



DAYBREAKING NEWS

Our mission is to provide minimum support homes emphasizing community living for single people with limited income. Daybreak believes that residents can better achieve their goals and potential when provided with support for their well-being in a safe, caring environment, designed to foster personal growth.

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Message from Daybreak’s President



Daybreak continues to have an extremely busy year. Successful applications for infrastructure funding by the Executive Director have meant extensive renovations to several of our houses, increasing their value and decreasing our long-term maintenance costs. Well done Monica!

Our Annual Christmas Party was again a great success, with an excellent turnout by residents and a hard-working volunteer corps to cook, serve and clean up. This, along with the summer BBQ, is the major event which brings together Daybreak tenants and Daybreak volunteers. Special thanks to Santa Claus, whose identity remains a mystery, and to EIO George; both are the life of the party.

This year’s Annual Meeting on April 19 is being organized by the Communications Committee, under the leadership of First Vice President Rob Dekker and with the help of volunteers and the Daybreak staff.

We look forward to a good turnout of all the Daybreak family. For the first time we will be at St. George’s Roman Catholic Church, which is our near neighbour on Piccadilly Avenue.

This year we launched a Fall Fundraising campaign which brought in close to \$9000 on top of other contributions. We will make this a regular Fall appeal, and it will be part of a more intensive fundraising program when we have a fundraiser on staff, which I hope will be this May.

St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church has made Daybreak its local mission, and is looking at

ways of working more closely with Daybreak and Daybreak tenants. We hope that a model can be developed which will interest other churches.

A special thanks to all the volunteers who help in the office, in maintaining Daybreak houses, by delivering birthday cakes, and in all the other tasks that help keep Daybreak humming.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

St. George’s Roman Catholic Church
415 Piccadilly Ave, Ottawa, Ontario
(next to Daybreak Piccadilly Office)

April 19, 2010

Registration begins at 7:00 pm
Meeting starts at 7:30 pm

**Guest Speaker: Dick Stewart:
“Let’s get serious about housing”**

Dick Stewart is the Former General Manager of People Services for the City of Ottawa and Commissioner of Social Services of RMOC.

He currently serves on the Board of Governors for the Community Foundation of Ottawa.

Refreshments before and after the meeting.

Debussy in Italy

On a sunny November Sunday afternoon the slight chill of the day was warmed inside Southminster United Church with a program of music that was presented by Southminster Music for Charity and Community entitled “Debussy in Italy” in support of Daybreak Housing and Mentorship after Presence (MAP).

The afternoon was filled with wonderful music both to calm and excite the senses. I often do not have the opportunity to attend performances of music such as this; it brought back memories; when I was a young boy my father would listen to his records of great classical and choral performances. The sounds filled our home and when the windows were open the music would float to the yard. The afternoon at Southminster United Church brought back memories, but also allowed my mind to sit back and soak up the melody and emotion the music brought that day.

The concert presented the music of French composer Claude Debussy, written during his time in Italy. It was performed with grace and beauty by internationally known Sicilian pianist Laura Nocchiero. Following a short break those in attendance enjoyed an afternoon at the opera with performances by tenor Fraser Rubens of Ottawa, soprano Maria Knapik, soprano Maghan McPhee and violinist Janice Mah. In the second half, Ms. Nocchiero accompanied Fraser Rubens and Maghan McPhee in their selections as well as joining Janice Mah in performance.

Among the performances heard that day everyone could take away their favourites portions. For some it was piano of Debussy as performed by Ms. Nocchiero, for others the vocal prowess of Maria Knapik or the deep tenor of Fraser Rubens; all would have to agree that the warmth the sun brought through the windows was enhanced further that Sunday in November.

That afternoon, over \$300 was raised for Daybreak Housing, though the financial results may not have been what was expected, Daybreak Housing was profiled to new members of our community. It is hoped that Daybreak can participate in future fundraising concert ventures with Southminster Music for Charity and Community.

Rob Dekker

Community Action Day



On November 19, 2009, a group of motivated and energetic volunteers from Alcatel-Lucent, arrived to clean out the Gloucester house basement in preparation for major foundation repairs.

The team worked thoroughly and efficiently. They even took care of donating items that Daybreak didn't need any more.

This was an excellent opportunity for Daybreak to connect with a local business.

Community Action Day is an opportunity for workplace and government employees to volunteer their time, skills and efforts with local non-profit and charitable organizations. It was initiated by the United Way Ottawa and takes place one day per month from September to December.

Thank you, Alcatel-Lucent, for giving back to your community in this way.

Erin Crepeau

Ottawa Networks for Homeless Services



On November 10, 2009, Daybreak staff and a resident from our Piccadilly House attended a gathering organized by the Ottawa Networks for Homeless Services.

This event was intended to enable those who provide services to the homeless and to those at risk of homelessness to learn about each

other and from each other. Daybreak had a booth, answered a lot of questions, and provided lots of information about our program.

