



Drum roll pleaseIntroducing...

Hi Everyone – welcome to our first edition of “TPT Connects E-Blast”. We hope you will find it to be a helpful source of information. We anticipate sending it to you periodically and if you have any questions or have any information you would like to share with the other hubs, please call Sharon or Tami at 905-523-5600 or e-mail s.charters@hcf.on.ca or t.henderson@hcf.on.ca. This first edition is being sent to the individuals we have in our records as the hub contacts and we are asking them to share it with others. If you would like to receive it directly, please send us a quick e-mail and we will ensure you are added to the list. We are also sending it to recipients of TPTII foundational grants, many of which are working together with the neighbourhood hubs.

We are pleased to introduceJen Heneberry

Jen Heneberry is the Program Officer – Environment at HCF. She reviews environmental grant applications, does research about environmental issues and responds to inquiries about funding for environmental initiatives. Does your hub have questions about incorporating the environment into your work? Do you have environmental projects that you are interested in starting, but you have questions or need assistance? Are you interested in learning more about the environment? Contact Jen to get information and resources, and she can also connect you to environmental groups working in Hamilton that can assist you with greening your hubs. (j.heneberry@hcf.on.ca).

Learning opportunity ...

We'd like to give you a friendly reminder to register for the conversation with Dr. Roz Lasker on Monday, November 3, 2008 from 9:30 to 11:30. We hope that each of the hubs will be able to include some resident members.

Our heartfelt thanks ...

We would like to thank everyone for welcoming Dr. Arnold Love to discuss the evaluation of the TPTII initiative. We look forward to hearing and learning more about the difference your work is making in Hamilton's neighbourhoods.

Offering an after school program and feeling overwhelmed ...

School Age Solutions, a network of service organizations who operate after school programs, can offer you a mentor to help with your learning on how to operate a safe, quality after school program. For more information contact Brenda Ferguson, Today's Family, 905-574-9344 Ext. 108.

Mohawk College

A reminder that Mohawk College will be presenting a "Hub Crawl 2008" event for Wednesday, Nov. 5 at noon at Mohawk College. It's an opportunity for neighbourhood hubs and community partners to meet and connect with Mohawk professors and talk about potential community - college partnerships.

Funding opportunity

Service Canada has announced a November 1st deadline for applications to the New Horizons Seniors Funding for **capital projects**. Up to \$25,000 is available to non-profit organizations that have been delivering community programs and activities for seniors for the last two years. This includes seniors clubs, seniors' centres, ethnocultural organizations, service clubs, and Aboriginal organizations. Funding may be used for the repair or renovation of existing seniors' community facilities, or for the purchase of replacement equipment and furnishings required for community programs and activities for seniors (tables, chairs, appliances, and sport or craft equipment). For further information, check out their website at

http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/community_partnerships/seniors/index.shtml

Another possible resource...

Service Canada may be able to make staff available to spend up to a day at your hub location. The services that they will be able to provide (if there is a phone line they can hook their computer to) include: Social Insurance Number issuance (on the spot), Pleasure Craft Licensing, assistance with Old Age Security, Canada Pension Plan, Guaranteed Income Supplement, Employment Insurance, Maternity and Parental Benefits, CEP payment information, passport information, Foreign Trained Credentials, and guidance in finding information on a variety of other Federal government programs. For further information, call Drew Nunn

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HCF facts ...did you know...

Hamilton Community Foundation provided over \$196,000 in scholarships and bursaries to Hamilton students in 2007-08. Information on applying to these funds is available through Hamilton high schools, colleges/universities, and on our website.

Remember ...

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead