



HGCC Foundation Comes Through **Big Time**



HGCC Foundation, Golf for a Cause and The Borthwick committee members with our 2019 charity partners at the annual cheque presentation celebration.

The HGCC Foundation put the finishing touches on a successful 2019 with its year-end cheque presentation ceremony in the Great Hall on October 17.

It was another remarkable year of time well spent and generous support, as the HGCC Foundation signed off on cheques totaling \$207,500 for our local and dedicated charity partners within Hamilton and Halton Regions.

The Neighbour to Neighbour Community Kitchen program benefitted from both Golf for a Cause and The Borthwick Memorial Golf Tournament. Sheila Drury presented the Neighbour to Neighbour (N2N) Centre that operates in the Rolston area of Hamilton with a cheque for \$24,500 on behalf of the women's charity event, while Steve Dunn presented the Centre with a cheque for \$40,000 on behalf of The Borthwick.

"We're just so lucky to be receiving this type of support from both the ladies and The Borthwick. A \$65,000 donation from one community group like this will have a huge impact on what we can do at the Hamilton Community Food Centre," noted Robyn Knickle, N2N Director of Development. The money will be used to help cover the costs of weekly meals at the centre and Kid's Club camps in 2020.

Hamilton Community Food Centre, a project of N2N, is a welcoming and safe community space offering food-based programs that bring everyone together to grow, cook, share and advocate for good food. It's located at 310 Limeridge Road West. Robyn noted that one-fifth of the people living in the neighbourhood live below the poverty line and many are new to Canada.

Jennifer Jewitt-Matsumoto presented a \$20,000 cheque to newly hired Youth

Empowerment Program Coordinator Ben Voskamp from Ancaster Community Services. While most people would think of Ancaster as being an affluent community, there is significant need in the area.

"I would like to say thank you to all of the members at HGCC for their continuing generosity," said Ben, who started his position back in May. "Youth now have a way of being stakeholders in their community as a result of this program. We are going to work with elementary and secondary schools and bring the kids together to make a positive impact on our community."

Clint Davis presented Alicia DeJong and Donna Marcaccio from Rygiel Supports for Community Living with its third and final \$40,000 cheque, making for a three-year total of \$120,000.



"It's been a heartwarming experience to be part of and meet so many committee members, who work so hard to make their community a better place," Donna says. "It's incredible what you have been able to do. Thank you for all you do for the Hamilton community."

Rygiel Supports for Community Living provides assistance to people who have a developmental disability and other hand-capping conditions. This funding will be used to help cover the cost of three new homes that are being built and for respite care.

The Alzheimer's Society of Hamilton Halton, meanwhile, is working towards making Hamilton a dementia-friendly city. Aileen Bradshaw received a cheque for \$40,000 from Dick Hamel on behalf of the HGCC Foundation. She said the number of people with dementia is continuing to creep upwards. This funding is being put towards a new program in the north end of the city to train 20 diversity ambassadors who will then connect with people in their community and educate them about dementia. They will offer education sessions to groups of people who have never learned about dementia, while support programs will be explained.

Last but not least, Al Scott presented Cindy Van Halderen from McMaster Children's Hospital Foundation - Pediatric Palliative Care Programme with its third and final cheque for \$40,000.

Sam Campanella from The Eva Rothwell Centre also picked up a cheque for \$3,000 from funds raised through a WestJet lucky square draw that Jim Drury won during the October 27 event.

Club President Sean McDonough took a moment to thank HGCC Foundation President Brian Short, Borthwick Committee Co-Chairs Jeff Paikin and Al Scott, as well as Golf for a Cause Chair Sheila Drury for their leadership, along with that of our members who volunteer on the respective committees. "We really don't see all the work that goes on behind the scenes to make these events the successes that they are," Sean



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observed. "You don't get the credit you deserve, but I would like you to know that we appreciate your hard work and we are proud of what you do and we're proud of what we accomplish as a club. I would also like to thank the charities for their dedication and fine work in helping those in need in Hamilton and surrounding areas. It's a collective effort that will make our communities stronger as we move forward."

In closing, Borthwick Co-Chair Al Scott noted that due to the major course renovation starting this fall, the traditional tournament will not be held in 2020. However, plans are underway to hold a HGCC Foundation Dinner/Gala to enable us to continue to support our local charities until the golf tournament returns in 2021.



Charity Opportunities

HGCC is accepting submissions from member-sponsored local charities to be beneficiaries of the Dick Borthwick Memorial Golf Tournament in 2020 and beyond.

Submissions should be addressed to Hamilton Golf & Country Club, 232 Golf Links Road, Ancaster, Ontario, L9G 2N5. Attention: Borthwick Selection Committee.

To be eligible to partner with the Borthwick, the charity must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a recognized charity with a charitable number.
2. Must be able to support the event's planning and administration, i.e. mailings, printing, tax receipts, etc.
3. Presentation to the selection committee must be made in person.
4. Must be willing to have a representative of the charity sit on the tournament committee, once the charity is selected.
5. Must be sponsored by a HGCC member who is willing to sit on the committee for the duration of the charity's funding cycle (usually three years).
6. Past recipients are not precluded from applying and receiving funds.
7. Preference is that the charity be local (Greater Hamilton) or have a local project.

It is not too early to start planning. We will name the charity(s) in late 2019/early 2020 so that a smooth transition occurs.

Kindly contact 2019 Tournament Chairs Alan Scott or Jeff Paikin or COO Peter Holt for further information.