

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



BRENTWOOD
People helping people find recovery

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ December 6, 2023 @ 6 pm - Women's Night Fundraiser for Children's Wish Tree (main events hall)
- ✓ December 10, 2023 - Registration deadline for Christmas Wish Tree.
- ✓ December 10, 2023 @ 11 am - Children's Christmas Party (main events hall)
- ✓ December 19, 2023 @ 6:30 pm - Chatham Brentwood Group Pot Luck (Holy Trinity Church, Chatham)
- ✓ December 22, 2023 @ noon - Christmas Lunch (main events hall)
- ✓ December 31, 2023 - New Year's Eve Dance (main events hall) Doors open at 7 pm

Message from the Chair

Good day to all. Starting with a few updates since the last newsletter, I write this on Thursday the 23th, American Thanksgiving. For those of you who celebrate American Thanksgiving (my 95-year old father's wife, Carol is American and has dual citizenship.) I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving. And for my many friends and acquaintances who are glued to the TV watching the Lions this is a strange time - they actually are good ! Enjoy.

There is another tradition here at Brentwood on this day, volunteering at the annual Goodfellow's drive. This has been a Brentwood tradition for years and it is a fine way to participate in a community activity. We are very much a part of the Windsor community, part of Windsor's identity and I applaud those who are able to participate.

There is another tradition here at Brentwood that starts in the fall, our Home Lottery. The home this year is in Harrow. Construction is proceeding on track. Some of my fondest memories in recovery through Brentwood was selling Lottery tickets. Back in the day—yes, I've reached the age where I can say 'back in the day', Lise Malott would send us to grocery stores, both malls. On one shift two of us were in a office building lobby and the look on people's faces when the elevator opened and they see directly in front of them two alumni, signage, and a desk was memorable. We are not as widespread now and we have increased our digital footprint, but I must tell you one of the joys of selling tickets in the public is the interaction with the public. If anyone thinks we do not make a difference in the community or that we are not respected, you are very mistaken. There are people who buy lottery tickets hoping to win with little regard as to who they are supporting. But in my 23 years of selling tickets the overwhelming response from the public has been one of gratitude, of sincere thankfulness for what we do. If anyone has thoughts that the people of Windsor don't appreciate Brentwood spend a couple of shifts selling to the public and you will be persuaded otherwise. As Donna Ryan so rightfully reminds me from time to time, we are in the business of saving lives and I know the people of Windsor know it too.

After American Thanksgiving comes the Christmas season and another of my favourite Brentwood traditions; the Gift tree and Christmas dinner at the House. If any of you have needs for gifts at Christmas please make use of this tradition. Quoting Don McKenzie, my group leader in 1995, 'the giving is in the receiving'. Took me years to understand that, now I think of it often.

So good day to all, if not before I look forward to seeing you at Christmas dinner!

With warm regards, Ken Courtenay, Board Chair

Message from the Executive Director

December is often a month of reflection for many of us as the calendar year draws to a close. Recently, I was out making a presentation at another community organization about Brentwood and was asked "what does it mean to be a spiritually based program?"

In response, I told the story that I have often told here, about how profound the difference is at Brentwood when the alumni are here and participating with the people on program and when there are none here (COVID lock downs). I talked about the topics that we explore and share on like Belonging, Forgiveness, Freedom, Willingness, Peace, Hope, Caring & Sharing and Fellowship that all bring us together in Fellowship and that never have I seen such commitment to a shared vision- Transforming lives and communities through compassion, hope recovery and service.

Another big part of our spirituality at BRH is about being of service. To all of you who have volunteered your service over the last year in too many ways to count, I want to acknowledge your endless hours and efforts. You are truly appreciated! I thank you!

I invite everyone reading this to think about... what does it mean to you to be a part of a spiritually based program?

Wishing all of you joy, love, peace and belonging.

Elizabeth



Happy Holidays Board of Directors



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Nov. 21, 2023

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2023-2024

This Edition's Spotlight...

Meet the The Leadership Team



Elizabeth Dulmage, Executive Director

Manages the daily operations of our organization and implements the strategic decisions as determined by our Board of Directors.



Jennifer Lavin, Human Resources Manager

Recruits and supports employees and ensures a positive workplace environment.



