to the new 18,000 sq. foot home are ready to open in the fall of 2008.
- ◆ 5 acres of land on Bank Street South has been generously donated by Rotarian, Keith Halpenny and Suzanne Halpenny.
- ◆ Cash contributions pledged by Rotary Clubs, the Ottawa Rotary Home Foundation and very generous individuals total \$ **4.6 million** towards our goal.
- ◆ Co-Chairs, Suzanne Halpenny, Rotarian Rob Nesbitt and myself launched the quiet Capital Campaign for the additional \$2 million on May 1st 2007. The Official launch will be in the fall.
- ◆ We have approached our innermost circles for support and to date we have 100% support from our Board members and more Ottawa area Rotary Clubs are joining the team every day.

Now, we are ready for you. One time gifts and pledged donations will be accepted over 1-3 years by the Ottawa Rotary Home Foundation. If you would like to speak with us about making a personal, family or corporate gift to the campaign, Carolyn Piché at the Foundation will be pleased to assist you or schedule an appointment for a personal visit.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the upcoming Open House on August 11th (page 4) and thank you for your strength, support and encouragement.

Patricia Boomer, Rotarian
President, The Ottawa Rotary Home Board of Directors
Co-Chair for the Capital Campaign for the new Ottawa Rotary Home

For additional information please contact the Ottawa Rotary Home Foundation: 613-837-7376 orhfoundation@on.aibn.com or complete and return the form on page 4 of this newsletter.

Great things Happening....

The **Angel Campaign** raised over **\$9,000.00** thanks to our wonderful “**Angel**” **Brett and his family**. The major goal of the 2006 Angel Campaign was to “Colour their World” and have the entire bedroom wing of the Home repainted with vibrant new colour for the children. *What we didn't expect was the campaign to be the beginning of so many wonderful surprises and amazing new friends to come our way this year...*

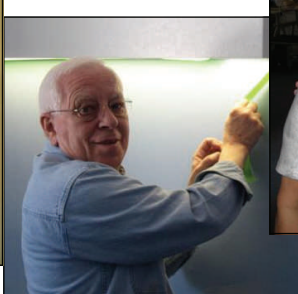


We are pleased to **welcome Susan Hutton** (pictured top left) to the Foundation Board. Susan not only brings her quiet, positive energy to the boardroom, she also brings the support of her firm, **Stikeman Elliott**.



On February 20th, a 14 member Stikeman team donned their painting duds to strip away old wallpaper and repaint four of the children's bedrooms with a coat of vibrant colour. As you can see they managed to do all this *and* maintain their sense of humour...even when the sprinkler system objected to a heat gun and doused them with water.

Most Capital Campaign and Foundation Board meeting are now held in the Stikeman Elliott boardroom. **We thank them for their support, hospitality and welcome them to the Rotary Home Family.**



Very good (very wet) sports!!

March was **Sweet & Hot** at the NAC's 4th Stage as **Voxquod and Cool Fusion** wowed a capacity crowd with Jazz and Blues. Many thanks to **Richard Fularczuk** who worked so hard to organize the event and raised over \$2,000.00 for the Ottawa Rotary Home!



SONA Computers/Foxwise Technologies generated over \$3,000 for The Ottawa Rotary Home at their December 2006 and June 2007 marketing events. Alvina Usher from **SONA Computers/Foxwise Technologies** also surprised Angel Brett at the Ottawa Rotary Home Christmas Party with cheque for \$1,000.00 We thank **Sam, Xuening and Alvina** for their wonderful support!

Last February we were given an *amazing* Valentine gift. Her name is **Katherine Jeans**. Katherine, Vice President of **Sound Venture Productions** who, between travels and a demanding production schedule, created “Jordan...this is his story” a very compelling and passionate video featuring one family's life with The Ottawa Rotary Home.

The video has been the centrepiece of every presentation we have made in the past few months and manages to bring the Rotary Home message to people in a way that our words never could. We can never thank Katherine, producer Neil Bregman Narrator, Tim Joyce and photographer Scott Plante enough for sharing their incredible gifts with us.

The Ottawa Rotary Home Foundation is thrilled to offer **Congratulations** to **Gina StAmour** (The Ottawa Rotary Home Executive Director) Daddy **Moe** and big Brother **Mathieu** on the safe and healthy arrival of the lovely **baby Mia**.



The Golf Marathon raises \$55,000.00!!

