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Streetlight Gala Shines Bright: Community comes together to raise \$46,385 for The Busby Centre's Essential and Vital Community Services.



Barrie, Ontario — The Busby Centre proudly announced that its annual *Streetlight Gala*, presented by **Timmerman Timberworks**, raised an incredible **\$46,385** in support of individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk in our community. The event, held at **Tangle Creek Golf & Country Club**, brought together community leaders, partners, and supporters for an unforgettable evening of connection, compassion, and impact.

Although the gala came just shy of its \$55,000 goal, the funds raised will go directly toward providing drop-in days services, emergency overnight shelter, street outreach, supportive housing, and other essential services to hundreds of individuals in Barrie, Springwater, Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, Stayner, Midland and Penetanguishene.

‘Each year, the Streetlight Gala reminds us how powerful community can be when we come together in compassion. Every contribution assists us to support people on their journey from homelessness to housing and brings us one step closer to our community vision of ending chronic homelessness in Simcoe County,’ said Sara Peddle, Executive Director of The Busby Centre.”

A highlight of the evening was the heartfelt story shared by **the Waugh family**, who honoured their late family member, Jeff Waugh's, legacy of resilience and kindness during challenging times. Their words deeply moved guests, reminding everyone of the lasting human impact behind Busby's mission.

The event also celebrated the **2025 Streetlight Gala Award Recipients** for their outstanding dedication and commitment to creating a stronger, more caring community:

- **Community Partner of the Year** – *Elizabeth Fry Society Simcoe Muskoka*
- **Community Champion of the Year** – *The Peggy Hill Team*
- **Volunteers of the Year** – *Lyn Young & Linda Kingston*
- **Staff of the Year** – *Ryan Stephens*

*The Busby Centre holds a special place in our hearts. We're honoured to be recognized and proud to stand with an organization that ensures everyone has a safe place to turn, 'said Peggy Hill, Broker and CEO of The Peggy Hill Team.'***

As The Busby Centre moves into the final months of the year, the organization has set an ambitious **year-end fundraising goal of \$250,000** to continue meeting the growing demand for support and housing services.

Donations can be made through their secure link at: CanadaHelps.org

The success of the 2025 *Streetlight Gala* was made possible thanks to the incredible generosity of sponsors and community partners, including **Timmerman Timberworks, St. Mary's Parish, Powell Jones LLP, Upsight & Sound, Georgian Print and Copy, Tangle Creek, Captured by Michelle, Kool FM, ROCK 95, Barrie 360**, and the many **silent auction donors, volunteers, guests, and community supporters** who made the evening truly special.

The Busby Centre invites everyone to **save the date** for next year's *Streetlight Gala* on **Friday, October 16th, 2026** — an evening that promises even more inspiration, connection, and community spirit.

About The Busby Centre

The Busby Centre is a community not-for-profit organization serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk across South Georgian Bay and Simcoe County. Through shelter, outreach, housing support, and harm reduction services, The Busby Centre works to reduce the impact of poverty and homelessness while empowering people to rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.

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