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# 2012-2013 Annual Report







## MISSION

Hutton House promotes and supports persons with disabilities through learning and life enhancing programs that focus on each individual's strengths, abilities and interests.

## VISION

Persons with disabilities have equal access to participate in all aspects of community life.

## PHILOSOPHY

The Hutton House philosophy is one of support, inclusion and a view toward participants and their families that:

- Fosters a climate of understanding and respect for the privacy, dignity and worth of each person.
- Respects and encourages personal choice and self-direction.
- Strives to support individuals by building on their strengths, abilities and interests.
- Promotes independence and involvement in the community.

## VALUES

- We value inclusion and full participation in community life and will support and encourage individuals as they grow in their lives.
- We value the opportunity to collaborate and cooperate with other organizations to make the best use of community resources.
- We value excellence through competent staff and volunteers committed to high quality services and through accountability to the public and those we serve.
- We value innovation through the creative application of our resources in responding to current and emerging needs.

## PRINCIPLES

- We will practice clear, open and honest communication.
- We will promote an environment where people feel safe, in control, comfortable and important.
- We will consider the needs of others and work together to achieve goals that cannot be reached alone.
- We will encourage participants to be actively engaged in directing their future.
- We will facilitate outcomes based learning as a means to achieve our Mission.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITMENT

Our most important customer is YOU.  
In a safe, supportive and respectful environment  
We will work together  
With open and honest communication  
To enable you to discover and achieve your goals.



*This photo shows the one-room school as it appeared from 1855 to 1920 (photo taken 1913-1914).*



*The two-room school from 1920 to 1952 is shown in this 1942 photo.*



*The school is shown as it appeared from 1952 until it closed in 1972 with five classrooms.*



*This photo shows Hutton House in 2012*



Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Hutton House

June 13th, 2012

1. Call to Order
- The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Vice President Carmen Sprovieri who welcomed about 43 attendees on behalf of the Board of Directors. The meeting was held at the Wonderland location.
2. Motion: Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
- First: Susan Mrnik
- Second: Sue Barnes
- Motion: Carried
3. Motion: Approval of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2012.
- First: Susan Mrnik
- Second: Ruta Rocius
- Motion: Carried
4. Motion: Appointment of Ford Keast LLP as auditor for the year ending March 31, 2013.
- First: Susan Mrnik
- Second: Sandra Hobson
- Motion: Carried
5. Ratification of Acts of the Board.
- Motion: Be it resolved that all by-laws, resolutions, contracts, acts, proceedings, and payments of the Board of Directors and of the officers of the Association enacted, made done or taken since the last Annual General Meeting of members of the Association be and the same are hereby approved, ratified, sanctioned and confirmed.
- First: Carmen Sprovieri
- Second: Sandra Hobson
- Motion: Carried
6. Motion: Appointment of Members of the Board of Directors:
- Motion: That the recommendations within the Nominating Report, as presented, be adopted.
- First: Sandra Hobson
- Second: Susan Mrnik
- Motion: Carried
7. Volunteer Recognition Awards
8. Staff Recognition Awards
9. Motion: Adjournment at 4:45
- First: Carmen Sprovieri
- Motion: Carried

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT




The 2012-2013 year has been a very exciting and busy year for our organization and I am very proud to have been its president.

The celebration of our 60th anniversary was an outstanding success and a tremendous hit with our staff and clients.

As I was writing this report I looked back over the several years I’ve written a report and keep coming back to a previous comment I made:  
“The one thing that stands out so much about what I have learned with Hutton House is that sustained change and the cultivation of new and enlightened concepts and ideas have been the hallmark of this organization since its inception. The more an organization practices and embraces change as a way of life, the more people will begin to see new opportunities for improving how the organization conducts its business and for sharing new ideas and initiatives with others who may be able to benefit from what we have learned”

Over the 60 years this organization has been around I see an organization that has never stopped accepting challenges, supporting its clients and embracing a culture of innovation. It’s organizations like Hutton House that will lead the charge in the next 60 years as Hutton House is committed to its values and goals but always welcomes change and the ability to grow as an organization to better serve clients, staff and the wider community. To those of you who have worked so hard to make the last year so successful, thanks again; and let’s look forward to another year of great achievements at Hutton House.

