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A newsletter for Ottawa Carleton households, donors, sponsors, supporters, alumnae and friends of Harvest House

2nd Annual Jill Ferne Golf Tournament

by Laurel E. Anderson

Now in its second year but with a slight name change, the 2nd Annual Jill Ferne Golf Tournament took place on July 6 at Manderley on the Green in Manotick. Weather-wise the morning started out with sporadic showers and then full on rain. And while the rain stopped during registration, threatening grey clouds loomed and it was anyone's guess how it would play out.



But by the time registration was complete and everyone finished up at the bbq lunch, the clouds had parted and with a breeze in the air, the caravan of golf carts headed out to the course for a 1 p.m. start.



As always, generous sponsorships allowed for lucrative hole prizes for the tournament golf cards. A Boston jersey signed by Zdeno Chara, a DVD player, a 67's team signed jersey and a dinner gift certificate rounded out the prizes with many buying cards and hoping for luck at draw time.

After golf and a cool down, everyone headed to the dining room for a dinner and raffle that saw Max Keeping once again take on the role of Master of Ceremonies. And everyone knows what that means—a 'Max' tie was put up for auction and fetched over \$200.00 as well as some other Max memorabilia that you just can't pick up at the corner store.



Mr. Keeping addressed the crowd as always, in an entertaining and informative way, giving way to lots of laughter among dinner guests. The raffle ticket prizes drew much interest from diners with everything from designer golf shirts to gift certificates for dinner, cleaners and more were displayed to lure raffle ticket buyers.

Harvest House would like to thank Mandereley on the Green and its owners Ernie and Jill Ferne for hosting this event again this year and Max Keeping for his time and focus to help make this a successful event. We couldn't have done it without you and we hope to see everyone again next year!

2nd Annual Jill Ferne Tournament Facts

- More than 95 golfers participated
- More than 110 diners ate dinner
- More than 80 sponsors supported
- More than 65 prizes won or given away



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The mission of Harvest House Ministries is to rehabilitate young men who are chemically dependent, to instill in them self discipline, and to reintegrate them into society.

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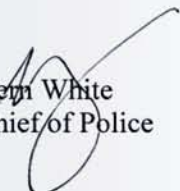
Dear Ms. Plaschy,

On behalf of the Ottawa Police Service, I am writing to express my support of the 24th Annual Recovery Cup in support of the rehabilitation program at Harvest House. I believe that this is a unique opportunity for Harvest House residents and law enforcement agencies to foster positive relationships, as well as to experience the valuable lessons and opportunities associated with sports.

Police officers are, through frequent contact with alcohol and drug addicts, well aware of the wide range of problems they experience and the impact on the lives of the individual, partners, children, and other relatives. As police officers, we are also conscious of the wider effects of alcohol and drug use including increased levels of crime and demands on a number of public services, including health and social care, and the criminal justice system.

I want to wish Harvest House Ministries the best in the future in continuing to better our community and helping on an individual basis to make a difference in people's lives. I feel that organizations such as yours play a critical role in our community.

Sincerely,


Vern White
Chief of Police

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Upcoming Harvest House Events.

The Harvest House Annual Calendar Campaign starts in mid **August** and this is a major fundraiser for the programs of Harvest House. Calendars are \$35 and a charitable tax receipt is issued for \$30 which each calendar purchased. They make great gifts.

Everyone needs a new calendar every fall or once the new year rolls around so why not purchase your calendar from Harvest House this year and have the proceeds go to a great cause. You can order a calendar on our website at www.harvesthouse.org or you can call us at 613-260-6463. We may also be calling you this fall to place your order and will deliver your calendar right to your door.



The 20th Annual Beat Beethoven Run will take place on **Saturday, October 29** and will start downtown at the War Museum. For more information and to register go to www.runningroom.com

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3rd Annual Redemption Run at Harvest House a Huge Success!

by Laurel E. Anderson

Harvest House hosted its 3rd Annual Redemption Run on Saturday, June 4 and weather conditions were perfect for a morning country run. This year's event broke all attendance records from last year with approximately three times the number of runners participating. In only its 3rd year, this fully sponsored event saw 155 runners split between the 5 km and 11 km races.



Spirits were high and there were many race day entries as runners clad in their best running gear lined up, waiting to get 'bibbed' for the race. The scenic country route was in perfect condition with the sun shining and temperatures remaining under 20 Celsius for the duration of the races.



Crowds greeted the jubilant participants as they crossed the finish line and headed over to the water and fruit station to revitalize before heading to the big old country style breakfast in the dining room. Pancakes, sausage, bacon and more was served in the Harvest House dining room and there was a constant buzz of energy and talk in the room as everyone enjoyed socializing at breakfast.



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There were many comments about everything from the limited edition customized t-shirts, to the organization of the route, to the breakfast! One runner shared, "I really enjoyed the race and have recommended it to a lot of people - so you may expect an even bigger turn-out next year!"



We would not have had such a successful event without our generous sponsors, volunteers, employees and of course, runners and for that we are very grateful and offer a HUGE thank you!!!



Hope to see everyone this fall at the **Beat Beethoven Run**, also hosted by Harvest House. The date is **Saturday, October 29** and details and registration information is available now at www.runningroom.ca



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The Board of Directors of the TD Ottawa International Jazz Festival is pleased to bestow the 2011 Community Recognition Award on Harvest House rehabilitation centre.

Since incorporating in 1979, Harvest House has helped over 2,200 men onto a new path. With a track record of success, their mission is to rehabilitate young men who are chemically dependent, to instill in them self-discipline, and to reintegrate them into society. While Harvest House continues the tradition and commitment to long-term treatment for substance abuse, they have had a great deal of success employing unique and inventive programs to serve the men who go to them for help.

One such initiative is a five-year partnership with the TD Ottawa International Jazz Festival. For half a decade, a team of Harvest House volunteers has helped with the thankless job of set-up and teardown at the Festival.

Pleasant in all weathers these men never shirk a task and the festival has benefited greatly from their hard work. What's remarkable is that because of Harvest House curfews, the men who volunteer never get the chance to relax in the park and hear the music their efforts helped make possible.

Part of what makes Harvest House so successful is their acknowledgement that sobriety is not enough. They provide a therapeutic community where all aspects of the person are rehabilitated, not just the alcohol and drug use. They employ a five-element approach which incorporates the mental, physical, social and spiritual needs of a person.

The two-year program provides residents with professional and peer support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and opportunities to develop skills such as the program with the Festival. This model of rehab vastly improves the chances for success for residents.

For these reasons among many others, we are happy to present Harvest House with this award.

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"These men are truly an inspiration," said John Cevetan, OIJF volunteer coordinator, who works closely with Harvest House volunteers and entered their nomination. "These men are polite, courteous and extremely hard working."

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