



the Harvester

A Harvest House Newsletter | Summer 2021



***“This is where my heart is”:
One of the First Harvest
House Grads Becomes
the Executive Director***

The Harvest House board of directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Leslie Main as the new Executive Director!

Leslie began her own recovery journey at Harvest House, becoming one of our first graduates in 1982. After completing the program, she married and relocated to Toronto, where she worked for several major corporations in telemarketing and human resources.

But Leslie’s heart was always at Harvest House. After all, she is the daughter of Harvest House founders William and Katherine Main! So, after 10 years working in Toronto, she returned to Ottawa.

While at Harvest House, Leslie worked in nearly every area of program and administration, including coordinating the women’s facility, managing fundraising, and bookkeeping.

“I share my parents’ vision and love for the drug addict,” Leslie said. “I understand their struggle. I know the painful feeling of being helpless.”

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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.



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In 2003, she took a two-week post to enter grades at Carleton University and ended up working there for over 18 years. She earned several promotions that led to her most recent role as Coordinator of Graduate Awards, which involved managing \$10 million in funding each year.

While at Carleton, Leslie was a constant resource for Harvest House grads pursuing higher education. For the price of an occasional Starbucks coffee, she helped them navigate the unfamiliar territory of university. She describes watching men from Harvest House cross the stage at their university graduation as one of her most rewarding experiences.

Dr. Daniel Crépault, Harvest House's current Program Director, says Leslie's support was key to his success in going from the high school equivalency all the way through to a doctorate degree. "There were many times I felt overwhelmed while I was in school," he said. "Leslie was always there to provide help, encouragement, and advice on everything from filling out forms to enrolling in courses to applying for funding. I owe her a lot."

Leslie has always been a pillar at Harvest House. Committed to helping in whatever way needed, she has worn countless hats.

Leslie finds joy in the everyday victories at Harvest House. "Watching guys flourish in their recovery, providing them with skills, seeing them grow and change, and helping them reconnect with their families – it's all about these day-to-day successes."

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Taking on a new adventure as the Executive Director, Leslie carries forward the vision on which Harvest House was founded 42 years ago: that addicted young men from all walks of life could come to a place where they would receive the help that they needed to overcome their addiction and learn a new way of living.

Leslie’s goal as Executive Director is to ensure Harvest House keeps giving addicted men a second chance at life and hope for a better future.

“Whether or not a guy decides to stay after walking through the door,” Leslie said, “it’s about making sure the door remains open and available for him to walk into Harvest House.”

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34TH ANNUAL RECOVERY CUP

We're excited to announce that on August 28, 2021, we're planning to hold a modified Recovery Cup (dependent on COVID restrictions). This will be a family fun day held in the backfield at Harvest House with residents competing against staff and family!

Thank you to all the first responders and community members that have supported this event over the years. We look forward to future Recovery Cups where we can all gather together again!

To continue to raise funds, we're asking folks to buy tickets to the 34th Annual Recovery Cup. Tickets are **\$25** and come with a **\$25 charitable tax receipt** and an entry into our draw!

One Ticket = One Draw Entry

GRAND PRIZE is a red cedar set of Adirondack chairs (two chairs, two footstools, and one table). This set is HANDMADE and valued at over \$1,200.

To purchase your recovery cup tickets visit: harvesthouse.org

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