

Good-Bye to a Great Friend!



Heinz Haischt
1939 – 2017

On June 19th, we were deeply saddened to learn that one of our long standing supporters and Board members had passed away. Our newsletter had already been sent to the printers, so with this letter we want to acknowledge the legacy of Heinz Haischt, a member of the JFJ family for over 30 years.

Heinz had a passion for and deep commitment to JFJ Hope Centre. It was dear to his heart, as he was to ours. Heinz was an active member of the board, serving over the years as member at large, Board Chair and most recently as Vice-Chair. He was always championing new ways to bring exposure to the work of JFJ and always willing to come out to anything we were doing. Many of you will remember seeing Heinz, along with his wife June, driving through the greens at the annual Golf Tournament, (not always driving where he was supposed to!), greeting people, sharing a laugh and a word of encouragement. Heinz wasn't a golfer but he faithfully supported all JFJ events, leading by example, and making sure everyone was having a good time. .

One aspect of the work we do at JFJ is to challenge our clients, ask the hard questions to make sure they have thought through all aspects of the decisions they are making. In his role on the Board, Heinz did the same with us. Even if he fully supported an idea, he encouraged us to explore every angle and asked questions that we may not have considered. Many times, Heinz would sit at a meeting in quiet contemplation, with a very serious look on his face, waiting for the appropriate time to ask his question. His deep love for the work of this place translated into a desire to make sure we were the best we could be. We have learned much from his wisdom. As JFJ has grown and expanded, we have been privileged to have Heinz walk alongside us.

We were also privileged to get to know the man behind that often serious exterior. Heinz was a man with a big heart and a great love for the Lord. He always asked the staff and board members about their families with interest. He celebrated with us and in down times, encouraged us.

Heinz was a man who gave generously of his time, talents and treasure to JFJ Hope Centre, never wanting any accolades or attention. He was a true servant of the Lord. He inspired and encouraged many of his friends to support this place, and we have been deeply blessed by his passion. We are honoured and privileged to have known him and to call him friend. He will be missed by all of us. *Board & Staff of JFJ*