



Drummond house

where the heart is

A Resident's View

Drummond House— a place to begin to dream and grow

- An eye in the midst of the storm of life...
- A safe haven where one finds healing and rest...
- A place to grieve, grow and change...
- A place to come in from the pain and hurt and dysfunction and find safety...
- A place to enjoy beauty and appreciate God's goodness both in nature and in the home itself...
- A place to take our eyes off the brokenness of our lives and learn a new way of coping...
- A place to leave that which we are and become that which we were created to be...
- A place to find hope and direction...
- A place to learn love and true acceptance...
- A place to begin to dream and grow...
- A place to learn from Debbie's wealth of experience...
- A place to learn to trust other women and the safe men coming into the house...
- A place to interact with the volunteers and learn that there is hope and healing as we walk through life's hurt and pain...
- A place where we see evidence of God's incredible blessing on this home and those who enter its doors...
- A place to see prayers answered and miracles take place.



Residents and staff at the Waterdown Christmas parade.



Open House: room decorated by "Nesters" of Campbellville.



Sandy Gray from "Weeks" of Waterdown assisting Bev Bluhm with the Christmas Tour Open House and Bake Sale.

When I observe my journey in Drummond House I see it as a picture of watching a small child learn to walk. You get up and take a few steps and may fall down many times but you keep getting up and soon you can walk short steps. Then your walk becomes smoother and pretty soon your walk is comfortable and even. You may still stumble and fall but it becomes easier to get up and go on. What

a privilege is mine to be part of this program.

Do you want a challenge? Catch the dream! Come be part of Drummond House through your giving, your volunteer time, funds, or prayers. Abused women and children will benefit and your gift will be greatly multiplied as their lives change and they go on to become healthier productive members of society.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 14, 2007

Drummond House 2nd Annual
Valentine Fundraising Gala

April 12, 2007

Magnolia Blossoms for
Drummond House
2nd Annual Fashion Show

May 2007

Golf Tournament, proceeds to
Drummond House & Coping
Centre

June 9, 2007

Liberation Choir at Compass
Point Church, proceeds to
Drummond House

Wish List

Tool Box with Hammer,
basic screwdrivers,
assorted nails
Tupperware
Hampers for each room
4 Rubber-made storage mates
regular
Front porch lumber
Lumber for the turret repairs
Railing material for the side-door

Check Our Website

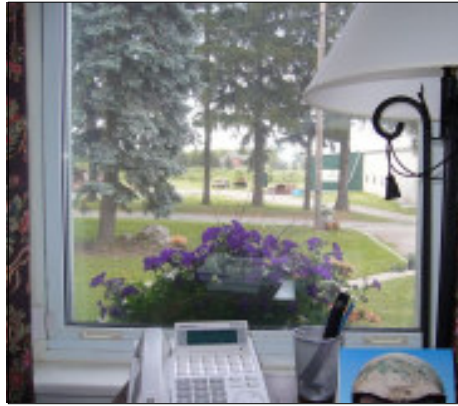
We continually update our
website with the latest news
and ways that you can be
involved. Check us out at
www.drummondhouse.ca.



*Gerry Bluhm and Arnold Welmers
decorating for Christmas Open House.*

From the Director's Desk

Geared to Help the Broken and Battered



View from Debbie's Desk.

*We have been touched by the
lives of the women God has
brought to us. As these
women and children
continue to rotate through
our home, we owe you, our
friends and supporters, an
update. Here for your benefit
are the answers to several
frequently asked questions.*

What type of women does Drummond House assist?

We assist women and children in
need of a temporary home. If
Drummond House is not suited to
their needs, we will redirect them
to a more appropriate place. We
are geared to help widows and
orphans, the abused (all types), the
addicted (gamblers), those
separated and divorced, the
homeless, unemployed, broken,

alone, and empty who are in need of
temporary housing. God calls us as
Christians to care for the broken and
battered. Each situation is very
different and yet *all* are in need.

What is the program?

The program we offer at Drummond
House is to move the women from a
place of struggle and confusion to a
place of peace and stability. Here is
one example of a woman who came
to our home:

Upon Arrival	Programs	New Life-After
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High anxiety • Frightened • Distrustful • Hopeless • Frantic • Panic attacks • Suicidal thoughts • Loss of everything material • Addictive behaviours • Emotionally empty • Spiritually angry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gamblers Anonymous • Financial Counsel • Budgeting • Accountability training • Counselling • Coaching 3 times/week <p>Personal Growth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health, diet self care • Spiritual reconnection • Decreased panic attacks – calmer spirit • Hope for future 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustained spiritual life • Quit gambling • Accountability for own finances • Developed own budget, paid debts • Positive outlook • Healthier diet & lifestyle • Giving back into community—raising funds for charity

How are we funded?

Through the following generous
people and organizations:

- Events and Fundraisers
- Individual Donors
- Community funds,
- Corporate Sponsors
- Faith-based Funds

- Grants and Foundations.

How many families have we assisted in the past year?

