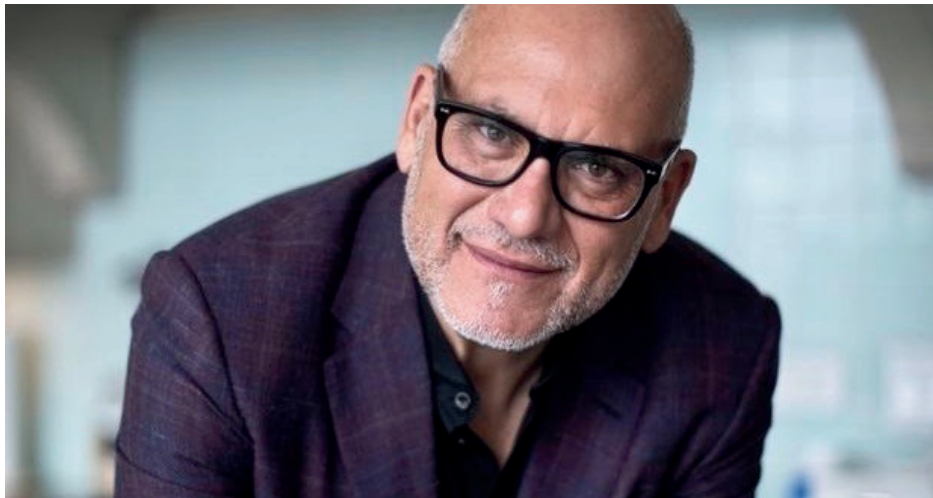




A Season of Growth and Opportunity! Moments that Matter this Spring

A Message from Our Chair



Dear Friends,

Over the years, I have had the privilege of witnessing something truly powerful, what happens when people choose to show up for others. I have seen lives changed, not only for the children we serve, but for those who come to serve alongside them. Today, I invite you to be part of that experience.

In Guatemala and the Dominican Republic, children are growing up in homes that need care and repair.

What may seem small to us can mean safety, dignity, and a renewed sense of hope for them. We are looking for individuals and groups, friends, families, schools, corporate teams, and skilled tradespeople, who feel called to make a difference. You do not need special skills, only a willingness to give your time, your energy, and your heart.

When we come together in these communities, we do more than build homes. We build connection. We share laughter, stories, and moments that stay with us long after we leave. Most importantly, we remind these children that they are seen, valued, and never alone.

This mission is deeply personal to me, and it would mean so much to have you be part of it. If you've ever felt the pull to do something meaningful, this is your moment.

Carmine Nigro Chairman, Friends of the Orphans Canada

Since we last connected ...

Looking back, and to the Future



The Gift of Hope Gala was an evening rooted in connection, reflection, and purpose. From powerful stories to heartfelt conversations, the night brought our community together in a meaningful way.

Together, we raised **\$128,000** with a moving keynote from Erik Bolon, and the generous support of our Gold Sponsors: OnX, VERLY Construction, Lee Li Holdings, and Toronto Congress Centre. It was a reminder of what is possible when we gather with intention and a shared commitment to making a difference.

Scan the QR code to see the Gala Gallery!



2027 Projects are Ramping Up and You're Invited!

Volunteer abroad and make your next vacation a meaningful one

In 2027, we invite you to be part of something truly meaningful. Join us in Guatemala or the Dominican Republic as we work alongside our communities to support property improvements and new builds, including schools and essential living spaces. This experience is about more than construction. It is about connection.



You will spend time within our NPH homes, sharing moments with the children, building relationships, and witnessing firsthand the impact of your presence.

Whether you bring specific skills or simply a willingness to help, your time, energy, and heart will make a lasting difference. Contact our office today to learn more office@fotocan.org

Gathering With Purpose

Join Us for Our Annual General Meeting

We invite you to join us for the Friends of the Orphans Canada Annual General Meeting.

When: May 2, 2026

**Where: Springfield Golf & Country Club
2054 Gordon St
Guelph, ON N1L 1G6**

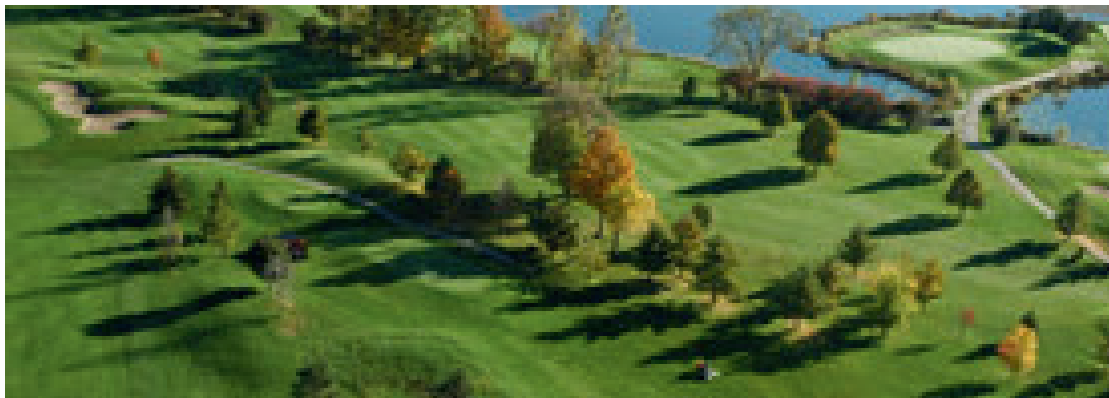
We are pleased to feature **Carmine Nigro**, Board Chair, as our Keynote Speaker, who will share reflections on the past year and the vision for what lies ahead. The day will bring our community together for meaningful connection, reflection, and a shared commitment to the children and families we support.



Schedule

Registration: 10:30 AM Business Meeting: 11:00 – 11:45 AM

Lunch (provided): 12:00 PM Program: 1:00 – 2:30 PM



There is **no cost** to attend, and we are pleased to also include a silent auction and door prizes as part of the day. Seating is limited, and we encourage you to register early.

To reserve your spot, please email office@fotocan.org or call the office at 519-763-9560.

Our Sponsorship Program



Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the children and the homes. As we enter this flourishing season, let's show them they can bloom!

For those who would like to know more about the blessing of being a part of every day life of a child in need please feel free to contact our office to find out how you can make a significant impact in the life of a child or an entire family

SENDING A NOTE TO YOUR CHILD:

We've made it easier to stay in touch with your sponsored child: simply email sponsormail@fotocan.org and your message will be translated and delivered within a week.