Respectfully yours,



Paul Coulter


MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*60 and going strong...*

*In October of 1952, the London Association for Handicapped Adults came into being through the perseverance of local citizens who dreamed of a better life for young people with disabilities. How far we have come from the days of the now defunct YMCA Annex and an H-Hut on Quebec Street! Starting with 26 adults engaged in creating crafts, today Hutton House supports over 700 individuals in pursuit of their personal goals. We are proud of our accomplishments over the years but are ever mindful of the legacy that began in 1952 that laid a strong foundation that continues to serve us well as we build toward a future of new possibilities.*

*THANK YOU to all of our staff, volunteers, supporters, partners, families and friends, both past and present. Through your commitment and support we have become a strong organization that is enhancing the quality of life of many individuals in our community.*

*Here are some highlights of our 60th!*



Marilyn Neufeld  
Executive Director

- Thanks to Special Olympics Ontario and the Hay Foundation for donating equipment to the Hutton House Fitness Centre. We were able to acquire a recumbent bike, a progression Olympic bench and rack and a new treadmill. Over 70 participants exercise at the Centre on a weekly basis, so the equipment is being put to good use. Every person receives a fitness program designed to meet their needs. We also have a number of other sites where we provide support, such as the YMCA, Jazzercise, Fanshawe College, etc.
- We were pleased to partner with Special Olympics to provide additional training/practice for athletes qualified for Provincial, National and World Levels of competition. Congratulations to the athletes!





## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Through a special grant from the LHIN (Local Health Integration Network), the Day Break crew was able to purchase two fridges (how much can they possibly eat??), two new recliners (no excuse to slack off!), computers and a new server for the computer lab. Day Breakers are active in the community attending many events and special attractions including Home County, Ribfest, Sunfest, Ska-Nah-Doh village, Port Stanley, and Coyle's Country Store.

ABC Life Literacy Canada continued to partner with Hutton House to offer participants Money Matters workshops and this year they produced a video highlighting the contributions of the TD Bank volunteers, featuring Hutton House. Check it out by going to our website and visiting Programs / Adult Education.

Best Buddies is a program designed to foster friendships between people with intellectual disabilities and students from Fanshawe. This year there were 10 match ups with group get togethers for Valentine's Day and a visit to the Hume Cronin Observatory. For more information email [jenniferv@huttonhouse.com](mailto:jenniferv@huttonhouse.com).

On April 26th Access Voluntarism (AV) received the June Caldwell Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism, along with 6 other organizations from across the province. For the past 14 years, AV has helped more than 500 people with disabilities complete 146,000 hours of volunteering, making meaningful contributions to their community. What a great accomplishment on the part of staff and participants! Not only that, we have completed 14 years in our partnership with the City to keep Storybook Gardens clean for the enjoyment of visitors.

ARTworks kicked off our 60th celebrations with its first art show at Hutton House, opening on April 9th. The Studio Artist program has existed since 2004 and 12 artists exhibited over 100 paintings in a wide variety of mediums. The weather was nasty, but the atmosphere was electric with the exuberance of the artists and fabulous food by the London Training Centre. About 150 art lovers were in attendance and that evening, we sold over 70 paintings! Congratulations to the staff and artists for presenting a first class event!

This year, Employment Services became a Purchase of Service agency for Ontario Works, increasing our capacity to serve even more individuals with disabilities in their search for employment. The Hutton House Learning Centre has never been busier!

Employment Services received funding from Service Canada to sponsor Business Without Barriers, a dinner event to promote the business case for hiring of persons with disabilities. About 90 employers attended to hear Mark Wafer, owner of 6 Tim Horton franchises. In addition, a number of short employment videos were developed as part of a media campaign. They can be viewed on line through the Hutton House website. The event was highly successful and will lead to new opportunities... way to go to those who worked on this project!

