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YEAR IN REVIEW

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“Thank you for your continued support in helping to raise our children, and grow beautiful minds :)”

-anonymous parent

“Thank you so much, for caring for our community and for families who are going through financial crisis.”

-anonymous parent

“You made such a helpful difference to our family.”

-anonymous parent

“Thank you for all you do for our kids. It takes a village to raise these kids, and your help is putting that into action.”

-anonymous parent

“Glowing Hearts is best at identifying the true needs of families and addressing them, more actively and pragmatically than any other charity or support I've come across.”

-anonymous from a local community organization

“Glowing Hearts in the last three years has done an incredible job of raising its profile within the community and responding to emerging needs to support kids.”

-anonymous from a local community organization

“What Glowing Hearts Charity does best is serving those who are really in need. Glowing Hearts is a frontline on the ground organization that truly serves the community.”

-anonymous from a local community organization



Greeting Glowing Hearts Community!

As we reflect on the past year at Glowing Hearts Charity, I am filled with gratitude for the unwavering support and generosity of our community. Your dedication has been instrumental in driving our mission forward, and I am excited to share the impact we've made together in the past year.

2023 was a year to remember. It was our first full year of operations with our new charitable objectives in place, we expanded our program offerings, and we supported more children and youth in need across the county than ever before! This is all the while remaining a volunteer-run organization!

None of this would have been possible without your kindness and dedication to our cause. Your support has enabled us to continue our mission.

Looking ahead to 2024, we are filled with optimism and determination to further our impact. With your ongoing support, we will be able to continue to develop innovative programs aimed at preventing generational poverty.

Once again, and on behalf of the entire board and everyone at Glowing Hearts Charity, I extend our heartfelt appreciation for your commitment and belief in our cause. Together, we are truly making a difference.

Sarah Fleming
Managing Director & Board Chair
Glowing Hearts Charity

Our Board



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Managing Director
& Board Chair



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Director



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Secretary



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Director

2023 HIGHLIGHTS



Since the summer of 2021 well over **3200** different children and youth have accessed one or more of our programs!

676 Good Food Boxes were purchased in March, July, August, and December feeding 2137 household members.

16 children received psychoeducational assessments. **8** of these recipients had 1-1 tutoring start as well.

2054 personalized backpacks filled with school supplies, water bottles, and lunch bags for elementary students, were packed and delivered across the county.



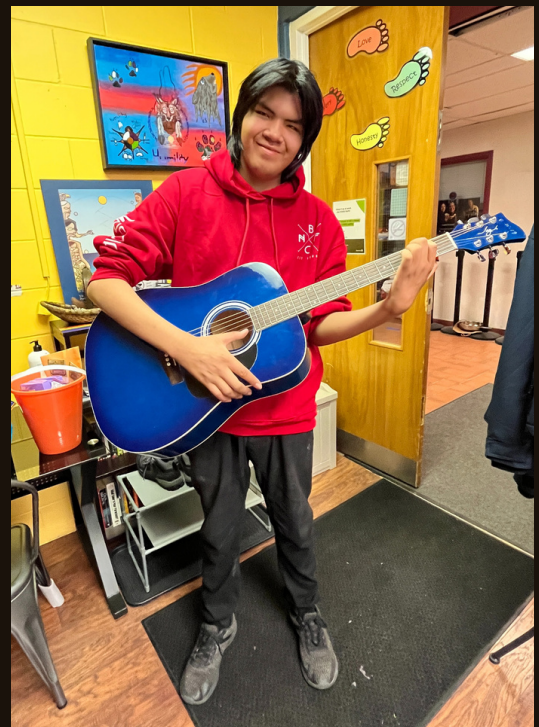
2023 HIGHLIGHTS



Thanks to our partnership with Reflection Centre, **all** children/youth who signed up to receive the ongoing counselling they needed had timely access to this support.

696 hygiene kits were distributed.

We expanded our music programs from 1 ukulele program in 2022 to 5 guitar and ukulele programs, and the introduction of the Simcoe Youth Choir in 2023 with **126** participants in these programs.



2023 HIGHLIGHTS



We held our very **first** fundraiser. **101** tickets were sold for our Euchre Tournament & Silent Auction and we raised raised **\$7,837!**

To support our Backpacks for Youth program we launched a **Stuff the Bus** campaign that resulted in **25** local businesses and organizations getting involved to support the community.

We were the June Ripple of Kindness Barrie recipients, receiving **\$33,000** for our Psychoeducational Assessments & Follow-Up Supports (like tutoring) program!



2023 HIGHLIGHTS



We supported the following community organizations with school supplies for all of their clients:

- Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions
- Dnaagdawenmag Binnoojiiyag Child & Family Services
- Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre
- Barrie Area Native Advisory Circle
- Orillia Native Women's Group
- Elizabeth Fry Society
- Samaritan House
- Jubilee House
- Penetanguishene Ukrainian Support Lions Club



We supported some workers from the following community organizations with school supplies for their clients:

- CLH Developmental Support Services
- New Path Youth & Family Services
- Child & Youth Advocacy Centre
- Empower Simcoe
- Catulpa
- YMCA Immigrant Services
- Ontario Works
- Salvation Army
- Barrie Families Unite

We were fortunate to have **2 Canada Summer Jobs** grant students on our team.

