

community profile

# Together we are giving hope to our community.

The motto of the Charity of Hope is "Where's there's joy, there's hope". Founded by Sam Mercanti and his YMCA handball friends 10 years ago, the Charity of Hope brings a ray of hope to the lives of children who need it the most and to assure them that the world is filled with good people. There are no overhead expenses, so 100% of the money that the charity makes goes directly to the programs and individual causes that help children in our great city. Charity of Hope volunteers and executive committee members live by the following adage: "We shall pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that we can do or any kindness that we can show, let us do it now; let us not defer or neglect it, for we shall not pass this way again."

Charity of Hope is holding a special event called the Dream Street Fundraiser. It will feature performer Brian Melo and football great Nick Setta. The event is March 27 at Carmen's Banquet Centre.

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by calling 905-387-0007 or through [www.charityofhope.com](http://www.charityofhope.com)



Spectator:

**What are you doing to change our community?**

Charity of Hope:

The goal of Charity of Hope is to make a difference in Hamilton and Burlington by helping children that need it the most. Approximately one in four children in our community under the age of 14 live at or below the poverty line, so we strive to fund programs that bring hope to these children by offering them opportunities to be inspired and to develop into outstanding young adults.

Spectator:

**What does the ideal community look like to you?**

Charity of Hope:

Our ideal community is one where every child has opportunities to experience hope and joy in their lives, and for them to know that there are people that care for them and love them. Every child should have the opportunity to pursue their dreams and hope for the best.

The Hamilton Spectator is dedicated to building our community.