Elvis was in the building. A 60th birthday party was held on June 5th with 250 people rocking to the music of Elvis. Great pizza, great fun. We also debuted a video about 60 years of service. It was a great night enjoyed by all. Thanks again to the staff who organized the event....poodle skirts and crinolines are back!



Studio Artist Program - Art Show Gala



60th Celebration



June Caldwell Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism

## HUTTON HOUSE STAFF

### Leadership Team

Marilyn Neufeld - Executive Director  
Jeanette Dutot - Manager of Community Services  
Karen Steinmann - Manager of Employment & Training  
Tilda King - Finance Manager

### Administration

Indira Michel - General Accounting Clerk  
Kathy Labelle - Administrative Assistant  
Kim Neable - Intake Specialist  
Lori Bardy - Technical Systems Administrator  
Mary Munro - Accounting Clerk  
Sherri Clifford - Human Resources Generalist

### Custodians

German Navarrete - Main Building  
Krista Cartier - Main Building  
Philip Gosso - Learning Centre  
Scott Simpson - Learning Centre  
Tom Reeve - Main Building, Day Break

### Fund Development

Jim Belton - Events Coordinator  
Susan Ratz - Communications Coordinator

### Access Voluntarism

Bill Mills - Volunteer Coordinator  
Lori Francis - Community Support Worker  
Paul Martin - Community Support Worker  
Jennifer Bate - Community Support Worker

### Adult Education

Heather Jeffery - Coordinator  
Sally Carlton - AE Assistant  
Stephanie Whitson - AE Literacy Facilitator



### ARTworks / LIFEworks

Judy Morris - Coordinator  
Bob Wallace - ARTworks/LIFEworks Facilitator  
Dick Foster - ARTworks/LIFEworks Facilitator  
Eunice Bretherton - ARTworks/LIFEworks Facilitator  
Margaret Thornicroft - ARTworks/LIFEworks Facilitator  
Noel Rozenveld - Drama/Music Instructor

### Day Break

Jennifer Merrylees - Coordinator  
Community Support Workers:  
Adriana Reyes Velasco  
Alan Murray  
Amy Drulard  
Carmen Quinlan  
Carolyn Miller  
Liz Nicholas  
Jennifer Blane  
Jennifer Elrick  
Mirjana Turkovic  
Nevzeta Velagic  
Nicole Cravo  
Sarah McRae  
Stephanie Schalk

### Employment Services

Robin Hodgson - Service Coordinator

#### Employment Support Program:

Adriana Reina Nino - Computer Instructor  
Crystal Hawkins - Employment Specialist  
Guillermo Anaya - Employment Specialist  
John McCracken - Employment Specialist  
Ruth Foster - Employment Facilitator

#### JOBworks:

Gordon Fansher - Job Developer

#### GPS:

Shakil Popatiya - Coordinator  
Emily Off - Facilitator  
Natalie Coles - Facilitator/Job Developer

#### Youth En Route:

Ayme Craig - Employment Specialist  
Joe Gansevles - Employment Specialist  
Justin Paisley - Employment Specialist  
Tami Clark - Employment Specialist

### Fitness

Kristy Hoornick - Fitness & Wellness Facilitator

### Life Coaching & Wellness

Lisa Havens - Social Worker  
Erin McDougall - Healthy Eating Facilitator

### Passport

Sarah McRae - Community Support Worker

### Pottery Studio

Judy Morris - Coordinator  
Brian Mitchell - Shipper  
Dick Foster - Pottery Technician  
Eunice Bretherton - Pottery Technician  
Krista Cartier - Pottery Room Assistant  
Miriam Andrews - Pottery Room Assistant





## Past Staff



In Memory of Anna Good



## TREASURER'S REPORT



I am pleased to report on the financial position of Hutton House Association for Adults with Disabilities for the year ending March 31, 2013

We received approximately \$3.0 million in various funding allocated for operating expenses during the year, primarily from the Ministry of Community & Social Services, Employment Ontario, the South West Local Health Integration Network and Human Resources and Skills Development Canada. All funds were used to support individuals through our three locations: Hutton House, the Hutton House Learning Centre and Day Break. Other revenue includes the Ministry of Health Promotion, Autism Speaks Canada, the City of London, London Community Foundation, PricewaterhouseCoopers Canada Foundation, fees for service and Hutton House Foundation.