It was a great way for Daybreak to make our name known and to network with other service providers with whom we can work in the future.

Erin Crepeau

Deloitte Impact Day



Once a year, Deloitte accounting firm holds their impact day when their employees and families volunteer for local charities.

Daybreak was delighted to have 12 Deloitte employees come to their non-profit houses to lend a hand with some much needed "fixes" on the homes located on Flora and Somerset Streets.

Not all Deloitte staff were around for photos but they all deserve recognition. Daybreak Shelters extends their gratitude to Guy and Erin Crepeau, Laura-Lee Brenneman, Dean and Sharilyn Bowes, Connie Haché, Shauna and Terry Elliot, Guillaume and Annelise Vadeboncoeur, Anthony O'Sullivan and Colin Fyfe

Christmas Party 2009

On Dec 6, 2009, Daybreak residents, staff, volunteers and their guests gathered at Knox Presbyterian Church to celebrate the season. Rev. Stewart Hewlett lead an inspiring and cheerful service which was followed by a delicious turkey dinner and Christmas Sing-a-long.

We cannot forget that the big guy himself, Santa Claus, paid us a visit to deliver gifts to all the Daybreak residents.

It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all who attended.

Erin Crepeau



Salute to the Sauvés

Daybreak has always been grateful for the support and generosity of our local businesses. Glebe Meat Market is one such generous patron.

This family-owned business, operated by father André, mother Simone, and son Stéphane has been contributing to Daybreak for over 15 years. They not only provide turkeys for our joint house Christmas party but they also give each of our five homes baskets at Thanksgiving and at Christmas. These baskets are chock full of good things like turkey, ham, kielbasa and other food articles too numerous to mention.

We are extremely grateful to them and hope this wonderful relationship continues for many more years. It's people like the Sauvés that lift our spirits and make us realize how wonderful our world is.

Carolyn Black



Passages

- Welcome back to Administrative Coordinator **Andrea Faulkner**, who has returned after a year of maternity leave.
- A big thank you to **Jennifer Stevens** who has served as Housing Coordinator during Andrea's absence; we will greatly miss Jennifer, with her radiant personality and unfailing optimism.
- Many thanks to **John Freke** and **Colin Fyfe** for their yeoman service on the Board of Directors; they will be greatly missed.



Daybreak's supportive housing services were initially made possible through Federal (CMHC-Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation) and Provincial (MCSS-Ministry of Community & Social Services and MMAH-Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing) funding. Our fifth home was developed with new funding from the Federal (SCPI-Supporting Communities Partnership Initiatives) and the Provincial (PHIF-Provincial Homelessness Initiatives Fund) programs. The City of Ottawa now administers all of Daybreak's government funding.



Faster and Easier! Donate by Credit Card!

Daybreak is now pleased to be able to accept donations by Visa and Mastercard.

This new process is an easier way for donors to give and a faster way for Daybreak to process donations.

All you have to do is complete the donation form with your credit card information and we will mail you the credit slip after it has been processed.

Simple as that!

Deep appreciation is extended to the following churches for their ongoing and generous support

- Dominion-Chalmers United Church
- Women's Group of Dominion-Chalmers
- St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
- Women's Guild of St. Andrew's Presbyterian
- Knox Presbyterian Church
- Knox Presbyterian Church Guild
- St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
- St. Matthew's Anglican Church in the Glebe
- Southminster United Church
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
- Fallowfield United Church



CanadaHelps

An easy way to donate monthly to Daybreak is to use the CanadaHelps button on our web site

<http://www.daybreakhousing.com/> and follow the links. For monthly donations, an end date must be entered. CanadaHelps gives a reminder **after** that end date, but this means that you may have missed several donations. CanadaHelps plans to introduce an earlier reminder, but, in the meantime, monthly donors should make a note of the end date in their own records and renew accordingly.



To recreate your pledge, please log into (<http://www.canadahelps.org/MyCH/MyCHHome.aspx>) and go to the "My Monthly Gifts" section.

To access your receipt for this donation please log in (<http://www.canadahelps.org/MyCH/MyCHHome.aspx>) and select "My Donations and Receipts" to compile your aggregated receipt for this charity's monthly gift.

Daybreak thanks all our CanadaHelps donors.



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I wish to support Daybreak through:

- Supporting membership \$25.00—\$99.00 \$ _____
- Sustaining membership \$100.00—\$249.00 \$ _____
- Benefactor membership \$250.00—\$999.00 \$ _____
- Patron membership \$1,000.00 + \$ _____
- Donation only (cash/cheque/shares*) \$ _____
- Monthly donation (post-dated cheques or via CanadaHelps) \$ _____
- I wish to become a Daybreak volunteer and/or I would like to receive more information about Daybreak.
- I would like more information about planned giving

Name: _____

Address: _____

My phone number is : _____

My e-mail is: _____

Credit Card: _____ Expiry: _____

*Recent changes to the *Income Tax Act* permit tax benefits for donations of shares of publicly-traded companies