

River's Edge REVIEW

HAVEN OF HOPE

July 2026



Points for Prayer

- Thank the Lord for new members for both the Board and the Fundraising & Promotions Committee
- For a blessing over the summer activities
- That we continue to have freedom to speak about the hope and love of Christ to these youths
- Thank the Lord for all the mentors who freely give of their time.
- That the Lord continues to bless the gospel seeds planted



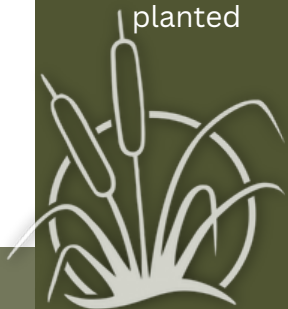
Greetings from the Board of River's Edge Haven of Hope!

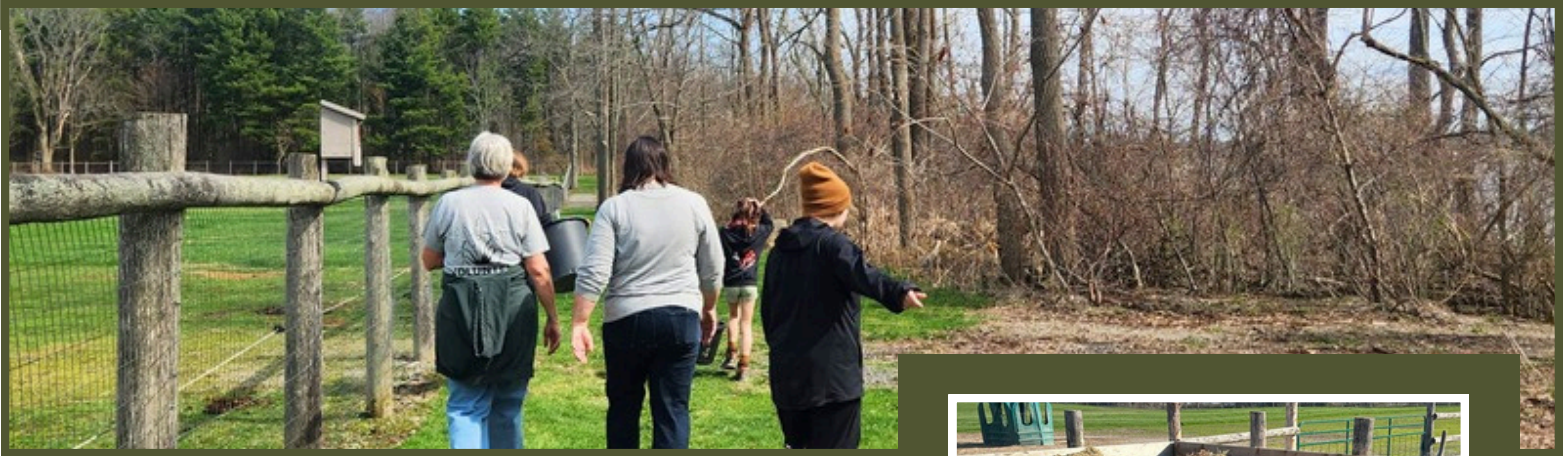
The summer of 2026 is already upon us, and we are grateful for God's goodness and provision throughout the first half of the year. We are pleased to introduce our two newest Board members, Angelina Jans and Don Bos. We thank the Lord for bringing these members to serve alongside us and pray that they will be blessed as they serve on the Board.

We are also grateful to welcome two new members to our Fundraising & Promotions Committee. Debbie Linde and Spencer Nordeman have officially joined the committee, and we appreciate their willingness to contribute to the fundraising efforts of River's Edge Haven of Hope.

Our program continues to be free for all participants because of the prayerful and financial support we receive from a loving and supportive community.

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One recent example of this generosity was a turkey hunting contest organized by members of our local church communities, which raised \$5,700 for the benefit of River's Edge Haven of Hope. Through gifts such as these, God continues to remind us of His faithfulness in providing for this ministry.

We invite you to prayerfully consider donating to the work of River's Edge Haven of Hope. Your financial support helps make it possible for us to offer one-on-one mentoring to youth in our churches and community free of charge. For more information on how to give, please visit our website, riversedge.ca, and click on the "Donate" tab.

Thank you for your continued prayers and encouragement. We are grateful for the many ways that we see God working through this ministry.

In His love, The Board of River's Edge
Haven of Hope



Why chores?