Audited financial statements were prepared by Ford Keast LLP, Chartered Accountants providing an independent opinion on the financial position and operating results of Hutton House for the year ended March 31, 2013. The balance sheet shows total assets of approximately \$2,029,000 (\$2,120,000 in 2012), liabilities of approximately \$915,000 (\$998,000 in 2012), and a resulting net asset position of approximately \$1,114,000 (\$1,122,000 in 2012). The audited financial statements of Hutton House are used in reporting to government and are available to the public upon request.

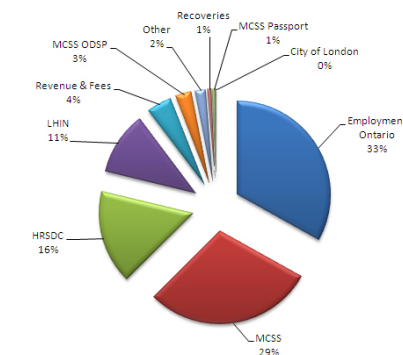
For fiscal 2014 we anticipate that our funding will remain consistent with fiscal 2013.

We move forward with confidence in our commitment to build on our capacity to identify and respond to the needs of existing and potential participants. Thank you to all of our funders, sponsors and volunteers for your continued support.

Susan Mrnik, Treasurer

Audited Financial Statements are available upon request.

## 2014 Anticipated Funding & Revenues



Employment Ontario	\$998,633
MCSS	886,716
HRSDC	491,022
LHIN	330,461
Revenue & Fees	131,039
MCSS ODSP	84,500
Other	56,081
Recoveries	19,000
MCSS Passport	17,095
City of London	1,805
	<u>\$ 3,016,352</u>

## Hutton House Operating Results

Year Ended March 31, 2012

### REVENUE:

Government funding	\$ 2,660,364
Fee for service	111,720
Amortization of deferred contributions	109,574
Operations	60,092
Interest	9,757
Miscellaneous	8,472
Donations & grants	7,060
	<u>\$ 2,967,039</u>

### EXPENSES:

Salaries & benefits	\$ 2,412,014
Occupancy	262,557
Operating	225,825
Amortization	108,150
Purchased services	14,430
Administration	2,582
	<u>\$ 3,025,558</u>

Deficiency of revenue over expenses \$ (58,519)

Revenue from Hutton House Foundation 50,000

Deficiency of Revenue over Expenses \$ (8,519)

Thank You to  
Our Major Funders



Adult Education

Ontario South West Local Health Integration Network

Day Break

Canada Youth Employment Strategy Projects

GPS

Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services

Access Volunteering, Adult Education, ARTworks, JOBworks, LIFEworks, Pottery

Ontario MINISTRY OF TRAINING, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Youth En Route, Employment Support Program, Literacy Basics Skills through the Thames Valley District School Board



MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION



Dear Friends & Supporters:  
As an organization separate from Hutton House, the Hutton House Foundation has a mandate to supplement or enhance the services provided by organizations such as Hutton House, especially where there is a gap between what is needed and government funding. This included assisting over 700 youth and adults with access to programs and services such as Adult Education, Access Voluntarism, ARTworks and Fitness and Wellness where demand constantly exceeds current government funding.

We are incredibly grateful of the support provided by the many donors, event participants, corporate sponsors and volunteers.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank the many friends and supporters of Hutton House Foundation. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!



