



# The HARVESTER

A Harvest House Newsletter - Spring 2019

## Answering the Call: Nicole's Story

For 25 years, Nicole Boucher has faithfully served at Harvest House Ministries and for the past 10 as Executive Director. As of February 2019, Nicole is no longer the Executive Director, but she will continue to share her expertise and skills.

Nicole first came to Harvest House in 1991 to attend a wedding. She was only planning to be in Ottawa for the weekend, but during the service she felt that God touched her and she realized that she wanted more in her life. "I had no real purpose, no direction, no job, so there was nothing holding me back from staying and exploring the doors that God was opening for me," she said.



Nicole and her husband, JF



Nicole receiving the Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Medal

Nicole began by volunteering at Harvest House for a couple of years and then in 1993 she was hired to help with fundraising. While at Harvest House, Nicole was encouraged by founder Bill Main to pursue higher education. She began by taking financial accounting courses and then a certificate in fundraising management at Algonquin College.

In 1996, the Board of Directors gave Nicole the opportunity to serve as the Associate Director of Finance and Administration. Many of the procedures that she implemented at that time are still foundational to Harvest House today.

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### HARVEST HOUSE MINISTRIES OF OTTAWA-CARLETON MISSION STATEMENT

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 by an inner change brought about by faith in Jesus Christ.

## Building Stronger Foundations through Monthly Giving

Recovery from addiction involves a lifelong process of digging down and establishing new foundations for a better life. Harvest House is unique in that it is a one-year program.

Our monthly donors join us in this long-term commitment to helping addicted young men build towards a successful future.

If you'd like to become a monthly donor, you can fill out the donation card on the next page, or go to [www.HarvestHouse.org](http://www.HarvestHouse.org) and click **DONATE NOW**. Thank you for helping us build stronger foundations one life at a time!



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In 2000, Nicole successfully attained her credentials as a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) and, in 2005, she completed a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) at Queen's University. When she first came to Harvest House, she didn't think an education or career was possible for her, but that changed as she received love and support.

*"My self-esteem was so low and I was so lost when I came that I didn't think that I could succeed," she said, "But when you have someone who believes in you and encourages you and kicks your butt when you need it kicked, then anything is possible."*

In 2008, the Board of Directors appointed Nicole as the Executive Director of Harvest House Ministries and her faithful service has greatly contributed to the success of the ministry.

"Nicole's many awards, accomplishments, and community involvements are just a few of the results of her unique leadership abilities," said Jill Ferne, the president of the Harvest House Board of Directors, "Over her many years at Harvest House, we have watched how she achieved her goals through diligence, persistence, encouragement, hard work, and prayer. She modeled for the residents what it takes to set goals and achieve those goals, and in doing so change your life and contribute to the joy of others."

In 2012, Nicole was awarded a Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of her service to the Ottawa community.

President of the Board:

Jill Ferne

Executive Director:

Dr. Gary Wand (Hon.)

Associate Director - Program:

Dan Crépault

Associate Director - Finance & Admin:

Megan Fenton

Founder :

Bill Main

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Nicole describes her experience at Harvest House as life-changing and extremely rewarding. One of her proudest achievements has been to serve others and to know that she's touched their lives. Nicole is also grateful for how being part of the Harvest House community has caused her to change and grow.

*“Harvest House is a place where change, love, and forgiveness is encouraged and there’s a freedom in that,” she said, “You learn to accept love but also to love and to love who you are and have confidence in yourself.”*



Nicole greeting participants at Harvest House's Golf Tournament

One of the things that Nicole learnt was that the best life she could have was a life in pursuit of God's will. "I learnt about jealousy and envy and I realized that looking at someone else's life isn't God's will," she said, "For me my focus has been on wanting God's will for my life above everything else."

Moving forward, Nicole plans to continue contributing to the success of the ministry. "I will always have a heart for Harvest House and always be connected through the friendships I've formed and to the ministry because it's been such an important part of my life," she said.

We look forward to seeing what God has in store for the next phase of her life and we are grateful that she will continue to help us change lives.

*“In the Book of Esther,” said Jill Ferne, “there is a verse that reminds us all that we were born “for such a time as this”. I believe God equipped and called Nicole to lead Harvest House and we have been so blessed that she so readily and enthusiastically answered the call.”*

**Be part of the next incredible success story by donating to Harvest House Ministries!**

**YES!** I am interested in supporting Harvest House through easy Monthly Giving!  
**Your participation in our Monthly Giving Program will have a substantial impact on our program.**

I wish to pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month beginning in the month of \_\_\_\_\_ (all debits occur on the 15th of the month)

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your cheque payable to **Harvest House Ministries** and enclose this card to ensure delivery of your tax receipt for donations of \$10 or more. Charitable Reg No. 132517269RR0001

I authorize Harvest House Ministries to debit my:

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8:45 AM      8:30 AM      8:00 AM

CHIP TIMED RACE . PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**WALK . JOG . RUN**

**REGISTRATION STARTS AT 25\$**

**INCLUDES T-SHIRT, MEDALLION, AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST!**

**Register at [www.harvesthouse.org](http://www.harvesthouse.org)**

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*I want to make a difference in my community!*

*Your investment goes a long way towards saving lives!*

\$30     \$50     \$75     \$100     \$250

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