



Gearing Up **for The Borthwick**

While the “Big Show” at Hamilton G&CC in June is the RBC Canadian Open, the Annual Dick Borthwick Memorial Golf Tournament will take centre stage in September.

The 49th Annual Dick Borthwick Memorial Golf Tournament will be played Monday, September 9 and we're hoping for sunny skies, warm weather and fun times.

Over the past 48 years, with the generous support of our members, sponsors and donors, local non-profit organizations in our community have benefitted through the proceeds of this event.

This year, club members have chosen to direct the proceeds of the tournament to five local charities which include: Ancaster Community Services, Rygiel Supports for Community Living, McMaster Children's Hospital Foundation Pediatric Palliative Care Program, Neighbor to Neighbor Food Center and the Alzheimer's Society of Hamilton/Halton.

The goal for 2019 is to match or surpass last year's total and raise more than \$200,000 for these important causes.

With the support of the Dick Borthwick Memorial Tournament funds, Quality of Life & Advanced Care, a relatively new subspecialty of Pediatric Hospice Palliative Care at McMaster Children's Hospital, is growing and thriving. This is just one of the many good news stories that come out of supporting needed programs in Hamilton Region.



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“A key service of our program is outreach support to optimize the care of children in their homes and home communities. This keeps children and families together in their homes through some of the hardest times, up to and including end of life,” says Pediatric Palliative Care Specialist, Dr. David Lysecki. “With the help of the Dick Borthwick Memorial Tournament, we have delivered on this goal. In the five years prior to the initiation of Quality of Life & Advanced Care, children from our region who died of chronic conditions were twice as likely to die in hospital, compared with similar regions in our province. Over the four years of Quality of Life & Advanced Care to date, we have seen a steady decline in the proportion of children experiencing end-of-life care in the hospital, particularly in critical care settings.”

To meet the need of a growing patient population, Lysecki says the program will soon consist of three full-time pediatric care specialist physicians, a nurse practitioner, a care coordinator and a child life specialist. There's more on the way – and The Borthwick and the HGCC Foundation have been there since the earliest of stages to support these great causes.

With its funding from The Borthwick, the Alzheimer Society of Hamilton and Halton has initiated The CODE Project. Through the program the goal of the Alzheimer Society is to increase dementia awareness throughout Hamilton's diverse communities.

Earlier this year, a field worker was hired to go into diverse communities to connect with people and share their story behind Alzheimers. They are in the process of recruiting and training 20 Diverse Ambassadors over a three-year period to represent these communities in Hamilton.

It's just getting started, and once again The Borthwick is on the ground floor in making a positive impact in our community.



Club Services Manager Going Above and Beyond

The Club Services Manager is a new role at Hamilton G&CC for 2019, as the club elevates both the member and guest experience.

“Once a member books a tee time through the Professional Shop with guests, my role is to connect with them to ensure everyone in their group has a wonderful day when they visit HGCC,” says Meghan Evey, Club Services Manager.

The Club Services Manager is like a hotel concierge. Meghan is here to look after all the little details; like booking lockers for the day, forwarding directions to guests, ensuring the Locker Room staff is ready for guests, making dining reservations, gifting, booking a meeting area and managing the Member for a Day program.

Meghan connects with members and guests to provide an exceptional personal touch. She is here to answer all your questions and make suggestions as needed.

If you're planning on inviting guests to the club, please forward Meghan your guest details and she will follow-up with them to ensure everything is good to go for their special day at HGCC.

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