



Happy Spring!!!!!!!

It's wonderful to see the world greening up around us and I know that a number of the hubs are busy planning outside events and celebrations.

We are pleased to provide this third edition of TPT Connects hub e-blast to the neighbourhood hub and foundational grant recipients from TPTII. We hope you will find it informative and helpful. If you have any questions or have any information you would like to share with other grantees, please call Sharon or Tami at 905-523-5600 or e-mail s.charters@hcf.on.ca or t.henderson@hcf.on.ca. As always, we would appreciate your help in forwarding this edition on to the other members of your hubs.

What about next year?

We are in the process of reviewing applications for TPT II, Round 2: 2009-10. Thank you to all of the applicants for the hardwork that goes into writing these applications. Over the next several weeks the applications will be reviewed by members of our TPT Advisory Committee and their recommendations will go the Board of Directors in mid-June for final decisions. We will get back to the applicants as soon as possible after that date to let them know the Board's decisions

Learning/Networking opportunities ...

We'd like to share with you the following information on learning and networking opportunities:

The Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction extends an invitation to the "Report to the Community 2009: Poverty Reduction in a Changing Economy" on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at Liuna Station from 8 am to 12 noon. To reserve your spot, please call or e-mail 905-523-5600 ext. 222 or hrpr@hcf.on.ca.

There is a City wide Public Forum on Poverty and Health being held on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at First Pilgrim United Church (200 Main St. E., Hamilton) from 1:30 to 4 pm. You are invited to come and voice your concerns, share your stories and bring your ideas for social and health reforms. For more information, call: 905-383-5484 or 905-741-1433.

News from the "hoods"...

YOUTH ARE ON THE MOVE IN THREE OF THE TPT II NEIGHBOURHOODS!

Keep your eyes open for young people in the CATCH, Jamesville, and McQuesten neighbourhoods as they carry out youth-led projects over the summer months. When youth lead the way, the community is strengthened by their energy and commitment!

Congratulations to the South Sherman and Crown Point hubs in electing their new Executives.

Check It Out – the McQuesten neighbourhood hub will be holding their “McQuesten Crawl” on May 20th. The crawl will include open houses at their 3 sites in East Hamilton. For more information, contact Pat Reid at mcquestenpt@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed – the McQuesten neighbourhood hub will be having a playground build at 2 Oriole Crescent on June 6th. If you can help out, please contact Jessica Duarte at jduarte.harrp@gmail.com.

Want to See Asset Mapping in Action – the new Riverdale neighbourhood hub will be having an asset mapping day on June 20th at the Dominic Agostino Recreation Centre. For more information, contact David Derbyshire at 905-528-5629, Ext. 235.

From Environment Hamilton - **Need something new to do this summer with your family?**

In 2008, Environment Hamilton created an environmentally friendly tourism program that appeals to visitors and residents of Hamilton. The project involves cross-promotion between the Hamilton Street Railway (HSR), and tourist destinations throughout the city. The **Passport to Hamilton** program gives people discounts at more than 70 tourist destinations, city recreation centres, eating establishments and retail outlets as long as they arrive with a valid HSR day pass. For \$8, **the entire family** of up to six people, (max 2 adults) can use the HSR day pass to ride the HSR all day. For example, 2 single parents with 2 children each can use the day pass together. That is only \$4 for each family!

Currently the **Passport to Hamilton** project offer discounts to more than 70 destinations. The project highlights establishments such as the FRWY Café, Memories of Thai, the City of Hamilton's Recreation Centres and Civic Museums and the Farmer's Markets. The web site is constantly being updated with sites such as three different Hutch's restaurants, two different bowling alleys as well as some retail outlets. The typical discount is buy one, get one free or 10% off your food bill!

Keep your eyes open for the 2009 **Passport to Hamilton's** map. We are expecting to launch the map that includes the updated participants during the first week of June.

For more information, please contact Brenda Johnson, Environment Hamilton, 905-549-0900.

TPTII Evaluation ...

We are working with Dr. Arnold Love to develop a template which will be used to take a “case study” approach to the evaluation of the neighbourhood hubs. We will be contacting you later in May to set up a date to bring the hubs together to share the template. Most of the projects have final reports due in July so we want to have this in place before then.

Funding Opportunities...

The next deadline for funding applications to the Ontario Trillium Foundation is July 1st, 2009. You can check out their criteria and priorities on their website at www.trilliumfoundation.org. You are encouraged to call Susan West at 905-523-1789 before submitting an application.

HCF facts ...did you know...

In partnership with the Hamilton Spectator, Hamilton Community Foundation provides subsidies which allow approximately 1,000 children in need to attend summer camp.

Remember ...

Henry Ford once said, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."