



## Enough Already!!!!!!!

Apart perhaps from the ardent skiers – the rest of us have pretty well had enough of the snow – just remember.... its only 56 days to Spring!

In the meantime, we are pleased to provide this second edition of TPT Connects hub e-blast to the neighbourhood hub and foundational grant recipients from TPTII 2008-09. 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](mailto:s.charters@hcf.on.ca) or [t.henderson@hcf.on.ca](mailto: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?

I know that a number of you are wondering about the opportunity to apply for TPTII funding for 2009-10. At this point we are finalizing the proposed strategy and it will be presented for approval to the Board of Directors of the Foundation on February 10<sup>th</sup>. What I can share with you at this point, is that we anticipate eliminating the Letter of Intent stage which will allow us (and you) more time in the review process. We will be holding a community meeting to let everyone know of the strategy shortly after the Board meeting and will advise you of the details as soon as possible.

## Site Visits

We are looking to set up site visits with each of the neighbourhood hubs between February 9<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> to provide an opportunity for TPT Advisory Committee members to see the hubs and learn about what has been happening. We will be in touch but in the meantime would appreciate you giving thought as to when would be a good time.

## Learning/Networking opportunities ...

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

Hamilton Wentworth District School Board – 2009 Speaker Series presents...”**Homeless to Harvard**”, the inspiring journey of how Liz Murray went from being homeless to attending Harvard University. Liz will be at Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> to tell her story. Childcare, bus tickets and a free light dinner will be provided. For more information, go to [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca).

**Hamilton Social Enterprise Network** – This new network has extended an invitation to everyone interested in social enterprises to attend a community network meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. at Mohawk College, G Wing Main Floor. To register, please call 905-574-9344 ext. 101 or email: [info@todaysfamily.ca](mailto:info@todaysfamily.ca).

**Vibrant Communities Seminar Series** – On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Caledon Institute of Social Policy and Vibrant Communities will host a tele-conference call entitled “Reducing Poverty – Ten Core Policy Areas”. Learn more about the elements that are key to any poverty strategy, the roles that communities can play in policy development and some of the interventions that help place-based initiatives create more durable change. We can arrange to participate in the call at the Foundation, so please let us know if you are interested.

**From Neighbourhood to Neighbourhood: Building a Common Agenda** – Sherri Torjman of the Caledon Institute will present her new report “Community Roles in Policy” (available on their website at [www.caledoninst.org](http://www.caledoninst.org)) on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. The location is to be announced. For further information and to RSVP, please contact Christina Walters at SPRC, 905-522-1148, ext. 308 or [cwalters@sprc.hamilton.on.ca](mailto:cwalters@sprc.hamilton.on.ca).

## TPTII Evaluation ...

A friendly reminder to ensure that you submit your interim reports by the date requested. There are 3 different forms so please call if you are unsure of which one you should be completing. We look forward to learning more about all the great work going on.

## Funding opportunity – by youth for youth

The **Youth Advisory Council** of the **Hamilton Community Foundation** is pleased to announce the fourth year of its granting program for **Youth-led Community Action Projects**.

The focus of this program is on **youth-initiated and youth-run** projects that will have sustainability in the community, school, or neighbourhood. We invite you to apply for grants of up to \$2500 with secured matching funding. Projects are to be completed during 2009.

The deadline for applications is **February 27, 2009**. For further information check our website [www.hcf.on.ca](http://www.hcf.on.ca) under Youth or contact: Linda Hughes, Adult Advisor, Youth Advisory Council, Hamilton Community Foundation

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## HCF facts ...did you know...

- Since it was founded in 1954, HCF has granted \$51.6 million to the community.

## Remember ...

“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”

Mohandas Gandhi