June 2nd was a little on the soggy side, okay *a lot* on the soggy side, but our golfers had worked hard collecting pledges and everyone of them came out to golf despite the fact that the weather man was having a bad day. Our most sincere thanks to those incredible 92 golfers who made this the most successful Golf Marathon ever.



Congratulations to Lance Jefferies (left) who won the Grand Prize for Individual raising the most pledges—10 rounds of Golf at Emerald Links.

And, Team Scotiabank (pictured right) won the Team Grand Prize—a trip for four to Rodd Hotels Mill River Resort in PEI.



Behind the Scenes: Much of the success of this years event was due in no small part to some very talented and kind people over at CGI who donated their online donation and registration application to us. Our most sincere thanks to **Scott Lawrence** who opened his door to us and **Margaret Tomassini** who had or found all the answers.

THANK YOU : to the volunteers (who were sunny even when they were dripping wet). Parents, **Sue, Cindy, Lorna and Tom**, Jordy's friends and family; **Tanya, Brian, Pam, Hans, Miriam and Julie**. Thank you all! Special thanks to **David** who was my right hand! **The Emerald Links family** makes us want to come back every year. From event Mom Audrey, who keeps a watchful eye, to Nadia and her team who calmly get us off and never seem to get flustered no matter what the day throws at them, to the management team, Gib, Martin and Cathy who are always supportive.

Thank you to our Sponsors!

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It's not too early to start thinking about how you can participate in the 2008 Golf Marathon. You don't want to miss the fun! So, be sure to put a big red circle around Monday June 2nd on your 2008 calendar, and watch for announcements early in the new year. Can't wait? Find out more at www.rotaryhomegolf.ca.

The Rotary Club works quietly in our community supporting a vast number of local and international projects including the new Ottawa Rotary Home! Please consider supporting one of these fundraising initiatives or inquire about membership at a Rotary Club near you!

"Rotary and All that Jazz" Friday, September 14th 2007

Golf Tournament, Dinner & Auction at Emerald Links features:

Golf, Live Jazz & Chicken/Rib Dinner
\$125.00 p.p. or \$440.00 per foursome.
Dinner only \$40.00.

Contact: Margo at the Rotary Club of Ottawa:
613-860-1521 rotaryottawa@magma.ca

The Rotary Club of Ottawa-Stittsville meets Tuesday morning, 7am @ 1354 Stittsville Main Street. We would love to hear from service minded individuals who live or work in the Stittsville area and would like to know more about Rotary. Contact our Membership Director: **Brian Hartley:** membership@rotarygoulbourn.org

The 2008 Rotary Cash Calendar.

The Ottawa Rotary Home is the theme for this spectacular tribute to **Malak Karsh**. Cash prizes will be drawn each day of the year for just **\$20.00 each**.

To order please contact: Rotary Club of Ottawa West
Andrew Young: ahyoung@rogers.com

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Two Saturday & Sunday passes to the

2008 Masters Golf Tournament

Tickets \$100.00

(includes airfare, accommodations & car rental)

2nd Prize: Big Screen TV **3rd Prize:** a set of Golf Clubs

Contact **Chuck Merovitz:** Rotary Club of Ottawa Bytown

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The Ottawa Rotary Home's 25th Anniversary

Open House

Saturday, August 11th 2007

1- 4 p.m.

Please join us for a BBQ ☀ Face painting ☀ Games ☀

Please RSVP by Friday August 3rd.to:

Kimbra at: kimbraf@rotaryhome.on.ca or 236-3200 X 28



Whether you are a monthly donor, donate annually to the Angel Campaign, Golf Marathon, or just like to send a little something now and again, *thank you*

Your Support is Important to Us and Your Gift is Always Appreciated.

- I want to help by sending this gift today!
- I would like to show my support throughout the year by making a Monthly Gift.
- Please contact me about how to I can make a gift to the new Ottawa Rotary Home Campaign.
- Please correct my contact information:

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Address: _____ City: _____ Prov: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Monthly Donation Information:

- I am sending **12 post-dated cheques** in the amount of \$ _____ dated the first of each month **and** payable to **the Ottawa Rotary Home Foundation.**

Credit Card Authorization

I hereby authorize The Ottawa Rotary Home Foundation to charge \$ _____ on the first of each month to my

VISA Master Card American Express Card # _____ Expiry Date: ____ / ____

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