# **DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER**

#### **MEETINGS:**

## **NIGHT MEETING**

WHEN: Wednesday December 20, 7 pm

WHERE: Salvation Army London Citadel (555 Springbank Drive – the corner of

Springbank Drive and Wonderland Road)

### **DAY MEETING**

WHEN: Thursday December 21, 10 am

WHERE: Eastern Star Temple (800 Fanshawe Park Road East, London)

### **NEXT CLUBHOUSE DROP IN DAY:**

Tuesday January 9th (2024) 2pm - 5 pm @ the Clubhouse (111 Waterloo Street, Lower Level) volunteersignup.org/EFCC8 -> Please click on the web link (or copy it into your web browser) to go to the sign up sheet.

Please ensure to sign up via the links to show us your intention to drop in, to sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

# 2ND ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN Keeping Our Community

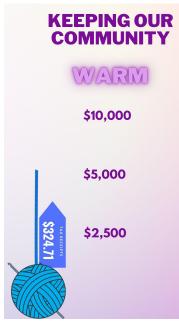
Warm has continued to climb. We are well on our way to our \$10,000 goal. This month's donations totaling \$2035 and donations in kind totalling \$27.63. Totalling after 2 months of donations \$5085.

# **LONDON KNIGHTS TEDDY BEAR TOSS**

It was a fun Tuesday night selling bears at Budweiser Gardens ahead of the London Knights game. Lots of work goes into dressing the bears, so thank you to anyone who took on the challenge this year. We arrived with around 300 bears. We sold furiously for an hour and 10 mins, and then the GOAL happened! A record breaking 11,924 bears were collected off the ice. That is amazing and almost 200 of those were from our club. We raised \$1,870 in cash and e-transfer donations. Thanks to our volunteers who were on their feet waving bears to all they greeted at the gates.

# **RED SCARF CAMPAIGN**

Thank you to anyone who made a red scarf! Donations were dropped off and total collected was 28 scarves. We are hoping to have someone from this organization come to a meeting to talk about the red scarf campaign.



## **SILENT AUCTION BLANKETS**

**Alzheimer's Society** - upcoming Cabin Fever Reliever dinner in February. There is more than 13,500 individuals who are navigating the challenges of dementia in our

region.



**Easter Seals** for their third annual online holiday auction. This year marks the 85th anniversary of Easter Seals Ontario's fully accessible camping program that enables kids with disabilities to experience freedom and independence to focus on what they can do rather than their limitations.



## **BLANKETS COLLECTED LAST MONTH:**

At our last meetings we had the following # of blankets turned in:

Full: 61 Lap: 66 Baby: 16

Blankets Donated to Emily Murphy Centre, Dearness Home, One Care Stratford, VON-Dorchester, Street Level Women at Risk and Medicine & Acute Care Units - UH. 42 Pet Blankets were donated to Heavenly Hills

# **FUNDRAISING SUCCESS**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the events. They have been great successes! See our results below and the last two events to come.

Glendale Crossing Fundraiser- Christmas Bazaar	\$587
Teddy Bear Toss - London Knights Hockey Game	\$1,870
November & December Sales @ the Clubhouse	\$202 and \$222 = \$424
Women's Canadian Club at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel	Thursday December 14th 12:30 pm - 4 pm



Taken at the Glendale Crossing Sale

# **THANK YOU NOTES**

From Bethany's Hope event "The Party" in October, an incredible success for Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD) research, over \$75,000 was raised at this event.

From London Search and Rescue for their annual Winter Online Auction. Their goal was \$12,000 and they raised over \$13,700.

Our efforts help contribute to local agencies in their fundraising events and the agencies are very grateful for our continued support.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact Lynne

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