



The Small Voice

2014-2015

It has been an extremely busy year for **CHOICES**. Lots of excitement and events have occurred, giving us opportunities to talk about the generosity of our community, and more significantly, the importance of assisting our youth.

The British Car Show has a Silent Auction that is going on continuously throughout the summer months.



Thanks to Dave Fowler, we have our very own Community Garden here at **CHOICES**.



Dave also generously provides a gourmet dinner every Thursday for the Youth at **CHOICES**.

The 2015 Home Depot Orange Door Project
This summer we were chosen as recipients of the funds raised by the **Home Depot Foundation**, which advocates for homeless youth in Canada. A BIG thank you goes out to the Orangeville Home Depot staff and the Dufferin Community for raising a whopping \$9500 for **CHOICES** during the second year of the Orange Door Homelessness Campaign.



Busy Lizzy Scarves had a booth at the Farmers Market in Orangeville, where many different community members were able to contribute knitting sections of these scarves for **CHOICES**



The **Edge Wine Bar and Grille** held a fundraiser to Support **CHOICES**. We received a \$1500 shopping spree at Fresh-Co to fill **CHOICES** pantry and freezers.



Georgian College held a Garage Sale and raised \$1921.75 for **CHOICES**



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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Blackstock Ford Lincoln held a **DRIVE FOR CHANGE** fundraiser, community members were able to test-drive Ford vehicles with a \$20 donation that went towards **CHOICES**. **Blackstock Ford** generously raised \$1480.



The **Edge Wine Bar and Grille** held a **BEST BURGER QUEST** fundraiser with proceeds going to **CHOICES** Youth Shelter. Thank you to **Sean and Gary Coulter** from **The Edge Wine Bar and Grill** for raising \$1600 for **Choices**.

Scotia Bank generously matched it!! Thank you **Scotia Bank**



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2014 Christmas Parade

CHOICES thanking the Community for the ongoing support !!



April Nash Operation Director, on Rogers television talking about Youth Homelessness and **CHOICES** Youth Shelter.



April & Patti attended the **Trek for Teens Conference** in Toronto, teens in grades 7 &8 from all over the GTA took part in this Conference about Youth Homelessness.



Patti took part in the **Shantytown** in Fergus in April. *The Door Youth Centre* in Wellington drew attention to the issue of homelessness in rural communities. Participants built Shanties within the woods.



Project Winter Survival- April attended this activity for youth held in Toronto. This project provides survivor kits for youth during the winter months.



Project Water- Amanda and Ameeta attended the Project Water in Toronto. This project was designed to provide hydration to people that are homeless. **CHOICES** was given 900 bottles of water.



PROGRAMS

During the Spring, Fall and Winter months, we have 4 programs running in the afternoons at Choices. These programs are open to any youth from the community. Contact Choices for more information

Mondays 4pm-5pm Life Skills/Anger Management alternating.

Life Skills encourages youth to acquire everyday skills that can be utilized as they become more self-sufficient; become aware about topics they know little about; or just reinforce basic skills they may already have but do not use often.



Anger Management

Provides youth tools to deal with their anger in a positive way. Knowing what triggers their anger and being able to recognize their own body cues, can assist them to turn their anger into positive release, rather than a negative outcome.



Tuesdays 4pm-5pm Art Therapy

This program gives youth the chance to express their feelings through creative art and is especially helpful to youth who have a hard time expressing themselves verbally.



Wednesdays 3:30pm-5pm Food & You

This program assists youth with shopping on a budget, help with finding food resources in Dufferin County, and assist youth with cooking meals when working on a tight budget.



This great Program was designed to educate youth about nutrition, overall health, budgeting, preparing meals, and how to shop properly. Based on attendance participants will be eligible to receive gift cards upon completion of the program to go and try out shopping nutritionally on their own. Food handling Certification is also available with this program.

CHOICES WOULD LIKE TO THANK MANY COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT:

- Clorox Company of Canada
- Orangeville Food Bank
- Westminster United Church
- Knights of Columbus
- Orangeville Hydro
- St. John's Church
- St. James Church
- Tweedsmuir Memorial Presbyterian Church
- ODSS
- Robert F. Hall
- The Edge Bar and Grille
- Scotia Bank
- Speedy Auto Glass Orangeville
- David Fowler
- Rotary Club of Orangeville Highlands
- Bin There Dump That
- Caledon Agricultural Society
- Home Depot Orangeville and their amazing staff
- Home Depot Foundation Canada
- Secure Lock and Key
- SuperSaver.ca Video Surveillance Systems
- Fionn MacCools
- Shoeless Joe's
- Toppers Pizza
- Boston Pizza

Message from the Board of Directors

This past year has been one of many successes and challenges for Choices as we continue to strengthen our team of Board members, staff and volunteers as well as work more closely with our community partners. The restructuring and strategic planning initiated last year are now at the stage for further implementation. We are especially proud of the "Next Choice" Transitional Housing Program operating out of Mary's Place.

We recognize that our future growth and capacity to serve homeless youth depend on the dedication, commitment and professionalism of our staff and Board members. We are very appreciative of our many supporters who continue to be an integral part of Choices' success.

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