



Drummond House

Together All Things Are Possible

"Come unto me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

'This is a New Thing'

Drummond House is intended to be a place of rest and restoration.

"What we are doing is a new thing," says Debra Tigchelaar, executive director of Drummond House. "We want to give residents a healthy balanced environment. We want them to be part of a wholesome home atmosphere. As we move forward we will be designing the best process to assist those in need.

Debra and Richard, who will be house-parents, realize Drummond House has limitations. For instance, the home is not a shelter for women coming directly out of a violent, abusive situation. Drummond House simply hasn't the resources or ability to provide appropriate protection in these cases.

But Drummond House is available for those women and children who are unable to move forward from a state of just surviving. These families need someone to come alongside them and connect them to the correct resources. Drummond House will bring residents and volunteer coaches together with the intent to love, teach, guide and equip them to reach a place of independence and stability.

Potential residents or guests (as Debra likes to think of those who will come to Drummond House for help) are women, with or without children, who are unable to find housing or to support themselves.

These 'guests' will be lovingly invited into the home for a three-month transition period as they begin to work towards a better situation. The time at Drummond

House is intended to be a reprieve from the day-to-day struggle for survival. While at Drummond House guests will be given the time and support to assess goals, plan careers, write resumes, network for jobs as well as find suitable more permanent housing. Drummond House could be viewed as a haven from life's storms—a healing place.

Slow Start

Drummond House is easing into operation by taking one family to start. "We should be in full operation with four women by midsummer," predicts Debra who is receiving referrals now. "Most contacts with potential clients will be made through churches. We want churches to see Drummond House as a resource." Once the referral is made, there will be a phone interview followed by a meeting.

Each application will be reviewed by an intake team. The



Above: Debbie and Richard Tigchelaar hold watercolour painted by Les Ducak and presented at the Grand Opening in November. You can purchase a beautiful greeting card featuring a print of the watercolour in local gift shops to help raise funds for Drummond House.

appropriate applicant will then be called in to meet us and visit the Drummond House. We will then open our hearts and home to this family for the following three months.

New Volunteers Needed

We are moving into a new stage of volunteer activity.

Kitchen coordinator
Kitchen helpers
Cleaning
Day Care/Babysitting
House-sitting
Tutoring

Support Workers
Coaches:
financial
spiritual
emotional
parenting

*Drummond House will be holding an
Information/Ideas & Training Evening on March 16th at 7:00 p.m.*

Current Contributions

A team of individual and corporate sponsors donated the beautiful, outfitted country kitchen.

Money came in to make a ten-foot harvest table for the dining room.

Brant Women Bible Study Group donated \$700 in linens for the home.

Bethel Christian Reformed Church Coffee Break program held a kitchen shower to completely outfit the kitchen with pots, pans, cutlery, glassware etc.

Flamborough Baptist donated good used dinnerware and an amazing Christmas offering donation.

St Lawrence Cement and Keith's Plumbing & Heating each held food drives to stock the pantry.

Springwall Mattresses (through Laurie Horne) donated 13 quality mattresses which arrived on a snowy Christmas Eve.

Ross Robertson donated 19 boxes of *Hershey* chocolates for the Grand Opening Celebration.

Panasonic (through Jim Brown) donated \$4000 in equipment including a digital phone system, two TV sets with VCR and DVD, alarms clocks for each bedroom, a security camera, monitoring system and an iron.

Living Lighting in Toronto area sent lights and lamps for every room in the home through Gary Taylor and his assistant, Allison.

The Rotary Club donated \$500 toward an alarm system.

We received over 40 handmade blankets for each resident and child. Thank you Debbie Davidson for these amazing works of art.

A box of new tee-shirts to hand out to children as needed.

Grand Opening— a gala celebration

Over 200 guests in gowns and suits filled Drummond House in celebration of the Grand Opening in November.

It has taken two years and thousands of volunteer hours to turn the three-storey 1896 Drummond family homestead into a comfortable transition home for the families. Drummond House features a bright well-equipped kitchen, large family dining room and two spacious common living areas as well as a comfy turret area where children can play and read on the first floor. Residents will be accommodated with four bedrooms and two bathrooms on the second floor while house-parents, Debra (our executive director) and Richard Tigchelaar occupy a suite on the third floor. The gala grand opening, coordinated by Bev Bluhm proved festive with outstanding live music and gourmet hors d'oeuvres prepared by Pam Campbell and Khristin Hunter. Delicious truffles complemented the evening, thanks to our very own Wendy MacLennan. At least two dozen volunteers worked to make the event a huge success. The evening brought in \$15,000 for Drummond House.

