



Gail Powless and Brad Hoage
enjoying the All Star Game

All Star Game

The 6th annual Hamilton Homeless Baseball League ended another successful season with a BBQ, player recognition ceremony and an All Star Game! The league has been providing up to 80 men and women with an opportunity to play weekly baseball, engaging in a positive and safe recreational activity. Organized by Wesley's Transitions to Home (T2H) program, in partnership with The City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Emergency Shelter Integration and Coordination Committee (HESICC), the program supports individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness, to obtain housing and also to build skills, develop community and promote participation. Wesley offers a variety of year-round therapeutic recreation opportunities for marginalized individuals including ball hockey, fitness classes, bowling, and creative arts groups.

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Message from Daljit Garry, Executive Director

School is now in full swing and I want to thank all the businesses and individuals who supported Wesley's 6th Annual Knapsack

Drive! Thanks to you, over 500 children and youth began school with new knapsack and supplies. We also had 86 pre-school children with their families participate in our school readiness program to begin full-day kindergarten, ready to succeed.

Fall began with a variety of new programs and locations to better support individuals in our community. We moved our Child Care to a new location and have added several new locations for after school programs.

At Wesley Day Centre, we added weekly life skills programming, such as men's and women's groups, to promote harm reduction and positive change. We are also beginning to offer talking and healing circles, facilitated by De dwa da dehs nye, Hamilton's Aboriginal Health Centre.

Wesley's 22nd Annual Wesley Open Golf Tournament was a beautiful day to play golf and be with friends and co-workers. A remarkable \$70,500 was raised for Wesley's children and youth programs. It was a milestone to raise a netted amount of over \$500,000 since the tournament began!

If you haven't already, please check out our newly designed website, wesley.ca. Our newsletter emails now features an unsubscribe function, to comply with the Anti-Spam legislation.

I invite you to read more about our programs and ways to become involved in our newsletter. We have included a great letter from Megan. It's such a great example of growing up generous!

Thank you again for your support and encouragement as we continue to offer support, every step of the way, to individuals in need in our community.

Sincerely,



Daljit Garry



P.S. Pictured above, the Wesley Golf Committee celebrating that we raised \$70,500, our highest amount yet!

"All Star Game" continued...

"Baseball every Friday ends my week on a great note, I never got to do anything like this before, I made new friends, I get to exercise and enjoy fresh air, I am proud of myself being there every Friday. I haven't missed a day since I started in 2010. I wish more people understood how great it makes us feel and how important it is to us... and how lucky we are to live in Hamilton where these services are available". Player and Umpire

Supporting Wesley!

Dear Wesley,

My name is Megan. I'm 13 years old. Every Friday I get an allowance, each time I get 10 dollars. \$1 for charity, \$5 for fun & \$4 for college/university. I have picked you as my charity. Every year my church (Fifty United) for one day serves shepherd's pie at the centre in December. I help make the food and serve it.

I want you to have this \$23 because I know you can help people with it.

Sincerely,
Megan

Vision:

Wesley Urban Ministries has a vision of community, where justice and compassion guide the way we live, where all members are treated with respect and dignity.

Mission:

- Decrease Barriers by developing and delivering programs that address the needs of people who are marginalized
- Increase Opportunities by providing services that help individuals to achieve their full potential
- Be a model and catalyst for social transformation

Thank you Home Depot!



Wesley Youth Housing residents with Steve Graseki, Home Depot, and Brandi Thompson and Andrea Butters, Wesley Urban Ministries.

Representatives from The Home Depot Canada Foundation presented a \$25,000 cheque to Wesley Urban Ministries as part of the Foundation's Affordable Housing Grant Program. The funding provided will be used to provide upgrades to Wesley Youth Housing's facility to further support at-risk and homeless youth and provide

opportunities for youth to learn the skills needed to live independently. In Hamilton, over 700 youth face homelessness.

"Wesley gave me a new beginning."

"Wesley gave me the key to the door of independence."

Wesley Youth Housing residents

Christmas is Coming!

CHRISTMAS STORE - NEW LOCATION!

Wesley's annual Christmas Store has a new location at 270 Sherman Avenue North. We look forward to continuing our long-standing tradition of providing foods, new gifts and knitted items during the Christmas season to over 5,000 children, youth, adults and seniors living in poverty. 270 Sherman is an industrial building from 1900 that has been transformed from a cotton mill into a creative arts centre. 270 Sherman is an exciting part of renewal in Hamilton and we are pleased to partner with them. **To donate, volunteer or come for a tour, please contact 905 528 2629, info@wesley.ca or visit wesley.ca.**

Please remember Wesley when planning your Christmas gifts. Give a donation to Wesley as a gift to honour a family member, co-worker or friend and we will send a Christmas card to the recipient.



Raising the Roof Toque Campaign

It's the toque that does good and makes you look good!

Join the 17th Annual Toque Campaign, working towards long-term solutions to homelessness. Buy a toque or sell toques at your school or workplace to support Wesley Youth Housing. **New this year** we have matching black and white toques and socks for sale!

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