We have assisted 16 families in
2006. Twelve of these were in-house
residents and four received help as
non-residents.

What are our greatest needs?

- Prayer
- Monthly sponsors to provide sustainable funding
- Funding for additional staff to alleviate overload on current employee
- Volunteers in areas such as: in-house support, overnight, cleaning, drivers and most importantly mentors for each family member or adoptive families to help in relocation, moving, and building of a new community network
- Repairs to the outside of the home

What has been the greatest blessing over the past year?

- To see families come from a broken and confused state have hope once again.
- To witness the volunteers pour out their love helping the residents and in turn be touched themselves.
- To see developing programs such as *Bread Basket* which helps feed families in the home as well as the needy in our community?
- To suffer in the sufferings of others and offer them love, acceptance and practical assistance.
- To watch God work in the hearts of all who are involved here.

There are so many blessings. The *greatest blessing* is to see women who come into the home not even acknowledging God, not trusting Him in their life, often hating and blaming God for circumstances and yet through the love of others and the blessings they receive, they experience *His true love* and begin to heal from their pain.

It is like watching a struggling bird slowly begin to get stronger and when they are ready, begin to fly again. This is what I love to see the most! This happens because of our Lord and the healing that can take place when we stop to hear His voice and develop a new relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Becoming a Neighbour

by Richard Tigchelaar

Drummond House has many stories. The *Bread Basket* program can be summed up as ‘blessing our community out of our blessings.’ In June we began receiving a substantial amount of fresh bakery and produce weekly from one of the major food chains. Out of God’s abundance and good pleasure we are able to share directly with families who are struggling financially and with other life concerns.

How it works

Teams are being developed for food pick up, and preparing and delivering *Manna Hampers*. The heart of the project is the personal ‘hands and feet’ going to the homes. Those needing and receiving the manna are in turn extending the blessing to their neighbours.

Let me tell you just one story.

Joan has seven families she visits from week to week. One week we had an overabundance and Joan swept into the blessing gap—she never says no! On her way to her homes she prayed for other families and a friend came to mind. Off she went with her marching orders, knowing nothing about God’s economy and timing.

The friend’s son showed up one step ahead of Joan and in crisis

mode. He had his children for the weekend and no money for groceries. His words to his mother were, “I don’t know what to do and I suppose you are going to tell me your God will provide the food we need.”

Yes son, as a matter of fact an angel is on the way...

What are the working principles?

God wants us “to look after orphans and widows in their distress” (*James 1:27*). We can trust Him to provide the manna—even though you may not be in a desert and it probably will not look like manna.

What is our goal?

We help 15-20 families each week; we would like that to be 60-75 by the end of 2007.

We distribute \$750 in goods per week; we would like that \$3500 by the end of 2007.

We are using the Drummond House kitchen for sorting; we need a staging facility – soon!

Since our first load we have visited 40-50 separate families, helping 70 adults and 125 children.

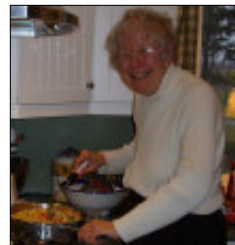
It is an uncomplicated picture: here are resources and there is the need, and yes, there are more stories out there just waiting to happen....

Why I volunteer at Drummond House

by Joan Marshall

My involvement with Drummond House has been incremental. My initiation was being one of the ladies from Flamborough Christian Fellowship who prepare supper on alternate Wednesdays. Because I live alone, it was lovely to be invited to join everyone at the table and feel like part of a family.

Dinner time is just what family time should be. There are stories and some teasing, laughing and outrageous comments from ‘dad



Richard’ when he is there. There are the centering devotions after dinner. The atmosphere is at once, supportive, encouraging, honest, caring,.....actually loving.

It has been humbling to be part of this supportive setting and see the courage, sometimes heroism, of the women who are struggling with both their pasts and futures. It is a privilege to have met and worked with Debbie and the other talented, enthusiastic, and committed staff and volunteers.

Thank you, Drummond House, we receive much more than we give.



Above & Below: Drummond House participated in the Waterdown Christmas parade as a thank you to the community for all their help.

Right: Christmas tree featured at the Christmas Tour Open House.



Lois and Bob Carey—amazing volunteer movers and organizers.



Duca Financial Fundraising Barbecue.



"Lady of Mount Carmel" food drive.

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If the work of Drummond House has captured your heart—consider supporting us on a monthly basis. Regular contributions of \$10 or \$20 are highly valued. By filling out a pre-authorized payment form, you can make a monthly commitment which will be processed automatically.

I would like to help Drummond House reach out in love to women and children.

- I pledge my prayer support.
- I have enclosed a donation for \$ _____
- Please send me a Pre-authorized Payment form (P.A.P.)
- I am interested in volunteering.

Make cheque payable to:

Drummond House
67 5th Concession Road East
Waterdown, Ontario L0R 2H1

Charitable Number: 88391 1109 RR0001

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

"They that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31