Right, top: Grand Opening featured an auction with auctioneer Fred Shuringa.

Right: Preparing hors d'oeuvres in the kitchen.



UpComing Events

Drummond House Benefit Concert

April 16 at Brant Bible Church at 7:00 p.m.

Featuring: Trevor Dick, Violinist; Vocalists, Christie Latta & Melissa Dutch

No-Tea-Party Tea – coming to your mailbox soon

2005 summer events

Annual Fund Raising Dinner (February 2006)

From the Director's Desk

“Light in the House”

by Debra Tigchelaar

So there we were at our beautiful Grand Opening Gala Event. The decorations were incredible, the food fabulous.

The spotlighted house shone in the night, allowing guests to view the entire beauty of Drummond House. It was a great night.

Everything was complete, well ...almost everything. If you looked up, looked way up, you could see wires dangling from the ceiling. They are called pigtails: bare bulbs hanging about a foot down from all the ceilings. Where were the light fixtures for this beautiful home? It has been one of our many *prayer requests*. We were waiting to see what the Lord would provide.

Some people have donated period fixtures. A particularly outstanding one hangs in the dining room. This is an old teardrop chandelier in perfect keeping with the era of the home. Bob Carey thankfully rewired and installed it for us.

But what about all the rest of the wires? Once again the need was made known. Little did we know how wonderfully the Lord would answer this request. I received a call from a man named Gary Taylor at *Living Lighting* in Toronto. He told me he would send out his assistant, Allison, to help us. Sure enough, a week later, Allison drove down from Toronto on a snowy day to look at our needs.

As we walked from room to room, I talked about lighting up the house. Old homes can be very dim and dull, beautiful in the daytime, but at

night.... I expressed my desire to have Drummond House shine in the night. Allison shook my hand and promised to be in touch.

Just before Christmas Allison called with a wonderful message, “We have a truckload of donated lights, lights for every room in the home!” Praise God for answered prayers once again.

Thank you Allison, Gary, and all those who contributed to this wonderful blessing. Our lighting needs have been met with incredibly beautiful lights.

I hope when you drive by and see the home lit up, you will remember how the lighting came to be: people in the larger community helping those who desire to help others.



Bob Carey installing teardrop chandelier in the dining area.



Left: Mr. and Mrs. Alex and Blanche Klim. Mrs. Klim is a daughter in the Drummond family. The night before their wedding day many years ago was spent at Drummond House.

Wish List

Volunteers

Kitchen

1 coordinators
3-4 volunteers

Maintenance teams

Inside -
rotating men's groups
Outside -
landscape and lawn care

New Items Needed

4 new sets of bunk beds
nightstands

15 sets of blinds
Locks for all windows

10 bath towels
10 wash cloths
10 hand towels
10 pillows
2 plastic bed sheets
4 bath mats

4 towel racks
Rubbermaid containers
4 laundry baskets
4 hampers
80 hangers plastic/white
6 plastic shelving units



Volunteers—doing whatever needs doing.



Jennifer Knill sanding bannister.



Major sanding job.



The bannister—many hours of restoration.



Lloyd Davidson in the kitchen. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked many hour renovating under Lloyd's capable direction.

Volunteer Days **Special Memories**

This past fall several dozen people including a group from Meeting House and another from West Highland Baptist gathered at Drummond House to complete final renovations.

As stress grew over the pending deadline, someone mentioned worship music. (There had been a desire for worship music in the house ever since the beginning of renovations but the dust would destroy a CD player.)

So on this very special day, West Highland College and Career group began singing in four-part harmony while they painted the large window in the main stairwell.

What a beautiful sound came and with it a spirit that resonated through the house. Suddenly others joined in. On the top floor, in the living room, in the basement—a beautiful sound filled the home from top to bottom. Praise our wonderful God for the great things he has done.



"Amazing Pete."

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

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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