



## Gnome for a home

Homelessness is an aspect of our lives and *Lylia*, an 10-year old, decided to dedicate herself to making a difference in the lives of others. Since December 2018, *Lylia* has created greeting cards, each one individually designed and featuring a whimsical gnome in a variety of activities. Her cards have been purchased from all over the world. And the impact of her efforts is the multiple \$1,000+ donations to a number of Kingston agencies who directly assist those who are struggling with homelessness. Most recently, *Lylia* donated to *Loving Hands Kingston*, a group with whom **Home Base Housing** has strong ties for all they do for the clients of our multi-service organization focused on helping clients obtain and maintain their housing. It is *Lylia's* dream that “no one person is homeless”. She also explained that “I love creating custom cards and finding new ideas so no one card look like the other . . . The best thing about “**Gnome for a home**” is that I learned how you can make a difference with small acts. In 6 months, I raised \$5,000 and sold more than 600 cards around the world. I am grateful to the trust, love and support I receive.” You can support *Lylia* and her efforts by purchasing cards from [www.facebook.com/Gnomeforahome/](http://www.facebook.com/Gnomeforahome/). Together we can help *Lylia* realize her dream as she supports organizations like **Home Base Housing** who work to end homelessness.



## With grateful appreciation

**Home Base Housing** is the grateful recipient of donations – both monetary and in-kind – all through the year from many individuals, businesses, faith groups and organizations. Below are a couple of selected donations and details of the generosity of the donors that were received since our last newsletter.



**St. James' Anglican Church** held a donations drive for 40 days over Lent. The congregation collected various household items which also included \$200 worth of movie cards and \$50 in Canadian Tire money. The donations will benefit our clients and are distributed as needed.

Thanks to our model man, *Kepler Diak*, for posing with all of the donations!

*Tina Evans*, **Community Outreach & Community Volunteer Coordinator** for **Correctional Service of Canada** received funding for a community-supported activity. She coordinated volunteers and inmates to create Easter baskets for the children at **Lily's Place Emergency Shelter** for families. Tina mentioned that the inmates from **Henry Trail Community Correctional Centre** wanted to have a positive impact on the children staying at **Lily's Place**.



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## Participainting!

Ever want to be part of something bigger? *Ray Cronin* of *Participainting* creates opportunities for anyone to contribute to a piece of art by setting up an easel with a blank canvas at a specific location and invites budding artists to add to the painting. In April, 55 people combined to create the painting. *Ray* displays the signatures of all those who participated. The



*Participainting* painting sold and *Ray* donated the proceeds of the sale to **Home Base Housing**. To learn more about this interactive art creation, please connect with *Ray* at [raymcronin@gmail.com](mailto:raymcronin@gmail.com).



## Artful Addition at Lily's Place

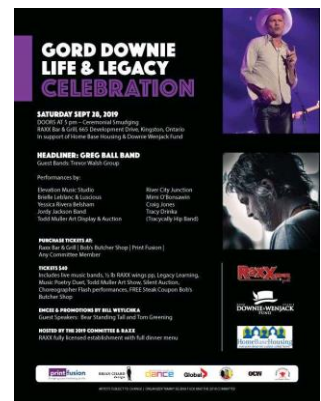
Throughout the year, **Home Base Housing** is fortunate to have the benefit of placement students from several programs from St. Lawrence College and other post-secondary institutions. This past year, *Lily's Place Emergency Shelter* was lucky to have a student whose talents extends beyond her *Child & Youth Worker* experience gained at the shelter. *Sierra Duff* enhanced the Children's Play Room by painting colourful Dr.

Seuss characters on the walls. Thank you, *Sierra*, for sharing your talent and making the space so inviting for the children staying temporarily at *Lily's Place Emergency Shelter* for families.



## Get ready to CELEBRATE Gord Downie!

*Tammy Selena Tuck* approached **Home Base Housing** with an "offer we couldn't refuse"! Recognizing the importance of finding homes for those who are homeless, *Tammy* and her committee for *Gord Downie – Life & Legacy Celebration* chose our non-profit, charitable organization along with the *Downie & Wenjack Fund* as the recipients of the proceeds of this gathering of talented musicians, poet, singers, dancers with guest speakers *Bear Standing Tall* and *Tom Greening*, Executive Director of HBH. Tickets are \$40 and includes an evening of entertainment at RAXX Bar & Grill, ½ lb RAXX wings, Todd Muller Art Show, Silent Auction and FREE Bob's Butcher Shop steak coupon. Get your tickets at these locations: RAXX Bar & Grill – Development Dr., Print Fusion – Bath Rd., Tourist Information Centre – Ontario St. See you at RAXX on **September 28<sup>th</sup>**!



Visit our website at [www.kingstonhomebasehousing.ca](http://www.kingstonhomebasehousing.ca) for information about all of our programs, services and/or to make a donation to our multi-service, non-profit organization.

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