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We would like to thank Friendly Fires for their assistance with a new furnace when ours broke down. Special Thanks to Trevor & David for all their hard work!



## Could this be someone you know?

**77-year-old James** arrived at APCH anxious and more than a little confused. His wife of 55-years had passed away a few months back and though James had tried to get the paperwork together to file for widower's pension, his memory had been failing and he just didn't know where Marion had kept all the papers. James and Marion did not have children and the rest of their family was long gone. Without Marion's income, to help pay for rent and other bills James soon found himself with no place to live.

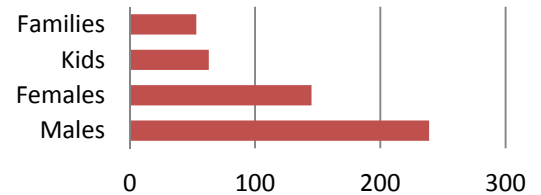
A neighbour saw James standing in the bank looking a little forlorn, so she approached him and subsequently brought him to APCH.

During his 1-month stay with us James made some good friends, ate well and connected with our ID Clinic which helped him to find the documents he needed to be eligible for a Widower's Pension. This boost in income enabled James to get his own apartment back! (It had not been re-rented...*miracles do happen!*). APCH connected James with a number of agencies in town who now look in on him and make sure he's okay and that his needs are met.

## By the numbers...

In 2013 had an occupancy rate of almost 90% and were often at capacity, especially in the winter months. The diagram to the right is a breakdown of who used our shelter services in 2013.

### Who stayed at our shelter in 2013?



## When there's a need we're there...

All of us have been affected directly or indirectly by illness, job insecurity, financial crisis, divorce, addictions or an unexpected tragedy such as a fire or flood or the loss of a loved one. Without the right network of supports in place (friends and family) or groups that are in a position to help you in your time of need, the downward spiral can be quick and harsh. For many, homelessness is just one emergency away.

**For an immediate emergency we are available 24-7.**



Photos by: Joey Decunha



Students from I.E Weldon along with teachers and members of the Kawartha Lakes Police Service spent 1 Night Out in Victoria Park on Jan 10th in support of APCH.



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## DONATIONS OF SECURITIES

A Place Called Home is set up to receive and properly receipt donations of Securities. For more information call your broker or tax specialist OR A Place Called Home.

## HELP WANTED

We are seeking some motivated individuals to work with our Fund Development Committee to help us plan and host events. If you are interested please call Dyan at our office or email [info@apch.ca](mailto:info@apch.ca).

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING



On May 10th, we are holding a recycling collection at our shelter. Please drop off your old or broken electronics. For a full list of what is accepted please visit our website.

## FREEZER AND MEAT RAFFLE

Thanks to the generosity of Nesbitt's Meat Market we will be raffling a stand up freezer full of meat starting May 1st. Tickets will be \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 and the winner will receive a 16 cubic foot stand up freezer and a variety of meats.



## Raising Hope in Haliburton

### NORTHERN PILOT OFFICE SEES HUGE DEMAND

In June 2013, we opened a pilot office in Haliburton County thanks to funding provided through a government grant. This office provides a scaled-down version of the services offered in Lindsay including access to emergency shelter for the homeless to the rural areas which are typically underserved. Over the last few months the demand has been staggering which shows just how great the need is.

Rural clients have unique demands as they can be in remote areas, have limited access to services or transportation and feel helpless because the knowledge of what help is available may not be readily known. Since opening last June our program coordinator has averaged 17 new clients each month seeking our services. This demand has been fuelled primarily through our home energy program as many are seeking assistance with high energy bills or utility disconnection notices.

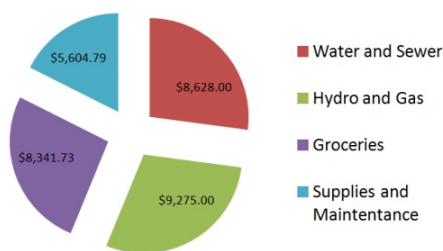
## Community Comes Together on Coldest Night Event

### OVER \$10,000 RAISED

Along with over 12,000 walkers supporting the hungry, homeless and hurting across Canada, 62 walkers took to the streets of Lindsay on Feb 22nd to support our shelter walking on the Coldest Night of the Year. We would like to thank our many volunteers and sponsors for their help and the walkers for their support. A big thank you goes to Cambridge St. United Church for allowing us to use their space and to St. Dave's Diner for the Chili. 2015's walk will take place on February 21<sup>st</sup>.



### What do donations to APCH pay for?



Our shelter is like running a very large house. Imagine if you had 19 people living with you at any given time. The cost of meals, showers, laundry and cleaning supplies all add up. Our shelter serves approximately 400 families/individuals every year. With the cost of running a household rising each year, it continues to be a struggle for us to continue providing these essential supports.

## 2014 Event Calendar

### BUSY SUMMER AT APCH

- Electronics Recycling - **May 10th**
- Perfect Pair - Wine and Chocolate Affair - **May 22nd**
- Newfoundland Night - **June 13th**
- 44th Antique Extravaganza - **July 12th & 13th**
- 11th Mark-a-thon - **August 9th**
- 11th Annual Cycle Tour - **August 30th**

Visit our website for more information!



## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2014 Shout-outs - thanks for your help!

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