



SCAW CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter for Volunteers

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50th ANNIVERSARY

The year 2020 is going to be a very special year for Sleeping Children! We'll look back to celebrate 50 years of helping over 1.5 million children, and look forward to continuing our vision of, ***"A world in which every child awakens to a day of possibilities."***

We need your help to plan our amazing 50th year! We are looking for volunteers who would come together as a "50th anniversary committee" to develop a plan for the year 2020. The goal would be to have a yearlong celebration, including our overseas partners, our donors, and our volunteers, covering Canada from coast-to-coast-to-coast and around the world.

If you're interested in joining the committee, please email Dave Dryden at ddryden28@sympatico.ca and help set the stage for great possibilities to come!

REMINDERS

Bedkits make great holiday gifts. Order yours now and check the website for cards that you can send with photos of happy children at distributions. Donations received in fiscal year 2016 surpassed previous years. As a result, an extra distribution of 3,000 bedkits will be done in Tanzania this November. This is certainly something to celebrate on behalf of the children who will benefit.

SLEEP DAY FRIDAY, NOV 3, 2017

Sleep day is generously supported by major sponsor, Choice Hotels Canada, and with sponsorship from Sleep Country Canada.

WHAT DOES THE SCAW BOARD DO?

The SCAW Board of Directors drives our mission, strategy, and goals, to enable all volunteers to transform the lives of children in developing countries by providing bedkits for a good night's sleep. The SCAW Board makes decisions on key matters, including:

- Review and approve distributions to existing countries and initial distributions to new countries
- Review and approve annual financial statements, as well as ensure all government filings are accurate and timely
- Create, review and approve the SCAW strategic plan (*more details on our current strategic plan will be forthcoming in a future newsletter*)
- Approve material changes to operating policies and procedures
- Approve material expenditures
- Launch new initiatives to support SCAW's mission

Your SCAW Board of Directors is here to serve all of you, so if you have any suggestions, ideas, comments, or feedback, please contact any member of the board: Bob Barclay (treasurer), Brian Barr, Dave Dryden (past chair), John Hercus, Richard Hryniw, Maurice Kowanetz (chair and president), Jim Miller, Geneviève Milot, Peggy Morrison, Edward Swanston, Linda Webb (ex-officio, secretary), Debbie Will-Dryden (vice-chair).

IN THE SPOTLIGHT - Clarence Deyoung



October means giving thanks. Clarence thanks his mother for giving him and his 12 siblings the initiative and inspiration to become involved, from a very young age, in volunteering. He is also thankful for having had the opportunity to meet and travel with Murray Dryden. Murray gave him the chance to see how 80% of the world lives and made him grateful for all that he has.

Clarence first heard about SCAW from his daughter who had heard Murray speak at her school. In 1989, he and his wife met Murray and "they were hooked". His first trip (one of over 30!) was to Bangladesh in 1990 and he remembers experiencing culture shock "big-time" but considers that trip a life-changing experience. He says that his biggest hurdle, at home, has been "listening to people complain about nothing". After a trip to Bangladesh, Clarence could not stop thinking about a child who could only walk on his knees. A doctor was found through the Rotary Club, Clarence and his wife offered financial support, and the next time Clarence saw the young man he came walking toward him in a rehab centre.

As well as being a team leader for the majority of his distribution trips, Clarence has sat on the SCAW Board as coordinator of overseas volunteers and has spent time sourcing new volunteer organizations to be overseas partners. He believes that people who volunteer for SCAW are "all doing it for the same reasons" and have the same ideals of helping innocent children. "We are the eyes and ears of our donors, making sure that each child receives a good quality bedkit."