



Case for Kids t-shirt contest

Zion jumped up and down with excitement when she first saw her drawing on the Case for Kids t-shirt. Zion, a grade 3 student, was selected as the winner of our Case for Kids t-shirt contest. Zion described her artwork as herself with her dog, **“I am the girl with the cute eyes and hair. I am holding a fork to have a picnic with my dog. The dog is helping me set up the picnic with a blanket and food.”** Zion has an actual dog named Hershey but her dog now lives with her Dad and she lives with her Mom.

When asked about herself, Zion says, **“I like happiness, excitement and cupcakes! I like to draw a lot.”** Then she seriously adds in a quieter voice, **“I am an artist. That is why I drew this picture.”** Staff at the after school program were thrilled when Zion was chosen as they know it will be a big boost to her self-confidence. When asked about what she likes about Wesley’s programs, Zion said she likes all the staff, her friends, the food, the games and the stories.

Zion attends one of our after school programs in a lower city ward. A recent Social Planning and Research Council report was recently profiled in The Hamilton Spectator and found, **“A new study of economic data shows poverty remains a persistent problem in Hamilton’s lower inner city. About 34 per cent of all children in the five lower city wards lived in poverty.”**

Message from Daljit Garry, Executive Director

Congratulations to Zion and thank you to our many generous donors and funders that make our children’s programs possible!

Join us at the 26th Annual Case for Kids on Sunday June 4, 2017 at Bayfront Park, to help Zion and thousands of other children and youth living in poverty. I hope to see you then!

I wanted to share that we have recently expanded our supports for homeless youth, adults and families in the Halton Region. For more information visit wesley.ca/halton

We continue to offer all our programming in Hamilton, including the Transition to Home program which has been highly successful in helping the homeless, with a nearly 100% rate of housing retention.

We are pleased to have welcomed and settled 1,654 refugees from December 2015 – December 2016. Learn more in the Syrian Refugee Information Portal at wesley.ca

It’s an exciting summer ahead with our annual Knapsack Drive and the NEW Great Hamilton Scavenger Hunt app and Baseball & BBQ event. We look forward to your support!

Sincerely,

26th Annual

CASE FOR KIDS WALK, RUN, RIDE

End Child Poverty!

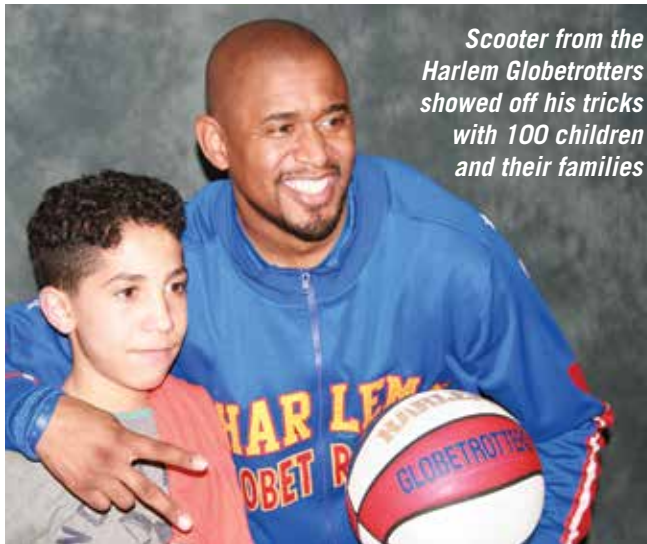
Sunday June 4, 2017

1:00 pm

Bayfront Park, Hamilton

For more information, or to register:

wesley.ca/c4k2017 905 528 5629 x 240



Scooter from the Harlem Globetrotters showed off his tricks with 100 children and their families

"I liked seeing Scooter's basketball tricks! It was my first time seeing a basketball player in real life!"
- Yazen, Syrian Newcomer

25TH ANNUAL Wesley Open Golf Tournament

Support Children & Youth Programs

Monday, September 11, 2017
Century Pines Golf Club

12:30 pm

Register or Sponsor:

wesley.ca/golf/ or
905 528 5629 x 240



NEW! From June – September 2017, **The Great Hamilton Scavenger Hunt** app will see players exploring our diverse city, taking in 150 festivals, culture, food, nature and visiting partner locations.



Visit wesley.ca/scavengerhunt to become involved.

Volunteers Needed



"When I use the Shopping by Bus program and get help carrying and lifting the groceries, I am not as tired when I get home. I am then able to put away my groceries. This program is so helpful!"

Rozina Anna Hoffman shops with Mike Forester, our Senior's Outreach Worker as part of the Shopping by Bus program. Join our volunteer team by contacting rebecca.young@wesley.ca or 905 528 5629 x 240.

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