

# "It felt like I had no one in my corner"

Iain volunteered at a Case for Kids fundraising dinner this spring and spoke enthusiastically about his current life.



Since March 2015, he has been living at Wesley Youth Housing and began the program with a heavy dependence on alcohol.

"I was unemployed and didn't have any aspirations towards finishing high school. I was depressed and I felt alone. It felt like I had no one in my corner," he said.

Iain credits the staff at Wesley Youth Housing for offering him, "unconditional support and a helping hand. They always assured me of my potential and pushed me to try to do a little bit better every day." He worked hard and achieved sobriety in September 2015. Iain proudly shares that he is now eating healthy, working out, employed and, "most importantly – I'm still sober. Wesley provided me with an opportunity that I thought I'd never get - to believe in myself and shoot for a better life."

Congratulations to Iain and all the youth at Wesley Youth Housing working every day to improve their lives!

## Message from Daljit Garry, Executive Director



### Thanks to everyone who supported Wesley's 25th Annual Case for Kids event!



We had a great turn out of people and pets and we're excited to announce that this year's event raised \$105,000 for children and youth programming in Hamilton.

The same weekend as Case for Kids, a Welcome to Hamilton benefit concert featured The National along with sets by Hayden, Kevin Drew and

Terra Lightfoot. On World Refugee Day, the Supercrawl and Straight & Narrow Artist Management teams along with Terra Lightfoot stopped by to make a \$50,000 donation from the concert in support of newcomer youth in Hamilton. Thank you to everyone involved!

There are many opportunities to become involved with Wesley this summer and into the fall through our Knapsack Drive, Wesley Open Golf Tournament and our 2nd Annual Gala Dinner served to our Housing & Homelessness participants. Your involvement can make a life-changing difference to a child, youth or adult.



Thank you for all your support and have a wonderful summer!



\$50,000 cheque presented by Welcome to Hamilton on World Refugee Day

## 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



## Wesley's 7th Annual Knapsack Drive

Wesley's 7th Annual Knapsack Drive has doubled the goal from 500 to 1,000 knapsacks to include Syrian newcomers.

### Give back - fill a knapsack!

1 in 4 children in Hamilton live in poverty. Help them start the school year with the tools for success! Fill a Knapsack, Make a Donation or Host a Drive.

More info at [wesley.ca](http://wesley.ca) or call 905 528 5629 ext. 240.

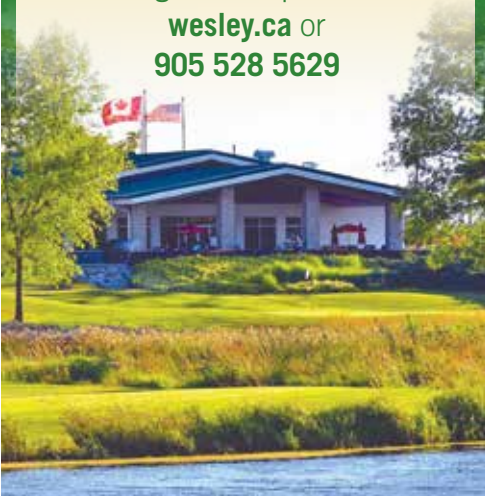
## 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL Wesley Open Golf Tournament

**Monday September 12, 2016**  
**Century Pines Golf Club**

12:30 p.m. start

Register or Sponsor:

[wesley.ca](http://wesley.ca) or  
905 528 5629



## 2nd Annual Gala Dinner



Richard was one of 100 Housing & Homelessness participants at last year's Gala Dinner and describes his experience as, "a very good night. I was so full, and the beef tenderloin was amazing. There was even a gift bag with shampoo, soap, coffee gift card and more!" Support the 2nd Annual Gala Dinner on Thursday, September 22, 2016.

To learn more, or to become a sponsor, visit [wesley.ca](http://wesley.ca) or call 905 528 5629 ext. 248

*Annette Hamm of CHCH, and Darren Green of Hamilton Steelworkers, helped to serve 100 Housing & Homelessness participants at our 60th Anniversary Gala Dinner*