Sincerely,

Ian Shewan  
President



The 16th Annual West Haven Charity Golf Classic was held on Monday, 16 July 2012. This is the single largest fundraiser for Hutton House raising \$24,800 in support of the 10 different programs offered at our 3 locations.

We are grateful for the wonderful support we received from our golfers, volunteers and many sponsors, especially our major sponsor, West Haven Golf & Country Club.

This is a fun event with a unique format! Golfers competing in 2 person teams play 6 Holes Best Ball, 6 Holes Scramble and 6 Holes Alternate Shot. Our entry fee includes lunch, golf and golf cart (shared), a spectacular gourmet dinner, prizes and lots of fun. Last year our Live Auction included such items as 2 London Knights Packages, a Toronto Maple Leafs Package, and two Gourmet Dinner parties with the food prepared in the winner’s home by the West Haven Chef.

This year the 17th Annual Classic is being held on Wednesday, 17 July

Foundation Board 2012 - 2013

- Ian Shewan, President
- Sue Barnes, Vice President
- Dina Silvestro, Secretary
- Ron Mikula, Treasurer
- David Morrison, Director
- John Kime, Member
- Kim Little, Member

VOLUNTEERS BUILD COMMUNITIES

Volunteers are so important to Hutton House. We thank the volunteers below for their gift of time, caring and sharing.

**Fanshawe College**  
*Autism & Behavioural Science Program:*  
Rebecca Molly  
Lindsey Runhart

**DSW:**  
Najwa Aziz  
Amanda Bent  
Petra Franklin  
Mallory Gratzor  
Samantha Hogg  
Amanda Larade  
Leanne McGee  
Christine Minten  
Bethany Mortlock  
Chris Naylor  
Irma Neufeld  
Erika Oulette  
Erin Petrovskis  
Meril Pinaheiro  
Judith Raju  
Jana Tylechek

**Human Resources:**  
Angela Herrera

**Recreation & Leisure:**  
Amanda Lee  
Ryan Trachsel

**High School Co op**  
Hannah Hunter  
Grainne Kieran  
Emily Stapleton

**Kings College- Social Work**  
Nicole McBeth

**Thames Valley District School Board**  
*PSW*  
Franky Ducharme  
Anyeth Kuot

**University Of Waterloo**  
Valerie Bigelow  
Alicia Bore  
Tiffany Doan  
Nicole Kelday  
Jenna MacArthur

**Western University**  
*Althouse College:*  
Christina Incardona  
*Brescia College:*  
Kathleen Lynch

**YMCA Student Exchange**  
Erika Lelievre  
Florence Picotin

**Access Voluntarism**  
Brian Mitchell

**Adult Education**  
Aya Abdou  
Jin Amber  
Richie Anaud  
Lorraine Bates  
Candida Carr-Harris  
Anita Chengal  
Cindy Deng  
George Dixon  
Al Findlay  
Anne Fingland  
Jihyun Han  
Cathy Heyndrickx  
Amanda Hill  
Duncan Hunter  
Mohammed Jahad  
Wendy Kaelin  
Noren Khamis  
Laurie Lalonde  
James Lee  
Patrick Lee  
Kelly Leong  
Fan Liu  
Micheline MacDougall  
Ruth Ann Mills  
Ahmad Mousa  
Alexandra Nicola  
Emily Rienstra  
Mary Serna  
Ayeesha Shah  
Faye Simmons  
Sally Siu  
Myoungsu Sung (Carson)  
Lindsay Tallett  
Irene Varghese  
Stephen Walmsley  
LondLong Xie  
Yanbin Zhu

**ARTworks/LIFeworks**  
Kaywyn Allison  
Terry Alves  
Joseph Eggett  
Taylor Evans  
Liz Gray  
Patricia Henry  
Jaymin Jeong  
Hiba Loubani  
Laura Mammone  
Kathleen McKeown  
Amy McNutt  
Katie Mills  
Ken Moore  
Anne Ramsey  
Evangeline Rico  
Samantha Robinet  
Matt Stewart  
Michelle Waite  
Robert Yellin

