

ROSE GARDEN

Rose of Durham
YOUNG PARENTS SUPPORT SERVICES



On May 30, 2015 over 200 people celebrated at the Rose of Durham Community Picnic. The day featured a BBQ, musical entertainment, a visit from Elmo, face painting, carnival games, bouncy castles, balloon animals, glitter tattoos, hair chalk and exotic animals. A great time was had by all! See page 4 for a list of event sponsors. Visit our Facebook page for all the pictures, just search Rose of Durham on Facebook



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Our Vision

A community that accepts, encourages, and empowers young parents.

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The Power of Partnerships



In 2012, Rose of Durham was asked to be the charity of choice for the Institute of Power Engineers' annual golf tournament.

What does this mean?

It means we provide assistance by supplying staff to help the day of the tournament and we promote the option to golf to our supporters and the general public. In exchange we are provided with the opportunity to host events the day of, such as the sale of passports for entry into contests, and 50/50 tickets.

In 2013, the Institute of Power Engineers began a custom of matching the money raised.

In 2015, Ralf Klopf, Ontario Director presented us with a cheque for \$2,300. Add to this the generous donation from Frank Fanciulli, the 50/50 winner who donated his winnings of \$365 back to the Rose, and the Rose of Durham received a total of \$5,055 for 2015.

We are sincerely grateful for this partnership and look forward to continuing to nurture it in the years to come.



Rose of Durham Baby Bottle Boomerang

We have launched our baby bottle boomerang (fill a bottle challenge) via social media this year using the "Go Fund Me" platform.

The Campaign runs from Mother's Day to Labour Day.

All funds raised go to directly supporting our Agency programs and services.

Please consider donating at
<http://www.gofundme.com/babybottleboomerang>



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Betty van Hezewyk

Founder of Rose of Durham

Her story!



Betty recently celebrated her 80th birthday, and finally with the help of her grandson Liam Lacy, she put her story down on paper. We were honored that her family shared it with us, and gave us permission to print it.

In 1988, Whitby resident Betty van Hezewyk wanted to do something to mitigate the number of abortions performed in Durham hospitals. She noticed a lack of practical supports offered to young women who did not want to terminate their pregnancies but needed help in taking on the responsibilities of parenthood, so she set out to establish the Rose of Durham, a safe and supportive environment for young Durham women who had made the challenging decision to keep and raise their child.

Betty was well positioned to undertake this significant project.

Having previously volunteered for a variety of community organizations in Durham, and following the successful models of York Region's Rose of Sharon and Scarborough's Rosalie Hall, she took a practical approach towards providing services she felt were needed based on her own experience as a mother.

With the support of Durham priests, the Archdiocese of Toronto, and the Durham Catholic District School Board as well as other Catholic societies, including the Knights of Columbus, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, and Oshawa's own Flying Priests, Betty leveraged their support for Rose of Durham. The Rose of Durham has long operated in full partnership with other Catholic Agencies and is a member of ShareLife, yet offers its services to all who require it, regardless of religious affiliation.

Unfortunately, although politicians at all levels of government and political parties agreed that the services available through Rose of Durham were important to the community, none, she claims, were prepared to back the organization publically.

Today, the services offered through the Rose of Durham continued to be primarily funded by non-governmental groups as well as an array of individuals and service organizations who generously donate to the dozens of programs offered by the Rose of Durham.

After ten years leading the organization she founded, Betty van Hezewyk stepped down as president in order to allow those with professional expertise, including the large number of social workers and medical professionals involved with Rose of Durham, a chance to take charge. While Betty is no longer involved in the continued operations of Rose of Durham, she was granted a lifetime voting role, was gifted a statue to commemorate the role she played in founding the Agency, and has been decorated by no less than Pope John Paul II for her efforts.

While modest when speaking of her accomplishments and role in founding the Rose of Durham, Betty has left an enduring legacy that has touched and saved the lives of countless young Durham parents, and improved the lives of multiple generations of children.

A very special thank you to Community Picnic Sponsors:

Bowmanville Zoo, Centreville Amusement Park, Enbridge Gas, Hakim Optical, Halenda's, Jungle Cat World, KX 96 (Durham Radio Inc.), Mariposa Cruises, Marsha Nesbitt, Scotia Bank (Downtown Branch), Sunflower the Clown, Toronto and Region Conservations, The Leggo Trio, The City of Oshawa, Vandemere Nurseries, Veridian Connections Inc., WB White Insurance, Woodbine Entertainment Group

In addition, the following Knights of Columbus Council's were generous supporters of this year's Community Picnic: Conseil Notre Dame, Father John T. Bolger, St. Jude, St. Joseph (Beaverton) and St. John the Evangelist.

Please note that the summer newsletter acknowledges donations received from February to April 2015.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Victorian Tea & Gift Basket Draw
November 17, 2015

Doors Open at 6 PM
Event Begins Promptly at 7 PM
LVIV Hall
St. George's Ukr Catholic Hall
38 Lviv Blvd. Oshawa
(Simcoe & Bloor)

Call 905-432-3622 to Order Tickets
\$25 Each

Stories from the heart (featuring real clients) and many more like it are made possible due to the support of our community. Sincere thanks to David and Trudy Tremble, Ontario Power Generation, Luigi and Diana Provenzano, Jurgen and Dianne Hennig, James Newbegin, David and Catherine Cannon, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Women's League, David Grant, St. Gregory's Catholic Women's League, The Estate of Alan Malkin, Rotary Club of Oshawa, FlexoPartners Inc., Moksha Yoga Whitby Inc., Mary J. Borg, St. Stephen's United Church, Brian Reel, Joan Blair, Westminster United Church Women, 100 Women Who Care Oshawa Chapter, John Howard Society of Durham, Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School.



"It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live" ~ Ethel Percy Andros



Immaculate Conception 8951—\$500, Msgr. Gerard Breen 8309—\$1,000, St. Joseph's 6361—\$400, Father Leo J. Austin 2287—\$500, St. Isaac Jogues 11098—\$500

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- ⇒ Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto for \$4,000 in proceeds from the 2014 Cardinal's Dinner.
- ⇒ The F.K. Morrow Foundation for providing \$3,000 for IT infrastructure upgrades.
- ⇒ Durham Children's Aid Society for funding our Spring 2015 What a Difference a Dad Makes parenting program.



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