**Paul McCann, Director,
Fund Development &
Community Engagement**

Manages fundraising/creates the fundraising plan to support program and services and build community partnerships.



**Ian Owen, Privacy &
Issues Management**

Collects and protects client data and resolves issues or disputes.



**Russ Robinet, Operations
Manager**

Ensures that our buildings and equipment are in tip-top shape, and that the kitchen is able to provide top quality meals for our clients.



Rosanne St. Denis, Executive Assistant

Provides administrative support to the Executive Director, Leadership Team, and acts as a support to the Board Secretary.



**Kelly Davey, Director of
Finance & Operations**

The mastermind behind Brentwood's finance and operations.



**Jenn Bastien, Women's
Program Manager**

Ensures our clients have the tools they need to be successful in completing the program.



**Mary Cadieux, Interim
Women's Program
Manager**

Ensures our clients have the tools they need to be successful in completing the program.



**Leslie Taylor,
Director of
Client Services**

Ensures the quality of client programming: setting our clients up for success.



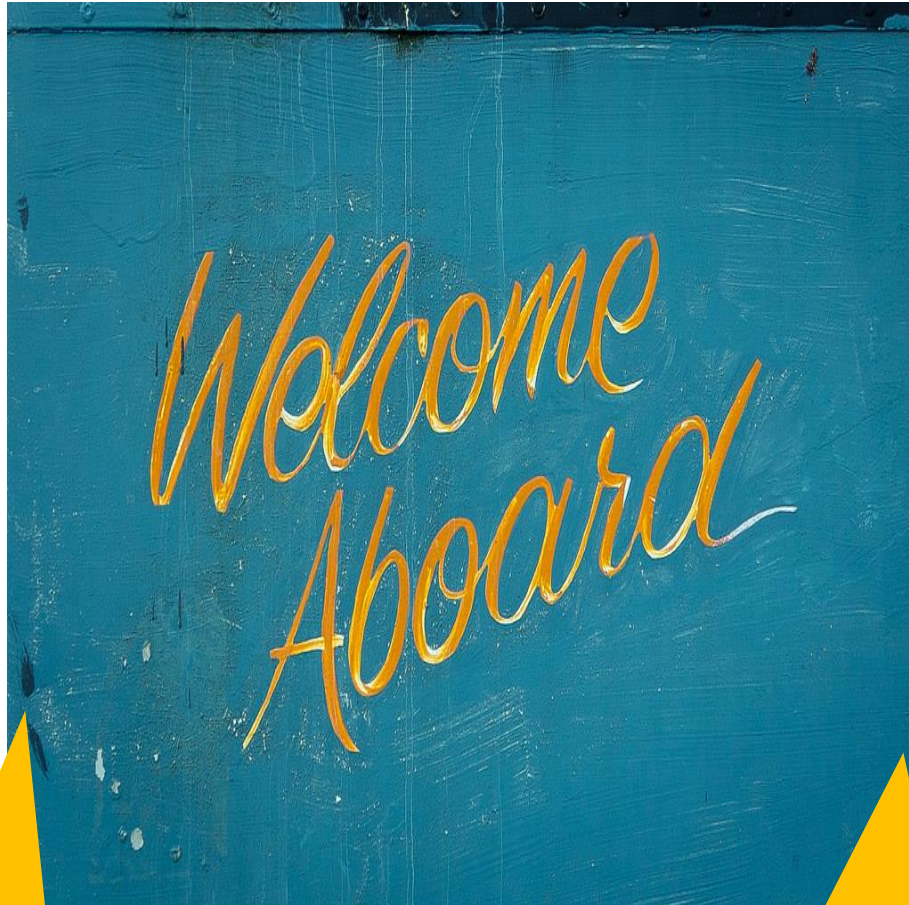
**Marc Zakoor, Men's Program
Manager**

Ensures our clients have the tools they need to be successful in completing the program.



