

Finding a Second Home

Delecia Sorbito moved to Hamilton from the Philippines when her daughter was 5 months old. Delecia came to Hamilton as a new mom, living in a new country, without any extended family nearby. She was not sure where to look for support. Luckily, a new friend in her apartment building advised her to visit Wesley's programs for young families.

Since then, Wesley's Ontario Early Years Centre on Queen Street has become a second home that she now visits with her 3 children, ages 5, 3 and 18 months.

"The programs are very accessible to us. We've found lots of friends. It is so multicultural and we can integrate with the community very easily!" says Delecia.

Due to her close proximity to the centre, she is even able to walk there during the cold winter months. She credits Wesley for helping her children learn their ABCs, shapes, colours and how to socialize with other children.

Delecia beams when she talks about her children. Aiyana, 5, is already very confident and independent from her experiences at Wesley and is ready for Junior Kindergarten in the fall. Her middle child Kern, 3, loves Wesley's gym time and playing with playdough.



The youngest child Kaidden, 18 months, is happy to be where his mom is and has recently dabbled in some paint in a Baby Picasso program!

As a very proud and capable mother, who loves her family dearly, she credits Wesley for the confidence and knowledge she has gained over the past 4 years. What surprises her the most is that Wesley's programs are absolutely free. Here at Wesley, we couldn't be more proud of her, her family and their bright future ahead.

Message from Daljit Garry, Executive Director



It is wonderful to enjoy spring! Here at Wesley Urban Ministries, we have a lot of new growth and life to celebrate.

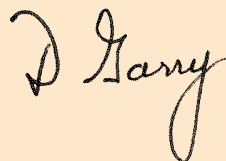
We are excited to offer 6 special events to celebrate our 60th anniversary. The first event is a Newcomer Art Show for World Refugee Day on Saturday, June 20, 12 pm – 3 pm at Tourism Hamilton at The Lister Block, 28 James Street North. Everyone is welcome! Please see this newsletter for more details on our other events.

To launch the 24th Annual Case for Kids Walk, Run, Ride, we have a new video sharing the difference Wesley has made to a young adult since his childhood. Watch the 2 minute video at wesley.ca and join the walk to end child poverty!

We are beginning several new program initiatives. We have a new Halton Housing First Case Manager position that will engage with individuals or families who are homeless or live in shelters and will help secure housing. We have a new Chef position, planning and cooking for Wesley Day Centre, Special Care Unit and our Child Care Centre, working to increase the ways we use local produce and serve nutritious and diverse meals.

As always, thank you to our supporters, like the students at triOS College, for your outstanding commitment to supporting individuals in need. I wish you a wonderful spring!

Sincerely,



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 triOS College!



Students from Hamilton triOS College campus recently presented a \$500 cheque to Wesley Urban Ministries. At Christmas, they had a competition among the 9 triOS campuses to see who could donate the most toys for children in need. The Hamilton triOS College campus donated 1,377 toys and won the competition. As a prize, they received \$500 they could donate to charity of their choice. The whole school voted and Wesley won! When asked why they chose Wesley, the students shared that "Wesley finds homes for the homeless", "welcomes a diversity of participants" and "makes a difference in the lives of others". Thank you!

Mother's Day Tea at Bella of Ancaster

Saturday, May 9, 2015

11:30 am – 2:30 pm, \$75

Help at-risk Moms living in poverty achieve independence.

Reserve your spot **905 648 5255** or visit **wesley.ca**



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6 Special Events to Celebrate Wesley's 60th Anniversary

1. World Refugee Day Art Show, **Saturday, June 20**
2. Canada Day Picnic for children & families, **Friday, June 26**
3. Senior's Tai Chi & Tea, **Saturday, July 18**
4. Youth Basketball Game, **Tuesday, August 25**
5. Gala Dinner for Housing & Homelessness participants, **Thursday, September 17**
6. 60th Anniversary Open House, **Wednesday, September 23**

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Please join us! For more information visit **wesley.ca** or contact **905 528 5629** or **info@wesley.ca**

24TH ANNUAL

CASE FOR KIDS
WALK, RUN, RIDE

Join the Walk to End Child Poverty!

Sunday, June 7th, 2015

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Bayfront Park, Hamilton

For more information,
to register or sponsor the event:
905 528 5629, info@wesley.ca
wesley.ca

23rd Annual Wesley Open Golf Tournament



Monday September 14, 2015
Century Pines Golf Club

12:30 pm start

Register or Sponsor:
wesley.ca or **905 528 5629**