

2022

YEAR IN REVIEW



Glowing Hearts Charity

EMPOWERING CHILDREN & YOUTH

“Their offerings are much needed and address the supports that are lacking in our communities.”



“With all my heart, I thank you so much and truly appreciate all of your time and effort and support for my family and everyone in need...one day soon I will pay it forward”



“I believe that Glowing Hearts Charity is unique in that they not only provide their own services in the community, but also help to expand the capacity and resources of external organizations like mine.”



Greetings!

2022 is one to go down in the books. It has been a year of growth and expansion in the most wonderful ways that have exceeded our expectations.

It is the parents/guardians and their children that inspire us to work hard each day to help make our vision a reality! This year alone we expanded our offerings from one core program to seven, and since shifting gears in 2021 to support children and youth vulnerable to poverty, we have supported approximately 2054 clients. The ripple effect of our programs have had a tremendous effect on their parents/guardians.

We can't thank our donors, sponsors, funders, community members and partners enough for becoming a part of our GHC community. We value each and every one of you and the trust you have placed in us. Fiscal responsibility, creative thinking/problem solving, and resilience have been pivotal to our success as we fulfill Frank Nelson's wish to help those in need in our community.

Wishing you all the best for a wonderful year ahead!

Sarah Fleming
Board Chair

THE 2023 TEAM

Did you know that we are completely run by volunteers?

We have over 75 volunteers, a number of committees working behind the scenes, and we are thrilled that two of these committee members joined our board in December.

This past year our core team grew from seven to eight board members, we added three Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Advisors, and brought together a team of professionals to form our psychoeducational assessment review committee.

We close 2022 with an incredible team who each bring unique skills and perspectives that will help GHC continue to thrive.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Being completely run by volunteers with no paid staff, we do it all ourselves...from web design to marketing materials, communication with clients to ordering school supplies...and with huge thanks to Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions, we pay only \$1/year for our school supply storage space.

Our goal is for funds coming into GHC to go directly toward those who need it most.

In the July, August, and December of 2022, Glowing Hearts Charity purchased **171** Good Food Boxes supporting **880** members of households.

We provided over **1190** children and youth with personalized backpacks, school supplies, lunch kits, and water bottles to start the year off on the right track.

9 children have been approved to have psychoeducational assessments.

Thanks to our partnership with the Reflection Centre, **29** children and youth in need have had access to free counselling.

We ran a beginner ukulele program for **26** children and are now expanding our offerings.

We distributed **750** loaded hygiene kits to community partners to get them into the hands of those in need.

Thanks to our partnership with The Youth Empowerment Project, **16** of our clients were able to access the Foundations for the Future program.

As we continue to build our capacity, we will provide more offerings to children and youth vulnerable to poverty.



Winning the 2022 Barrie Business Award for Non-Profit or Charitable Organization.



**AWARDED A \$6000
TD MUSICOUNTS
COMMUNITY MUSIC
PROGRAM GRANT**





MISSION

To disrupt the cycle of poverty by empowering children and youth to realize their full potential.



VISION

By 2027 Glowing Hearts will enable 2500 children and youth, vulnerable to poverty in Simcoe County, to access resources and opportunities that support their growth, confidence, and self-determination.

VALUES

RESILIENT

We anticipate risk, limit its impact, and bounce back rapidly through adaptability, evolution, and change.

INCLUSIVE

We value and embrace each other's individuality and encourage and respect all forms of diversity.

TRANSFORMATIVE

We demonstrate the courage and curiosity to challenge the status quo in everything we do to meet the ever-changing needs of our community.

PRINCIPLED

We act responsibly with integrity and transparency and continuously strive to meet our mission and vision.

COLLABORATIVE

We work with others to build a kinder, more compassionate community to enrich young people's lives.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR 2023?

Our first in-person FUNdraiser, the Glowing Hearts Charity Euchre Night & Silent Auction, on January 20th.

The launch of the Simcoe Youth Choir! Open to all children and free to those in financial need.

The expansion of our music offerings.

Psychoeducational assessments will begin to take place.

The expansion of our food that fuels program.

The purchase of tech devices to improve access to online offerings for our youth.

More free learning opportunities with support from our volunteers.

GHC will build further connections and partnerships in the community.

Backpacks for Youth 2023 will be bigger and better than ever!



WITH MORE SURPRISES TO COME

Our success in helping the children and youth vulnerable to poverty is with great thanks to our sponsors and funders.

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THANKS TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN
HELPING. YOU DON'T KNOW JUST HOW
MUCH YOU ARE HELPING ALL FAMILIES
WHO LIVE MONTH TO MONTH. YOU ARE
DOING A WORLD OF GOOD. THANK YOU
SO MUCH. OUR APPRECIATION CAN'T
BE EXPRESSED ENOUGH. YOU ARE ALL
AMAZING. 😊 "

~parent