



Support, every step of the way

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Winter 2016



Photo courtesy of The Hamilton Spectator and John Rennison

Group of Syrian refugee boys run to the soccer ball

Wesley Welcomes Refugees

Over forty Syrian Refugee children and their parents spent a morning at Soccer World, running, jumping and having fun! This was a reprieve from the important settlement work of housing, health and education. This includes setting up bank accounts, having health assessments, getting up to date vaccinations, securing housing and participating in orientations about life in Canada. For school age children, they also participate in a school assessment and school readiness program. Since December 21, 2015, Wesley has welcomed over 500 Syrian Government Assisted refugees, including many children and youth, and the numbers continue to rise. This is a significant undertaking, however, we have been motivated and enthused by the level of local community interest and the outpouring of support from a range of individuals, community partners and groups. To learn more about how you can become involved with welcoming refugees, please visit wesley.ca and click Syrian Refugee Information Portal.

Message from Daljit Garry, Executive Director

I have personally witnessed a tremendous outpouring of community support! I am truly honoured by the many individuals, businesses, faith groups and schools that have stepped forward to offer support for our new Syrian Refugee Fund, annual Holiday appeal and Christmas Store. It is only with your help that we can offer critical supports for homeless and vulnerable adults, programs for children and youth living in poverty and compassion to refugees fleeing war and trauma.

Our 60th anniversary ended with so many highlights, including Steve Strongman's Annual Christmas Show and the Young Entrepreneurs & Professionals (YEP) Hamilton's Muletide Celebration, all to benefit Wesley. Visit wesley.ca and click 60th Anniversary for our 60th Anniversary Video and Annual Report.

We have much to look forward to in 2016, including our 25th Annual Case for Kids Walk, Run, Ride on Sunday June 5, 2016 to support our children and youth programs.

Whether you are new to Wesley or have been with the organization from the early days at Wesley United Church, I offer my sincere thanks and look forward to our year together.

Sincerely,

Bluesman Steve Strongman at the Bay City Music Hall to support Wesley



Photo courtesy of Ivan Sorensen Photography

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

NEIGHBOURHOOD & NEWCOMER SERVICES

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

2nd Annual

Hawaiian Bowl-A-Thon



Support Wesley's Housing & Homelessness Programs

Saturday February 13, 2016

Skyway Lanes

235 Melvin Ave. Hamilton

2pm – 4pm

\$20 Per Player
and \$100 Lane Sponsorship

Fun for all ages and families!

905 528 5629 ext. 240

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Thank you



Katrina and Jacob volunteer at Wesley's Christmas Store

Wesley's 2015 Christmas Store provided food, gifts and knitted items to 824 households, including 831 children and 1,306 adults. Raj Matharu, Wesley's Christmas Store Coordinator, shares, "We had a great selection of toys which made all the kids very happy. No words to describe how amazing the volunteers were!".

Thank you to all the individuals and groups that generously gave their time, talent and treasure!

We have volunteer opportunities in our kitchen, sorting donations, helping with special events and assisting seniors, refugee families and children. Contact rebecca.young@wesley.ca or 905 528 5629 ext. 240

GIFT IN KIND DONATIONS NEEDED

- Hygiene items (ex. deodorant, razors, towels, facecloths, refillable water bottle, combs, socks, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene items)
- Nut free snacks (ex. individual sized apple sauce, fruit bars, granola bars, fruit cups, crackers)
- Paperback books and magazines
- Knitting needles, yarn, crochet needles and thread

**Drop off at Wesley Day Centre,
195 Ferguson Ave. North**

Save the Dates!

25th Annual Case for Kids Walk Run Ride

Sunday June 5, 2016
Bayfront Park

24th Annual Wesley Open Golf Tournament

Monday September 12, 2016
Century Pines Golf Club

Sponsor or sign up! 905.528.5629 or wesley.ca