

2020 COVID-19 Donations



KW FOOD BANK

- Family and Children's Service of Guelph and Wellington County
- Drayton Food Bank
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- The Kinsmen (Drayton)
- The Kinettes (Drayton)
- It Takes A Village (Listowel)
- The Optimist Club (Moorefield)
- The Optimist Club (Alma)



LOUISE MARSHALL HOSPITAL



DRAYTON KINSMEN

There are amazing organizations in our communities that exist for the sole purpose of ensuring citizens have a place to turn to in a critical times of need, and providing a safe community to call home. These include structured social services, service clubs, government services and the many philanthropic efforts coordinated by generous and dedicated individuals.

History has shown that when Canadians are faced with unusual and unexpected adversity, these communities somehow manage to summon the resilience to overcome.

COVID-19 is just the latest challenge that is directly affecting individual communities across our nation. The ironic and loathsome truth about this pandemic is that it negatively impacts both "individuals" and "organizations" with shocking indifference and with swift, often unforeseen consequences. COVID-19 represents an unprecedented event, surely to be forever etched in human history as one of the few tragic events experienced on a global scale.

As everyone struggles to adapt to the "new normal" and the unforeseen complications associated with social distancing, Edge Mutual has realized that our local social support organizations are not only increasingly stretched to respond to a higher demand, but many of their key sources of funding and volunteerism are drying up as well. Silent auctions, chicken dinners, farm shows, and a whole host of other fund raising activities have been cancelled in 2020 to prevent the spread of the pandemic. Collaboration has been forced to occur in digital spaces - but of course, those online conferencing tools can never replace the personal relationships formed with face-to-face community events.

The board and staff of Edge Mutual Insurance Company have identified funding shortfalls affecting these organizations that provide community support to Drayton and surrounding villages within Guelph-Wellington.

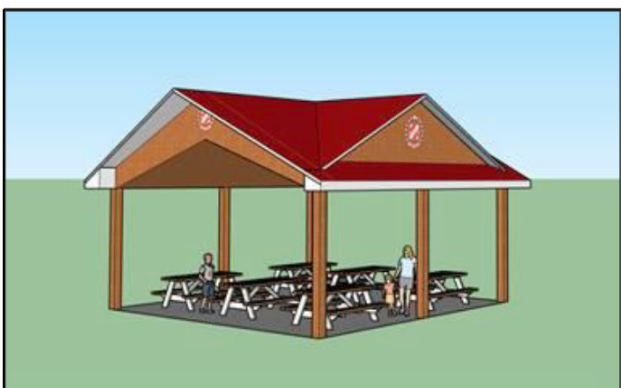
We are proud to follow the footsteps of many Edge Mutual (formerly Peel Maryborough Mutual) boards and staff members from generations past; generations that survived pandemics like the Spanish Flu as well as two world wars; generations that suitably recognized that there are moments in time when a mutual company is compelled to broaden the scope of community support when the need is particularly great. We are also proud to be associated with a wider network of Ontario Mutuals™ that are contributing in a similar manner within their respective communities. We're in this together!

Pictured Below:

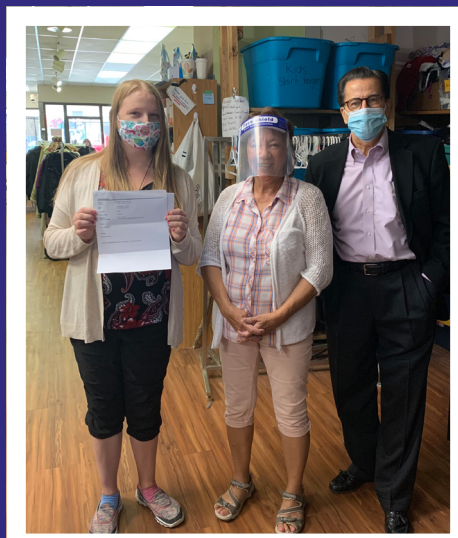
Funds donated to the Kinsmen of Drayton will be used to pay for the building of pavilions in Kinsmen Park and the ABC Park.



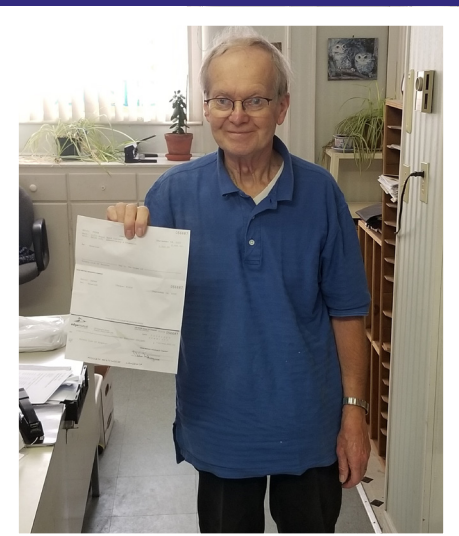
Kinsmen Park, Ag Arena – Elm St N



ABC Park, Splash Pad – Andrews Dr.



IT TAKES A VILLAGE



DRAYTON ROTARY CLUB



DRAYTON KINETTES



MOOREFIELD OPTIMIST CLUB



ALMA OPTIMIST CLUB



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