New Hires

(since the October 2023 Town Hall)



*Tammy Chouinard
Client Navigator*



*Korede Adepitau
Casual R.P.N.*



*Samantha Kell
Part-time
Women's House*

Social Committee News

Upcoming

BRENTWOOD'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

DECEMBER 31ST, 2023

7:30PM UNTIL 12:30AM

10:00pm Snack Buffet Provided

50/50 Draw – (tickets sold separately)

NA/AA ALL WELCOME

Ring in 2024 Together in Community and
Fellowship

TICKETS

\$20.00 In Advance

\$22.00 At the Door

Please see your Social Committee for Tickets

Sara Allen, Jenn Lavin, Krystal Marentette, Scott Collier
Matt Clinansmith, Vicky Clinansmith, Matt Hermes, Cheri Dorey
Criss-Ann Sandre, Arthur Carming, Mark Blackburn, Quiana Gains

Fundraising News

Dream Home Lottery, October 1 to December 31, 2023

BRENTWOOD LOTTERY

BUY EARLY FOR MORE CHANCES TO WIN!
4 EARLY BIRD CASH PRIZES OF \$25,000 | MAIN DRAW CASH PRIZES OF \$500 - \$25,000
90 EARLY BIRD DRAWS | 22 MAIN DRAW PRIZES

GRAND PRIZE
WIN A NEW HOME WORTH **\$750,000**
WITH PREMIUMS (OPTIONAL)
HARRINGTON CASH PRIZES \$500

NOR-BUILT

TICKETS
\$50 EACH
\$100 FOR 3
\$250 for 10

OVER \$1 MILLION IN TOTAL PRIZES!
CASH PRIZES UP TO **\$25,000**

2024 Jeep Wrangler Sport
Retail value \$64,295 or \$51,438 Cash

2024 Chevrolet Colorado Trail Boss
Retail value \$51,218 or \$48,974 Cash

2024 Ford Mustang V8 GT Fastback
Retail value \$55,590 or \$44,472 Cash

TICKET DEADLINE DECEMBER 31ST 2023 @ 11:59PM

ORDER YOUR TICKETS ONLINE! WWW.BRENTWOODLOTTERY.COM

Tickets for our annual Dream Home Lottery are on sale now at www.brentwoodlottery.com. There's over \$1 million in cash and prizes to be won this year, including the beautiful Dream Home in Harrow

which is being built by community partner NOR-Built Construction. Tickets are also on sale at Brentwood from Monday to Friday, 9 am to 6 pm. Starting December, tickets will be sold at Devonshire mall from December 4-26 during mall hours. Get your tickets early for your chance at

\$25,000 on December 1st and twice on the 22nd.



Tickets are \$50 a ticket, 3 for \$100 or 10 for \$250. Don't forget to buy tickets for the 50/50 bonus raffle too. Tickets are \$5 for 3, \$10 for 10, \$20 for 50 or \$50 for 200 tickets. Grand

prize draws will be held on January 13 at 1 pm at Brentwood. Visit the lottery website at www.brentwoodlottery.com for the most up-to-date information about prizes, ticket deadlines and sales locations.



Lottery News

Hard to believe we're past the halfway point in Lottery 32. Did you know that the Brentwood Lottery is one of the longest running home lotteries in Ontario? Did you know that lottery prizes are purchased and not donated? Did you know that the grand prize home winner does not need to live in the home to sell it?

A lot of activity has been taking place for the lottery, including the media preview event and the opening of the sales office in October. The build for the lottery dream home also began in October with a groundbreaking ceremony including

Brentwood, local media and builder NQR-Built Construction. Progress on the home



build has been amazing. Several trades have signed on to help, and the home was completely framed in one day!



Tickets are selling too, with over 27,000 home lottery tickets and over 400,000 50/50 tickets sold to date. Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets and volunteered their time. Sales at Devonshire Mall will begin December 4, selling through to

the 26th. Several volunteer slots are still available for the Mall and Sales Office at Brentwood. We're also looking at other locations when volunteer numbers permit. Talk to Janis Cramp if you have a few hours to give.



50/50 BRH Electronic Raffle

www.5050brh.com

September Grand Prize Winner - \$34,577.50



Mathew Caron

Events, Campaigns & Projects:



Thank you to Chef Leo and the Kitchen Staff for a delicious lunch.

Thanksgiving Lunch

This year's Thanksgiving Lunch was held on October 5. Over 250 people were served, enjoying fellowship and a wonderful festive lunch with all the trimmings.



