



# Around Hopewell

## Dear friends ...

Despite this hot summer, we see dreams becoming reality in our little Hopewell world.

The addition in Ariss is taking shape & we hope to see completion of the building in early Fall. Playsense interior is starting to look really sharp. Karen is working hard to prepare for the next phase, & equipment has been ordered in anticipation of opening later in September.

Hopewell's growth has necessitated updated public relations materials. To save money & trees, our newsletter will now be e-mailed. Our soon to be unveiled website will include a newly revamped brochure, & updates on programs & services offered at our Ariss, Stephanie Home & Playsense locations. Check out our new logos in this newsletter. Thanks to Rudy Demer & his team for designing these.

### CONGRATULATIONS to John Oosterhuis!

Recognized for being an **EXCEPTIONAL** member of the community, John was honoured with a Rotary Centennial Service Award for Professional Excellence during the Spring Soiree Gala Fundraiser.

**BRAVO** to you John for your tireless energy & generous spirit!



John Oosterhuis receiving his award from Rotary District Governor John Stairs

I can't say enough about the tremendous efforts shown by Guelph's Rotary Clubs in support of Hopewell. The third & final fundraiser, the Spring Soiree gala at Old Quebec Street, helped bring the total raised for Playsense to over \$115,000! The gala was a grand affair, & a fitting conclusion to the R4H Centennial Fundraising Project.

We were recently awarded 2 grants in support of Playsense. First time recipients in both cases, the Ronald McDonald House Charities Grant & the Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant will allow us to purchase much needed specialized play equipment.

A recent review of Stephanie Home by an independent consultant found the overall effectiveness of services provided at Stephanie Home exceeded initial expectations. My compliments to the excellent Stephanie Home team! The consultant also recommended that Stephanie Home be used exclusively for respite from now on. This enables more families to benefit from care & increases their ability to cope more

## The street beat...

Those of you who read the first street beat may notice the change in the column icon. The skateboarder has been replaced by someone playing with a yoyo.

There are many reasons for this ...  
 ... Passing the time with a yoyo seems a logical activity choice given the summer heat ...  
 ... Playing with a yoyo is actually a lot more fun than it looks ...  
 ... Because it's there ...  
 ... Speaking metaphorically, there is a certain similarity between watching the up & down movement of a yoyo in action & waiting for PLAYSENSE to open.

## Updates by John

effectively. Both our community partners & Board of Directors unanimously endorsed this key recommendation.

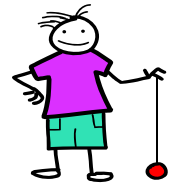
Like many organizations (Community Living, etc), Hopewell continues to be faced with increasing challenges to our budget. Since 1990, we have received less than 5% overall increase for our base budget while inflation alone rose 28% between 1990 & 2003.

Up to this point, we have been able to meet these many fiscal challenges, thanks to creative cost cutting measures, donor support, & varied fundraising projects. Increased competition for available resources now makes the need for a systematic fundraising effort a priority. One of our board members, Len Kahn has agreed to assist us with an organized fundraising campaign to ensure we continue to provide quality care for all in our Hopewell family.

STAY TUNED (& stay cool) !

- John Oosterhuis

Through it all, the ride has **always** been fun, & much has been learned along the way!



The real reason is in fact a lot simpler ..

Change IS good ...& we at Hopewell have shown time & again that we are nothing if not adaptable.

In these dog days of summer, don't forget to breathe, try not to sweat the small stuff, & find something good in every day.

It's there, trust me ...

- Karen Calzonetti



## Ariss Activities

**NEW FACES:** On April 25<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed Nancy Dunlop to our Ariss family.



We are so pleased to have Nancy living with us at Hopewell. She brings a lot of joy to the hallways & we appreciate her very much!

### A GRADUATION CEREMONY

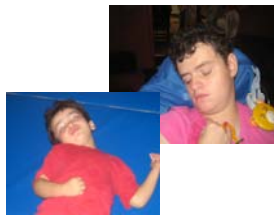
for all students was held on June 17<sup>th</sup>. After receiving their certificates, the children treated guests to homemade chocolates & strawberry shortcake.

### FAREWELLS & WELL-WISHES:

On June 23<sup>rd</sup> we said goodbye to our long-time schoolteachers & friends, Karen Cressman (17 years) & Tom Sehl (15 years). While they have hung up their

Hopewell teaching hats, both will pursue counseling careers in the near future. We will miss them a great deal, & wish them the very best in their future endeavors. Geraldine Paquette will also be leaving Hopewell after 10 years of faithful service. Thank-you so much for your hard work & contributing to Hopewell over the years!

**TRIPS:** On July 21<sup>st</sup> the children packed their bags for Niagara Falls & enjoyed a fun-filled day at Marineland. The adults had their own trip on July 25<sup>th</sup>. As you can tell, people couldn't wait to get home & dream of Marineland!



### STAFF TRAINING:

Six people were recently re-certified in a Non-violent Physical Crisis Intervention training session held in Ariss.



**DID YOU KNOW?** Our residents receive regular foot care & massages from one of our visiting RN's? Thanks Mary!

### HOPEWELL CONSTRUCTION:

The familiar sound of hammer & nails can also be heard these days in our Ariss location.



- Submitted by Sara Kavanagh



## Snapshots & Snippets

**SUMMER** at Stephanie Home is always a very busy time. The transition from school to total summer freedom can sometimes be stressful but this year everyone has been too excited anticipating all the great activities planned.

