



### Board of Directors

John Atkins - Cheryl Bryant  
Lisa Loader - John McLeod  
Norman Price - Paul Reed  
Rebecca Riley - Nadine Stuart  
Cari Tracey - Helen Yazdani

### Sponsored in part by



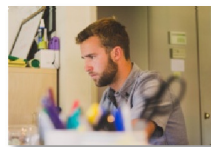
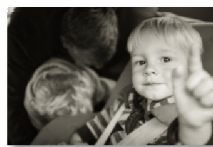
### Join us on social media



## The People of A Place Called Home

The Face of Homelessness is not always what you would expect

Imagine a stressful time in your life: job loss, death of a loved one, health problems, a fire or flood, or the financial pressure to pay unmanageable bills. Now combine this stress with wondering where you and your family will sleep tonight. This is the reality for hundreds of people in the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County each year. The stories and the circumstances that bring people to our door are varied and seldom what you might think.



Sometimes when people hear about our homeless shelter their reactions are surprising. Some are disbelieving, wondering why a place as small as Lindsay needs a homeless shelter. "Why don't they just get a job?" is a common question. Many of the people who are staying at our shelter are going through circumstances that are hard to identify with, especially if you are unfamiliar with the issues of poverty, mental illness or addictions. For many, our shelter is a temporary stop on a path back to a time when life was not full of crisis; a stop caused by a life event that spiraled out of control and APCH was the safety net that caught them and helped get them back on their feet.



## New Resource on the way for the Homeless

Partnership and Funding will see a new Clinical Social Worker at APCH

A Place Called Home, in partnership with the City of Kawartha Lakes and FourCAST, has been successful in applying for funds to hire an Intensive Case Manager who will work with the most vulnerable individuals in our community. This Clinical Social Worker will work out of APCH's main office and provide direct support to high risk individuals who are chronically homeless. This is a very exciting partnership as it creates a streamlined approach to getting the necessary help and support for clients who previously were struggling and caught up in the cycle of homelessness.



compassion



moving people forward



shelter



reversing the stigma

## The Road Map for the next 5 years

APCH positioned to adopt a new 5 year strategic plan

An essential part of deciding where you want to go as an agency is determining how you will get there. Like all not-for-profit agencies we experience growth, an increase and expansion in services, and hire new employees. New approaches require change and implementation. Over the past year we have partnered with Laridae Communications Inc. to develop a five-year strategic plan to help us determine the type of agency we want to be going forward.

The approaches to addressing homelessness in Ontario are continuing to evolve and, as an emergency homeless shelter, we want to stay at the forefront of providing the best possible services to those in need. The integration of the "housing first" philosophy and the partnering with new agencies to offer better and more extensive services are two ways we are preparing for a long and prosperous future. Our strategic plan will be adopted later this year and information will be made available to all supporters of A Place Called Home.

### VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Glenda began volunteering in our kitchen in early 2015 and has been a huge help! Residents look forward to her visits as her meals are always fantastic! Thank you for all your help, Glenda!

### A PLACE CALLED HOME ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2015 AGM will take place at Cambridge St. United Church on Wednesday, June 29 at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP by June 22 to [info@apch.ca](mailto:info@apch.ca) or 705-328-0905, ext 221 if you plan to attend.

### ELECTRONICS & TEXTILE RECYCLING

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> we are holding an electronics and textile recycling collection at our shelter. For a full list of what is accepted please visit our website.



## Calling on the Generosity of our local farmers and supporters

APCH is making an appeal to the public to assist with the growing food costs we are facing each week. As the local homeless shelter in the City of Kawartha Lakes we provide upwards of 366 meals each week to our residents. This includes work and school lunches for some of our most vulnerable residents. We are specifically requesting donations of meat products (chicken, turkey, beef, lamb, ham) at this time to help reduce our weekly grocery bill. We welcome your generous donations during this appeal.

If you have any questions about this program we encourage you to contact Nicole Bryant, Hostel Manager, at 705-328-0905, ext 228.

### Upcoming Events:

#### E-Waste Collection Day

Donations of used electronics and textiles will be received at A Place Called Home on April 23 from 8:00AM-4:00PM. Contact our office for more information.

#### Antique Show

Join us at the Victoria Park Armoury on Fri., July 8 (5PM-8PM) and Sat., July 9 (9AM-5PM) for our annual Antique Show and Sale. Many antique and collectible items will be available during this show which will feature 30 vendors from all over southern Ontario. Admission: \$4.

#### 13th Annual Mark-A-Thon

Lace up your shoes and join Mark Fevang as we walk for the homeless in our 13th annual Mark-A-Thon. This year's event will take place on Saturday, August 6th. For more information contact our office or visit [www.lindsaymarkathon.com](http://www.lindsaymarkathon.com).

#### Events Calendar

**E-Waste Collection Day** - April 23rd

**3<sup>rd</sup> Newfoundland Night** - This summer!

**46<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Show & Sale** - July 8th and 9th

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Mark-A-Thon** - August 6th

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Kawartha Classic** - August 27th

Visit [www.apch.ca/events](http://www.apch.ca/events) for more info.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016 Shout-outs - Thanks for your help and support!

Ontario Trillium Foundation ❖ Adelaide Place Knit Wits ❖ Bethel Missionary Church  
Cambridge St. Baptist Church ❖ Leslie Frost PS ❖ Lindsay Probus Club  
Mariposa PS ❖ Victoria & District Masons Gothic Lodge #608