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Dennis Bordin

**Learning Centre**  
Ken McKaig

**Nutrition**  
Marilyn Bastedo  
Ava Lai

**Reception**  
Karl Anderson  
Nadeem Assaf  
Simone Brennan  
Adam Campbell  
Ruth Clow  
Janet Cooper  
Jennifer Cox  
Dana Innanen  
Andrew Mills  
Rosemary Mills  
Lori Miner  
Jane Morley  
Gabriel Ng  
Rhonda Robertson

**Data Entry**  
Alberto Camayo-Barrero  
Sivana Dwarika

**Event**  
Suma Al-Senawi  
Geeta Bhatnagar  
Juliana Bustamante Reina  
Mariana Bustamante Reina

**Fitness & Nutrition**  
Bosi Ding  
Marianne Filson  
David Gatt  
Becky Molly  
Paula Romero  
Adam Shea Hasson  
Annie Soulliere  
Ming Yau

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Gabriel Ng  
Rhonda Robertson

**Translation**  
Marithaz Andagoya

**YER**  
Jonathon Taylor

Hutton House Volunteer Hours

On behalf of all the participants and staff of Hutton House, let me take this opportunity to thank you for your volunteer work in the 2012-13 year. We have recruited more than 50 new volunteers. Our volunteer corp is very fluid and changes quickly, keeping our numbers around 125 at any one time.

We are always seeking volunteers who may stay for a longer time – retirees, working folks etc to join us. Most of our programs have a large student base which brings new ideas and energy but does carry a large turnover throughout the year. We have made good use of the Pillar Non-Profit network website to advertise along with the orientation days at UWO. If you are pleased with your volunteer work at Hutton House – tell your friends of the great contribution they can make supporting Hutton House.

In September of 2013 I began working part time with Hutton House with only the Volunteer Program as my area of responsibility. I would like to thank Lori Francis, Jennifer Bate and Paul Martin for their help with the volunteer program throughout the year and their help with the volunteer reception, and as a valuable link to shared volunteers through the Access Voluntarism Program.

I look forward to supporting you in the coming year and hope you will continue with your outstanding contribution of time and talents to Hutton House.

Bill Mills  
Volunteer Coordinator



Hutton House volunteers made a big contribution in hours last year:

Adult Basic Education	1,600
ARTworks/Fitness/Wellness	1,100
Board of Directors	200
Day Break	50
Employment & Data Base	50
Learning Centre Receptionists	1,400
Students	11,317
Total	15,717



# Congratulations!

**Hutton House Thanks All of Its Dedicated Volunteers and Employees for their years of service!**

## Volunteers



### 20 Years of Service

Sandra Hobson  
Board of Directors



### 10 Years of Service

Ruth Clow - Reception  
Janet Cooper - Reception  
Carmen Sprovieri - Board of Directors

### 5 Years of Service

Ron Mikula - Foundation Board  
Dina Silvestro - Foundation Board



### 3 Years of Service

Karl Anderson - Reception  
Patricia Henry - Wellness  
Wendy Kaelin - Tutor  
Rhonda Robertson - Reception  
Faye Simmons - Tutor



### 2 Years of Service

Candida Carr-Harris - Tutor  
Patrick Ley - Board of Directors  
Hiba Loubani - ARTworks  
Micheline McDougall - Tutor  
Gord Nudds - Board of Directors  
Ruta Pocius - Board of Directors  
Mary Serna - Tutor

## Employees



### 35 Years of Service

Bob Wallace  
ARTworks/LIFEworks Skills Facilitator

### 15 Years of Service

Lori Bardy  
Technical Systems Administrator



### 10 Years of Service

Miriam Andrews, Pottery Assistant  
Ruth Foster, Facilitator GPS



### 5 Years of Service

Jennifer Blane, Community Support Worker, High Needs, Day Break  
Tami Clark, Employment Specialist /Case Manager, YER  
Lori Francis, Community Support Worker, Access Voluntarism  
Lisa Havens, Social Worker  
Justin Paisely, Employment Specialist/CaseManager, GPS Program



