



35% Drop in Chronic Homelessness in Hamilton



Murray Prentice, Homeless to Housed in Hamilton

Hamilton has had the most significant drop in chronic homelessness across Canada and we're proud to have contributed to this outcome. The number of individuals who have experienced homelessness for six months or longer in Hamilton dropped 35 per cent between 2014 and 2015, according to the 20,000 Homes Campaign by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness.

Through our programming, 92 chronically homeless individuals have been housed in the past year, with a 91% housing retention rate. Murray Prentice is one of the folks we've have the privilege of supporting:

"I was 18 and I was homeless. I was living on the street. One day, some guy came up to me and was like, 'Go to the Wesley Centre – they feed you, you can shower, you can do this and you can do that..' I said, 'OK, I'll go try it. So I tried it, and I liked it. They provided everything I needed. Wesley is good, because it's for everyone. It's important to have places like that. I've been going to [Wesley] for 12 years. It's essential."

Congratulations to our participants, volunteers, donors and staff for contributing to this significant decrease in chronic homelessness! You can become involved by volunteering, making a donation or organizing a food or hygiene items drive. More info at wesley.ca or contact andrea.buttars@wesley.ca or 905 528 5629 x 248.

Message from Daljit Garry, Executive Director



Thanks to your support, it's been a wonderful start to fall at Wesley!

Many donors made it possible for a record number of children and youth to begin school with new knapsacks loaded with lunch bags, water bottles and school supplies.

Our 24th Annual Golf Tournament was a beautiful day for golf and raised over \$68,000 for children and youth. Visit our YouTube channel for our 'Summer Camp at Beasley' video shown at our Tournament.

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Horizon Utility Gift Bags and variety of musical guests made our 2nd Annual Gala Dinner a wonderful success. This special meal is served to 100 of our Housing & Homelessness participants to honour positive change in their lives.

An outstanding 138,189 hot meals were served last year to children, families, adults and seniors in our programs. Thank you to all volunteers, donors and staff that made this possible!

As you can see, there is much to be thankful for at Wesley. I invite you to become involved with our community supports and help make a life-long difference to individuals in need.

Sincerely,



Leigha is featured in our "Summer Camp at Beasley" video and loved visiting the garden!

Employment Services

Wesley Employment Services is a one-stop shop to help job seekers find training and gainful employment. Free training, interview preparation, referrals, second career applications and more! Contact our team of professional Career Counsellors and Job Developers if you are looking for a job or are an employer with a position to fill.

Visit wesley.ca/employment, call 289 396 5864 or email employment.services@wesley.ca

KNAPSACK DRIVE



New Knapsacks & Supplies Were Given A Big Thumbs Up!

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!



Church Contact Network Volunteers Celebrate 20 Years of Helping Wesley

Christmas & Holiday Store

Food & New Gifts for Children, Youth & Adults

NEW 2016 LOCATION!

1974 King Street East (Pioneer Memorial United Church)

HSR Access

Registration information at wesley.ca

To donate or organize a gift or food drive, contact andrea.buttars@wesley.ca, 905 528 5629 x 248.

To volunteer, contact rebecca.young@wesley.ca, 905 528 5629 x 240.



Raising the Roof Toque Campaign



"The only thing more Canadian than a toque is the generosity of our people who understand that homelessness is unacceptable, and a problem that can be solved." Stephen Gaetz, Board President and Director of the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness

Help solve youth and adult homelessness in Hamilton by buying a toque, mittens or ball cap! Visit wesley.ca or contact rebecca.young@wesley.ca or 905 528 5629 x 240.