



Support, every step of the way

June 30, 2014

**"City crime rate drops again,"** headlines Hamilton Spectator article, May 14, 2014. With a 13% drop last year, combined with the 19% drop in 2012, police credit **"...partner agencies such as Wesley Urban Ministries, (who) help those with mental health and addiction issues from becoming criminals."**

Dear Friends:

It is only because of you, our respected donors, that the Hamilton Police can credit us for this significant reduction in criminal activity. **Generous donations from people just like you, allow us to support, every step of the way, at-risk children, youth and adults every day. From reducing criminal behavior, to increasing the safety of Hamilton, we are dedicated to creating lasting impacts in the lives of individuals and high-priority neighbourhoods.**



An April 2014 research study credited Wesley for the impact we have had on the lives of chronically homeless individuals in Hamilton. Researchers, Dr. Julia Woodhall-Melnik, St. Michael's, and Dr. Jim Dunn, McMaster University, studied Wesley's Transitions to Home program (T2H) and long-term homelessness. They found that since 2010, **over 300 chronically homeless participants** have spent fewer nights in emergency shelters and were more likely to secure and maintain housing with help from our program.

**This program is just one of the many ways we are helping those with mental health and addiction issues to end their use of emergency, shelter and law enforcement services.**

As school ends and the weather heats up, we need your help **more than ever** to ensure we can continue to offer a wide range of supports to at-risk individuals and high-priority neighbourhoods.

For individuals living in poverty, summer can be a time of heat alerts, boredom, high-risk street involvement, and no place to go. Many of our families experience food shortages in the summer with their children home from school and rely on us to help.

We are relying on your donation to be able to offer the following services this summer:

- *\$100 one-time donation - 1 week of summer camp for a child from a high priority neighbourhood, including bus transportation for a special outing*
- *\$250 one-time donation - equipment and food for one Homeless Baseball League's game through Wesley's T2H program*
- *\$500 one-time donation - food sealer that meets commercial standards to freeze donated fruit and vegetables to use year-round*
- *\$50 monthly donation (\$600 annually) - a nutritious lunch for 200 homeless adults and vulnerable seniors, meeting Canada's Food Guide*
- *\$100 monthly donation (\$1,200 annually) - skill-based workshops for 100 at-risk youth or 100 chronically homeless adults to learn positive life change*

Please donate and make a difference for a child, youth, adult or senior this summer!

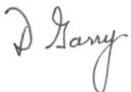
With 20%, almost 100,000, of Hamilton residents living in poverty, 24% being children under the age of 14, the need is greater than ever before.

Please donate securely at wesley.ca. Our fundraising costs are a low 4% which ensures your donation is directly making a difference!

**Don't forget to sign up for our E-Newsletters & Updates!** This is a great way for us to share how your donation is making a difference, and helps reduce costs related to paper and postage. **All individuals that sign up are put in a monthly draw for a restaurant gift card.** We value our donors' right to privacy and are ensuring we comply with the new July 1, 2014 Anti-Spam Legislation.

Thank you for remembering Wesley Urban Ministries this summer. I hope you have a very enjoyable and restful summer!

Sincerely,



Daljit Garry  
Executive Director

P.S. Please find the Transitions to Home Report at wesley.ca to learn more about the difference we are making with your support. As one T2H participant shares:

*"You're on the fringes of everything, not just society, everything...no social insurance number, no present resident address, none of the ID you need to get any kinda quality help, healthcare, whatever it be, you still need a spot. And you need a spot where you can lock the door. So that you can start piecing this back together...your ID, relationships, getting a hold of yourself."*