### 3 Years of Service

Jennifer Elrick, Community Support Worker, High Needs, Day Break  
Gord Fansher, Employment Specialist /Case Manager, JOBworks  
John McCracken, Employment Specialist /Case Manager, ESP  
Erin McDougall, Healthy Eating Facilitator, ARTworks  
Alan Murray, Community Support Worker, High Needs, Day Break

## A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

“An old-fashioned house on Queens Avenue become a place for 26 handicapped adults to learn that life still held much of interest and usefulness for them. A survey across Canada found that no similar society had been set up to meet this great need! In October of 1952 the Association for Handicapped Adults came into being with R. H. Roberts, a retired school teacher, as President and L. B. Hyde as Vice-President.

The program operated 3 mornings a week out of the YMCA Annex until 1954 when it was torn down. The program was funded by service clubs, church auxiliaries and public donations. Fund-raising activities included the “Blue and Silver Annual Prom” a coffee and sherry hour followed by a fashion show and Firemen’s Association benefit ball games.

While incorporated October 1953, it was on March 29, 1954 that J. P. Robarts presented the Association with the First Ontario provincial charter of its kind ever to be granted. Board members present were A. G. Davidson, Fred Gosnell (later to become Mayor of London), William Metcalfe, Jean Trimbell, Dr. Inman, Mrs. John Jeffrey and Frank Gray (Acting President).

August 6, 1954 an H-Hut at Wolsey Barracks was donated by Keillor Construction and moved to 704 Quebec Street. 35 adults attended twice weekly classes for lessons in leather work, weaving, jewellery making, felt, hooked rugs, ceramics and shell work. The workshop earned \$500 that year, with two thirds of it being returned to the students. The Association operated at that site for 19 years until 1973.

From 1971 to 1973, the Association negotiated with the City of London to purchase the Hutton Road School property through a \$50,000 grant from the City. On September 4, 1973 the agency relocated to 654 Hutton Road. A 5-day workshop program was introduced with a variety of activities available to 38 severely handicapped persons. Life skills, education and work were the primary goals of the Association.

The Association outgrew the 100 year old school. In 1985, the front half of the property was sold and construction began. 1.1 million dollars was raised with Colonel Tom Lawson as the Honourary Chairperson. Hutton House moved to temporary quarters in a local warehouse. The building was ready on August 26, 1986 and officially opened on November 9th. On November 28, 1986 the Hutton House Gift Shop opened its doors in the adjacent Hutton Plaza. In May of 1989, Shoppe in the Park, seasonal retail store, opened in Springbank Park.

The Association changed its name in 1992 to the London Association for Disabled Adults. Today, we provide services and supports to over 700 members of our community. The vision of our forefathers persists with us today as we seek new and innovative ways to accomplish our Mission.

## ABOUT OUR NAME

In 1834, it is likely that there was a log school and four log houses located in clearings surrounded by dense forest. The name Hutton was given to the school because of an uncle of Judge Elliott. Apparently “Daddy Hutton” lived close to the school and was well loved by all the students. It is interesting to note that the Crossans, who had owned farmland adjacent to the Hutton property since the 1880’s, had 4 generations who attended the school and Kelly Bridge (nee Crossan) worked at Hutton House.



## THE HUTTON HOUSE GIFT SHOP

The pottery store is located just inside the front entrance of the Head Office on Wonderland Rd. at Oxford Street. (behind Wendy’s)

Our handmade stoneware is available in four colors, Riverbank, Caribbean Blue, Espresso and Willow. for fabulous gifts for weddings, birthdays, and anniversaries, visit the store.

Store hours are:

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.





# *The Way We Were*

*Hutton House 1952 - 2013*