- Teaches responsibility
- Acts of service and a way to give back
- Teaches stewardship with God's blessings
- Offers satisfaction for a job well done



From the Staff

As we write this newsletter, we are wrapping up our Spring block of mentoring and running full steam ahead into our Summer program. Under God's blessing, we had the help of eight dedicated volunteer mentors who mentored 26 children this Spring block! It has been a busy block, with lots of energy and the sounds of joy and laughter filling the program barn. We have enjoyed getting to know these 26 youths and their families. As our relationships develop over an 11-week block, we often become attached to our mentees, which makes it difficult to say "goodbye" if the youth is not returning for another block of the program.

One of our favourite additions to the renovated program barn is the new "parent/caregiver" lounge. It has been well used and has blessed us with opportunities to connect on a more intimate level with the parents who wait on-site while their children are being mentored. In this newsletter, we wanted to keep our contribution brief and allow the story of one of the parents whose child is being mentored at River's Edge to speak for itself in the section titled "A Parent's Perspective".

The way we run our one-on-one mentoring program changes in the summer due to several factors, including the vacation schedules of mentors and mentees and the shortened span of weeks between the end of school and Labour Day. As a result, we only mentor on Wednesdays. Our summer mentoring schedule has been finalized, and we are thankful that 15 children are registered in the program.

Enrollment for the Fall block is now open on our website. Children and youths aged 6-18 are the focus of our mentoring program, but no one would be turned away because they are too old. If you know of a child or youth who is lonely, lacks self confidence, is bullied or simply needs someone to walk alongside them right where they are, Haven of Hope exists to help. (1 John 4:19)

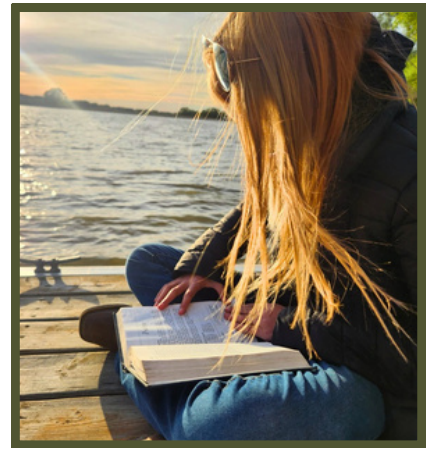
We are humbled by the blessings God provides through all of you. May God bless you all.

In His service
The Staff of River's Edge Haven of Hope



A Parent's Perspective

“She seems more confident and more calm (so much less anxiety). She talks about her mentor often and all the things she can't wait to share with her. When she finishes her sessions on Wednesday evenings, she is vibrating with excitement and joy. She is full of laughter and singing, it's like the weight of the world has left her shoulders. I have also noticed with chores, when she is asked, she does it with a happy heart, or she will do things without being asked. She has also started to ask if she can read by herself in her room, which I think helps her regulate herself when she is overwhelmed and doesn't know how to handle it. Her really big behaviours, like overwhelming, uncontrollable anger/frustration, which led to big meltdowns or hurting her little brother/sister, have significantly reduced. Her heart genuinely seems lighter, and her countenance is less serious/frustrated/anxious and more carefree/child like. I can only imagine that the changes, joy and peace I am witnessing in her are God's love pouring into her little heart. She counts down the days to Wednesday because it is her favourite day, and it has become my favourite day too. The version of my daughter that leaves the farm on Wednesday evenings is everything I had hoped and prayed for her. I wish I could get a video of her laughter every single time we leave the farm. It's like she's free from whatever her little heart carries into those sessions, and that joy carries into the week, and it has blessed her and blessed me to be a part of. Her memory is not great, so often I don't know what she does or talks about (which is fine). But whatever it is, thank you. You must see her in a way that is so needed and special to her. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for pouring into her. I was a little girl who needed a place like this too, and experiencing Haven of Hope with her is healing places in me too. What an incredible thing you guys are doing, what a gift. From her first session, I have seen God's hand in this. What a beautiful blessing.”

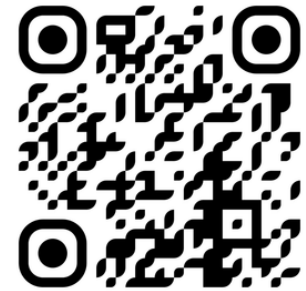


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What's coming!

- Tuesdays and Thursdays, we have activity and volunteer days
- July 17 is our first Golf Tournament fundraiser
- September 19 is our annual Fall Fest and Vendor Show
- New Apparel Line- Coming Soon!