Did you know that we are run by volunteers?

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We are grateful to have over 100 volunteers who help out in different capacities, as needed, when opportunities come up with some of these wonderful people volunteering on a regular basis.





What's Next?



Development of updated strategic plan.

Expansion of our music programs to include group violin lessons and more!

A transformative pilot program aimed at supporting family mental health and wellbeing.

Food That Fuels will evolve to support families with fresh produce 12 months a year.

We will continue to provide psychoeducational assessments and follow-up supports like tutoring and counselling.

Children, youth, and their parents will continue to be able to access free mental health counselling.

Our Backpacks for Youth program will continue to support children and youth with the school supplies they need before school starts and throughout the year for those connected with a community worker.

We will continue to connect our clients with necessities, such as hygiene kits.

Glowing Hearts Charity will continue to transform the lives of Simcoe County families by collaborating with community partners.

2023 SPONSORS

Royal LePage First Contact Realty

Georgian College

Georgian International Limited

Studio 204

Trish Beesley Photography

Waste Connections of Canada - Barrie

2023 FUNDERS

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Apotex Inc.

Barrie Colts Foundation

Jack Garner Foundation

James A. Burton & Family Foundation

Monat Gratitude Grant

Pavlik Foundation

Ripple of Kindness Barrie

RTOERO District 17

Sam Sorbara Charitable Foundation

Well-Being Canada

2023 CORPORATE SUPPORTERS

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Canada Protection Plan, a Foresters Financial Company

CIBC Mellon

Gateway Casinos Innisfil through GatewayGives program

GCBB Auto Ltd O/A Georgian Chevrolet Buick GMC

Hydro One Forestry

Innovative Automation Inc.

KIS Technologies

Landmark Bus Lines

Manulife

Meridian Bayfield Branch

Noble

Reflection Centre

2023 COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

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Advocis Simcoe Muskoka

Kempfenfelt Rotary Club

Midland Lions Club

Midland Public Library

North Barrie Market Wing Night Guys

Penetanguishene Lions Club

Rotary Club of Barrie

Rotary Club of Orillia

Rotary Club of Wasaga Beach

Simcoe County Elementary

Teachers' Federation

2023 DONORS

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

Metropolitan Toronto Shinglers in memory of Stanley Shewell

SCHOLAR

GRADUATE

The Cutting Edge Salon & Spa
Divya Awasthi
Domenic D'Addio Realty Inc.
Midland Canadian Tire
Tyler's Tree Services

HONOURS

Anonymous (4)
Anonymous in honour of an unknown homeless women
Assisting You Social
Judy Cathcart
Dollarama
iSO Design
Krazy Binz Barrie
Lakeview Psychology
Monica Goodfellow
Napoleon
Jeannie Mills
Rob Newman

DONORS

Anonymous (26)
Advantage HR
Accounting Essentials Plus

DONORS continued...

Robin Baird

Bruce MacGillivray Instant Imprint

Bulldog Property Management Group

Stephanie Brady

Anna Candelino (in support of Vince & family from Maple Grove P.S. staff)

Janice Coutts

Jenn Belbeck-Cragg

Crystal Benjafield

Su Cadogan

Mike Campbell

Samantha Cave

Jennifer Cheesman

Tom Coon

Copeland Creek Community

Lisa Creighton

Judit DellAnno & Lisa Hutchinson

Rick Earhart Western Financial Group

Ellie (in grade 2)

Exceptional Touch Cleaning

Sarah Fleming

Jeff & Marilyn Garner

Global Payments

Louise Gravelle & Lee Miller

Laurena Green

Green/Clarke family & friends

Danny Gregoric

Adam Grose

Janice Stone Life Coach

Jessica Hendriks

Jennifer Ives

Joe's No Frills

Robert Johnston

Wendy Keegan

Aaron & Jennifer Kell

Joan Kennedy

Sylvie Labrosse

Eileen Leversedge

MA Customized Mortgage Strategies

Mike Holmes Inspections - Simcoe County

Annelise Mota

Kai O'Brien

Stephanie Pellow

Lindsay Percy

Newman Accounting Professional Corporation

Nouvelle Alliance Religion Class

Students: Megann Nkenglack/Mya Cartwright/Emma Jacques

Darryl Paul

John & Margaret Potts (in honour of Joanne Potts & the Simcoe Youth Choir)

Rob Newman Sr.

Simcoe IT Solutions

Brett Restemayer

Steve & Maxine Robertson

Amanda Roes (in memory of Steve Slaughter)

Cheryle Russell

Mallory Steele

Tayler Insurance & Estate Planning

Trish Beesley Photography

Phil von Kaufmann

Glowing Hearts Charity

A yellow heart graphic with a brushstroke texture, positioned behind the word "Hearts" in the title.

Thank you all for your
incredible support.

It is because of you that
we are able to transform
lives one child at a time.