Fall 2019

Carty House Chronicle

Community Picnic

Although Ottawa had a hot summer, fall was in the air for our Community Picnic on Saturday, September 7. In fact, the predicted rainy weather forced us to go with plan b and move indoors. But our spirits were not dampened!

Folks and families joined in the fun and festivities throughout the afternoon. We had a face-painter, who also painted arms and hands, and a balloon artist who created animals and reptiles alike. The grown-ups even played a few games, and a local musician sang and strummed away to keep our feet tapping.

Thank you to all who attended the picnic or showed support for Carty House in other ways.

Special "Thank You" to:

--All of our Carty House volunteers
--Our picnic planners and games team
--Our volunteer photographer
--St. John's Ambulance
--Mathieu Fleury, Ottawa City Councillor of Rideau-Vanier Ward
--St. Joe's Parish for our last-minute location/weather change
--Birthday Party Magic for face-painting and balloons
--Mark Nyvlt for the great music
--Patrick Kavanagh for our picnic poster
--Algonquin College Print Shop
--Our anonymous donor for picnic funding
--And all those who came out to support Carty House!

See CartyHouse.org for more Community Picnic pictures!

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

On June 20, Carty House was invited to participate in the *"World Refugee Day 2019: The Business of Inclusion"* hosted by the UNHCR—The UN Agency on Refugees. This event highlighting the need for, and benefits of, refugees who participate in the Canadian economy and workforce.

We know our past and current residents bring amazing gifts to their new home country.

Carty House talks with Honorable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship.

Safer Shores Brew

Local brewery Dominion City Brewing Co. celebrated their 5-year anniversary with something special, they brewed a limited edition IPA called Safer Shores, with a portion of the proceeds going towards organizations that provide welcoming services to refugees, including Carty House. Staff and board members were on hand for their anniversary event and were able to share more about our great organization.

Happy Anniversary Dominion City and Thank You!

2019 Spring Gala

On June 9th, guests at the 2019 Carty House Annual Gala enjoyed a relaxing evening at the beautiful Cameron Restaurant, part of the Ottawa Tennis & Lawn Bowling Club that was established in 1881. The evening began with cocktails and music, and included a live auction and a family-style dinner that was top notch. We heard some inspiring stories from former resident Tabitha, who shared her amazing journey of courage and determination to start a new life in Canada, "Carty House = Carty Home." We also heard from Emilie Coyle, Director of National Programs at Refugee Hub, who shared her own experience, both personally and professionally, of advocating for and welcoming women refugees to Canada. Guests included current and former residents, donors, volunteers, board members, and staff.

We're already looking forward to next year!

See CartyHouse.org for more 2019 Gala pictures!

"Carty House = Carty Home"

New Carty Kitchens!

Our side-by-side kitchens get a lot of use. They are the heartbeat of our home and where a lot of community happens.
During the spring of 2019, through the generosity of our annual appeal, the Congregation of Notre Dame, and an anonymous donor, the kitchens got the facelift that they desperately needed. Some cabinets were in good enough shape for our dedicated volunteers to paint, while others needed to be replaced. With new countertops and backsplashes, the place looks great. The residents are so appreciative and thank all who help keep their first Canadian home so comfortable and welcoming.

Volunteer Highlight

Deborah Mebude has only been in Ottawa for two years but she has sure made her mark. Originally from Calgary, Deborah arrived for an internship with Citizens for Public Justice and quickly heard of Carty House. She decided to volunteer and has been involved with our "Gal-entines" event, wellness workshops, English conversation groups, Tulip Festival outing, publicity for our recent Community Picnic, and painting our kitchen cupboards! Deborah has a strong heart for refugees and intends to stay involved in justice work when she returns to Calgary this fall. Although her twin 4-month old nieces will love having her closer, we will sure miss her!

Best wishes, Deborah, and thank you for your kindness and dedication to Carty House!

Welcome to the Board

In the spring of 2019, Carty House welcomed Arelis Medina-Recio and Christine Nabukeera to the Board of Directors. Caitlin Williams also rejoined the Board after being away for the past couple years. All three bring with them a diverse set of skills and expertise, as well as a shared commitment to the values and goals of Carty House.

We also welcome new Board member Tatheer Ali, who was referred to our Board through the G(irls)20 Girls on Boards Initiative. This program matches young women with not-for-profit boards for a one-year term, while also providing them with training and mentorship. Tatheer joins us with academic and professional experience in migration. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide this experience to a young woman, and are equally looking forward to the contributions she will bring to our board.

When asked about joining Carty House's board, Tatheer said, "I am excited about taking on this new leadership position. As an immigrant, I know first-hand how valuable community support is throughout the settlement and integration process and look forward to contributing to Carty House's important mandate in supporting female refugees and asylum claimants."

RIDE FOR REFUGE rideforrefuge.org
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Ride for Carty House!

Join Carty House on Saturday, October 5th for the 2019 Ride for Refuge!

**Riders can sign up to ride for 10, 25, or 50K...
or if you would rather walk, we've got a beautiful 5K route just for you. All routes along the Ottawa River!**

We'll all be starting at Andrew Hayden Park and will finish with a BBQ together. It should be a great day.

**We're looking for riders, walkers, and sponsors,
and are counting on you to help spread the word.**

**Create your own team with friends, relatives, or co-workers,
or join the Carty House Team.
Just don't forget to direct the donations
you collect to Carty House as one of the registered charities.**

If you can't make the race, please consider sponsoring a rider or walker. It's a great way to support Carty House as we directly help our residents build new lives in Canada.

BIKE 10km, 25km, or 50km...or **WALK** 5km

DESIGNATE Carty House as your charity!

Visit us at
CartyHouse.org

Register at RideForRefuge.Org or contact Carty House at outreach@cartyhouse.org or 613.236.8855

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GIRLS ON BOARDS

Carty House

A first home and helping hand for refugee women in Ottawa.

OUR VISION

A welcoming community where all refugee women have access to a safe and stable home.

OUR MISSION

Carty House provides a first home and a helping hand to refugee women in need in the Ottawa area. We assist them in pursuing their claims and adjusting to their new life on arrival to Canada through the provision of accommodation, as well as through material, financial and psychological support.

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YOUR SUPPORT IS SO NECESSARY!

Carty House is small but mighty.
Our size allows us to make big impacts
in the lives of female refugees that come alone to Ottawa.
Every donation makes a difference.
We can only accomplish this work with your help.
Thank you for your continued support.