community profile

Together, we give a warm welcome for families of critically ill adults

The Mark Preece House opened to families in April 2011 after years of dedicated fundraising. The Mark Preece House is a unique program to provide affordable, accessible accommodation to families of critically ill adult patients who are being treated in Hamilton area hospitals. More than 350 families have already stayed at the House with an occupancy rate exceeding 90 per cent. Families appreciate the proximity to the General Hospital and the warm welcome from staff and volunteers.

The Wine Winter Warmer on January 26 is one of the annual events that have been held to raise funds to build the House. Now that the House is open to families, funds raised at this important fundraiser will be used to fund operations.

The Hamilton Spectator: What does the ideal community look like to you?  Mark Preece House: The ideal community looks like a place where families support one other in their time of need.

The Hamilton Spectator: What inspires you? Mark Preece House: The volunteers and donors who have worked tirelessly to make this wonderful House a reality.

The Hamilton Spectator: Name one thing about your event/organization that should inspire others? Mark Preece House: This House is funded entirely by contributions from guest families as well as fundraising and donations. We receive no on-going corporate or government support to fund operations.

United Way helps those in need in our community

The United Way supports priority needs where funding is not readily provided, providing services to seniors, individuals, families and children – many of whom live below the poverty line. United Way gives individuals and families the opportunity to reach their potential and improve their quality of life. By funding 133 programs through 73 agencies, United Way’s impact is local, tangible and meaningful. You will be investing in solutions to inspire healthy people build strong communities, moving people from poverty to possibility, giving the audience the chance to enjoy dozens of soft-rocking gems, while raising funds for the completion of Good Shepherd Square, and supporting the following initiatives: The Jeff Dickins Memorial Award; Hess Kids Unlimited; and Community Building. This event is sure to be a sellout, so get your tickets today by calling 905-528-6565 ext. 3313, or visiting www.goodshepherdcentres.ca/chicago. Tickets are $250 (concert/dinner/open bar/personal table service) and $150 (concert/cash bar).

Wine Winter Warmer

Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012, 7 – 9:30 p.m.
Hamilton Golf & Country Club
$125 per person/905-529-0770
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Home of the Cats goes to the Dogs for the Outdoor Classic Steeltown Showdown

Things are getting frosty at Ivor Wynne Stadium. The AHL Outdoor Classic will take place there on January 21, with the field converted to an outdoor rink. The Hamilton Bulldogs’ Steeltown showdown will be against the Toronto Marlies and will be preceded by an alumni game the night before. Nearly a week of rentals and public use is slated for the days before and after the game. Learn all you need by visiting www.outdoorclassic.ca. Check out the webcam!

Max Eisen at local International Day of Holocaust Remembrance

January 25th is the International Day of Holocaust Remembrance. Join in a very special evening at Beth Jacob Synagogue featuring Max Eisen, Holocaust Survivor of Auschwitz and Birkenau. “Beyond Liberation – Holocaust to Hope” will begin at 7:30 pm at Beth Jacob and will be moderated by award-winning high school principal Ian Jones. For additional information, contact Elaine Levine at elevine@hewishhamilton.org.

Chicago (the city) is coming to Hamilton (the city) for Good Shepherd

One of the biggest and most popular bands of a generation is coming to town in a very special fund raising event for Good Shepherd. Chicago, the multi-platinum selling super group, will bring its one-of-a-kind sound to Carmen’s Banquet Centre on January 30. The event will have a “Blue Jeans and Bling” theme and gives the audience the chance to enjoy dozens of soft-rocking gems, while raising funds for the completion of Good Shepherd Square, the unique community wellness and support centre currently being built in central Hamilton. This event is sure to be a sellout, so get your tickets today by calling 905-528-6565 ext. 3313, or visiting www.goodshepherdcentres.ca/chicago. Tickets are $250 (concert/dinner/open bar/personal table service) and $150 (concert/cash bar).

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