**ALEX** is off to High School this fall & is looking forward to swimming in the big pool located at his new school. In honor of his graduation from grade 8, we celebrated with family & friends & dined on his favorite dinner-pasta!  
**CONGRATULATIONS ALEX!**

**MATT** has been hard at work throughout the summer. Eager to earn his own money (which he often spends, just like most of us) he is busy working at two different placements: one at Torchlight Industries & the other at ARC. He is a very dedicated employee & is doing a terrific job! Way to go Matt!

**SIMON** did not attend summer camp this year, choosing instead to spend his time fishing, swimming, hiking & just

plain hanging out. He did a great job in grade-nine & is looking forward to his new courses & adventures as a grade-ten student.

### FLORIDA TRAVELS:

By now, everyone has probably heard the humorous stories from our recent trip to Florida. It was an incredible experience for all of us, especially for Simon & Matt. Our favorite activity was spending two days on the beach. Matt could not understand why the water was salty but quickly got used to the waves crashing into him. Simon enjoyed catching the little minnows.

While 20+ hours is a very, *very* long time to drive in a van with four others we made it as fun as we could. We would

especially like to thank Richard & Sharon who wisely provided a TV & VCR to distract passengers, & help us all pass the time when bored. (Not to worry, the driver kept both eyes on the road!)

**FURRY FRIENDS!** We are proud to announce the arrival of two new hamsters "Ears" & "Celery". The house seemed too quiet in Pebbles absence, & our new room-mates are a great addition to our growing Stephanie Home Family.

**RESPIRE SERVICES:** We continue to support many families within the community through respite & other programs, & look forward to welcoming new faces soon.

**UPCOMING TRIPS** include visits to the ROM & wet & wild, as well as our regular weekly activities swimming at Hopewell & Guelph Lake, & our new favorite: Brant Conservation Park.

- Submitted by Jodi Marleau



## Pauses & Pieces



**GOOD THINGS ARE WORTH WAITING FOR!**

The architect & contractor have left the building ... (almost). Now it's OUR turn.

In anticipation of PLAYSENSE opening its doors later in September, there are a variety of "hands-on" tasks to complete, including sewing projects, painting murals, building sensory

activity stations, & assembling furniture. Rotarians have once more come to our aid, & volunteered their hands (& tools) to ensure we open on time.

### GRANT NEWS!

While the competition for grant money is fierce, Hopewell is happy to report we were successful in our application for 2 grants in support of equipment for PLAYSENSE.

We received the maximum amount of \$20,000 from the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC), & a 6-month grant of \$34,000 from

the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). THANK-YOU RMHC & OTF for supporting PLAYSENSE! We look forward to inviting you to our opening!



On behalf of RMHC, Grant & Jayne Ford present \$20,000 to help buy equipment for PLAYSENSE



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WATCH FOR OUR GRAND  
OPENING  
LATER THIS FALL!

## ROTARY 4 HOPEWELL



### FUNDRAISING PROJECTS FOR THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY ROTARY CENTENNIAL END IN GRAND STYLE!

The Spring Soiree Gala held on May 28th, 2005 in Old Quebec Street was a huge success! A fundraiser in support of PLAYSENSE, guests were entertained by Cirque Sublime, & dined the night away, while enthusiastically extending their pocketbooks once more in support of Hopewell Children's Homes.

We are DEEPLY INDEBTED to the hard work & efforts shown by ALL of Guelph's Rotary clubs throughout all three of the R4H fundraising projects. Surpassing their target goal, Guelph's Rotary clubs collectively raised over \$115,000!!

Thank-you to Rotary of Guelph, Guelph-Wellington, Guelph-Trillium & Wellington South for your tireless support & energy during the past year. You & your "FUNdraising" spirit helped make PLAYSENSE a reality,

& Hopewell Homes is proud to be included in your family.

Watch for further reports in your local newspaper to officially honour this incredible team effort.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

An old grandfather whose grandson came to him with anger at a schoolmate who had done him an injustice said, "Let me tell you a story. I too at times have felt a great hate for those who have taken so much with no sorrow for what they do. But hate wears you down & does not hurt your enemy. It is like taking poison & wishing your enemy would die. I have struggled with these feelings many times."

He continued, "It is as if there are two wolves inside me. One is good & does no harm. He lives in harmony with all around him & does not take offense when no offense was intended. He will fight when it is right to do so, & in the right way. But the other wolf, ah! He is full of anger. The littlest thing will set him into a fit of temper. He fights everyone, so great. It is hard to live with these two wolves inside me, for both of them try to dominate my spirit."

The boy looked intently into his grandfather's eyes & asked, "Which one wins, grandpa?"  
The grandfather answered, "The one I feed" (Author Unknown)

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Crystal - July 4  
Trevor - July 9  
Linda - July 12  
Casey - July 26

Simon - August 12th  
Allyson - August 20  
Nacy - August 26

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**Vision Statement:**

"Hopewell envisions a community where all children and adults with severe developmental challenges are served in caring and compassionate ways that meet all their needs and where every family of these children is fully supported in every way to love and care for their children"

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Hopewell's Annual B-B-Q,  
DATE: Sun, August 28 at 3-5 pm  
LOCATION: HOPEWELL HOMES  
Eric Traplin will entertain children & guests.  
See you there!

3rd annual K-W Blue Grass Event  
in support of Hopewell  
DATE: Sept 2-4th  
LOCATION: 7157 Side Road 14, ARISS

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