Walkathon



The annual Walkathon took place on Saturday October 14 at Brentwood. The rain and chilly temperature didn't dampen the spirit of the almost 100 walkers of all ages who came out to support the event. Almost \$7,000 was raised for children and youth activities at Brentwood. Proceeds help fund social and recreational activities for children and youth. Thank you to the planning committee for another successful year. We also thank our event sponsors including Unifor Local 200, Unifor Local 195, Unifor Local 2458, Unifor Local 240 and Flood Chiropractic.

Halloween Party

Witches, ghosts, Super Heros and more took over Brentwood on Saturday October 28 for our annual Halloween Party. Thank you to the planning committee for putting on another spooky event.



Major Donations

Thank you to the estate of Charlotte Bautista for the generous donation of \$17,477.79.

Your Fundraising Team,

Paul McCann, Director, Fund Development & Community Engagement

Janis Cramp, Volunteer/Special Events Coordinator

St. Clair College Partnership

Zen Garden Project



Fall Update!

On November 2nd, Brentwood played host to St. Clair College President Patti France, VP of Community Relations John Fairley, Landscape Coordinator John Lein, Professor Jason Milling and an entire class of Landscape Design students to really kick off the Zen Garden Project.

President France spoke to the group and unveiled to students that not only would the College be sponsoring the entire project, but that unlike previous years, which were 'survey and design' only - the winning design this year would actually be built (on our property!) She also hinted that a scholarship to the winning design could be up for grabs!

Following a quick chat to outline our vision for the space, the students were unleashed on the unsuspecting, empty field to take pictures and measurements. It was exciting to be a fly on the wall and hear these early student conversations around potential design ideas!

This collaboration is an amazing opportunity, and we couldn't be more grateful. Stay tuned in the Spring.....

Next steps - over the coming months, each student will create their own dream for the project, and then invite a group from Brentwood to the College to present their designs. Can't wait!



Russ Robinet, Operations Manager





Women's Support Group

Meetings on Wednesdays at 6 pm

& Thursday mornings at 9:30 am

Please sign in at the main entrance before proceeding to the Youth Wing



Couples Group Meetings

every other Monday at 6 pm

(Next meeting: November 27, 2023)

Please sign in prior to proceeding to the Youth Wing

Youth Group Meetings

Ages 6-16

Every Tuesday at 6 pm

Main Events Hall

Parents or Guardians must be in attendance.



Opens Arms with Service



Thank you to all who participate in making a difference in someone's recovery journey.

Anyone who would like to join and be on a team please call Catherine Howard at 226-975-3636.

Sunday Morning Church Services



Join us Sunday mornings at 10 am for mass/church services - friends and family are welcome!

Alternating one week Catholic mass, the next week non-denominational.

Review Weekly Announcements for details.

Euchre Tournaments

Mark your calendars! Last Friday of the Month

Next dates: December 22, January 26, February 23

Euchre tournament starts at 7:30 pm in the Main Events Hall.

Doors open at 7 pm.

Tournament Fee \$10

Top 3 scores share 50% of the buy-in.



Brentwood Merchandise



Brentwood hoodies, T-shirts and golf shirts are available in different styles and colours. Please see Jamie Fowler at reception (main entrance) to place your order.



Food Bank

The food bank is now open Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays from
9:30 am to 10:30 am.

Monetary donations are appreciated.

Online: etransfer@brentwoodrecovery.com (in memo write Food Bank)
or

contact Rick Pilon at 519-564-8041.

Every little bit helps – \$5 makes a difference

Suggestions and Questions Box Area

Suggestions and questions can be submitted in the box under the TV by the main entrance. Every month answers will be posted on the board above it.



Inspirational Messages

Inspirational messages--Recovery Gave Me... Templates are available for alumni to complete and post on the Suggestions & Questions bulletin board. They will be posted on the lobby TV.



Sunday Afternoons with Father Paul

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday each month at 1 pm in the Administration Building. Alumni and people on program are welcome.

Brentwood's Weekly Announcements

Stay in the Know!



Announcements are shared

- main entrance lobby TV*
- at the 10:30 am meetings*
- by email (optional)*



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