

The 2008 Ottawa Rotary Home Angel Campaign

Dear Friend,

We all have *that* person in our lives who makes us laugh when we thought it was beyond us, that folds us into their arms to comfort and listens without judgment. Sometimes, friends, family or colleagues give a gift of self so extraordinary that it humbles us. I want to tell you a story about such a group of people; they are Brett's angels:

Brett was our 2006 Angel. Having turned eighteen this past April, Brett and his family have just been through his first rite of passage as an adult. They had to leave all the medical supports they had established at CHEO and with their pediatrician.

**“Brett has an 18 month old level of understanding and weighs just 40 lbs. Moving from CHEO to an adult hospital has been the most difficult experience we have ever been through with Brett. Rotary Home has been the one constant. I can't imagine how difficult it must be for families that have lost The Rotary Home.”
Lesley Jefferies, Brett's mom**



The folks at Hydro Ottawa and I.B.E.W. Local 636 wanted to do their part to ensure Brett's family would never know what it felt like to lose the support of The Ottawa Rotary Home. So they decided to help by volunteering their time to install the Hydro lines to the new Home site. Once word got around, it didn't take long for so many volunteers to sign on that there was a waiting list. Why? They had found a way to help a much admired co-worker – *Brett's dad, Lance*

Many of Lance's co-workers had met Brett and his siblings when they were little. They wanted to let the Jefferies family know that although they can't help carry the load, they could help ensure the people who could, will continue to be there now that Brett is an adult. They also know there are so many other families who will benefit from the new Ottawa Rotary Home that they wanted to be a part of it.



Brett's angel friends take a few minutes off the job to have fun with Brett and his Dad.

The new 20-bed Ottawa Rotary Home is scheduled to open its doors this January. The support from these Hydro Ottawa volunteers may go unnoticed by most, but every time we turn on a light we'll know that Brett's Angels were here.

With the move from Rochester Street to the new location scheduled to begin later this month, the *new* Ottawa Rotary Home will soon become *The* Ottawa Rotary Home. And, as we shift our focus from building a house to making a home you, too, can be an Angel to children and adults like Brett by making a charitable donation. Your Angel gift will help provide the warm touches that will embrace our children and welcome back the young adults who left us at the age of 21.

On behalf of the entire Ottawa Rotary Home family, we wish you a joyous holiday season!

Happy Holidays!



Carolyn Piché
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P.S. The men and women at Hydro Ottawa are among the many hundreds of remarkable angels who had a hand in planning and building the new Ottawa Rotary Home. We thank them all for their passion.

Yes, I want to help and am sending a gift of \$_____.

I have enclosed my cheque payable to the Ottawa Rotary Home Foundation

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

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Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Signature: _____

Thank you!

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