



## Happy Summer!!!!!!!

We hope everyone is enjoying our fine summer weather and having a great break.

We are pleased to provide this summer 2009 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](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.

## Welcome New Neighbourhood Hubs...

In the last round of HCF TPT II funding we were pleased to be able to support two new neighbourhood hubs. They are the Riverdale neighbourhood hub located in east Hamilton (just east of Centennial Parkway) and the Crown Point neighbourhood hub in northeast Hamilton (between Kenilworth and Gage). Both of these neighbourhoods have a strong history of community development work and we look forward to hearing more about their progress. This brings to 8 the number of hubs supported through TPTII.

## Hub News .....

Congratulations to the **Wever** hub for being chosen as recipient of the RBC Afterschool grant.

The **McQuesten** hub recently hosted representatives from the Ministry of Education to explore the concept of neighbourhood hubs and their value to the community. Many thanks to everyone who participated. It was a great turnout and opportunity to share information about the great work going on in the McQuesten neighbourhood.

## Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction News .....

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Liz Weaver, Director of HRPR. Liz will be leaving HRPR to take on a new and exciting position with Vibrant Communities Canada. We will miss Liz's leadership and commitment to the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction but her new position allows her to continue to contribute to poverty reduction and community collaboration efforts across Ontario and Canada.

The Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction - As part of the Ontario Poverty Strategy, the provincial government has committed to review social assistance programs and consult with communities. The Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction will monitor the government's plans for those consultations towards ensuring that people in Hamilton will have the ability to comment, make recommendations and help shape change.

## Back to School and Back Packs

Once again, the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction is partnering with True City Churches, KidsFest Canada and the school boards to fill and distribute backpacks full of school supplies. If you are interested in filling a backpack, this can be done through a cash donation to Kidsfest Canada [www.kidsfestonline.com](http://www.kidsfestonline.com) - a \$40.00 gift will purchase \$120.00 of school supplies. Please indicate Hamilton Backpack Challenge and send your donation in before August 15, 2009.

For families requiring a backpack filled with school supplies, simply contact the principal of your elementary school to enquire whether that school receives backpacks. Both the public and Catholic school boards are responsible for distributing these backpacks to selected schools in September 2009. Please note that quantities are limited.

## New Resources ....

If you are looking for funding, check out the new website for the Hamilton Funders Network at [www.hamiltonfundersnetwork.ca](http://www.hamiltonfundersnetwork.ca)

## Funding Opportunities ...

The Status of Women Canada has put out the following call for proposals:

The purpose of this Call for Proposals is to solicit funding applications for the Women's Community Fund of the Women's Program, Status of Women Canada. The call is open to eligible not-for-profit and for-profit organizations to carry out projects at the local, regional, provincial/territorial and national levels.

The Women's Program Community Fund provides grants to projects at the local, regional and national levels. The objective of this fund is to address the economic and social situation of women and their participation in democratic life through projects that directly support women in their communities.

Status of Women Canada will focus its support on projects that address its 2009-2010 priorities:

- eliminating violence against women and girls;
- improving women's and girl's economic security and prosperity; and
- encouraging women and girls in leadership and decision-making roles.

Deadline for submission of proposals: September 30, 2009.

For more information, visit <http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/fun-fin/wcf-fcf/guide-eng.html>.

## TPTII Evaluation ...

Thank you to everyone who attended our evaluation meeting with Dr. Arnold Love. Arnold provided a template for each hub to complete in order to develop a case study for each hub. Participants were also advised that in order to allow time to work on getting the template completed, the deadline for final reports from the hubs has been extended to **September 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Please note that there are three different final report forms which are posted to our website:

**Hub final report** – to be completed by the lead organization for each hub in consultation with the local planning team

**Hub program report** – to be completed by any service providing organization funded through TPT to work in the hub

**Foundational final report** – there is no change in the deadline for this report – check your contract for the specific deadline

These reports are critical communication and accountability tools. Please ensure they are submitted on time to avoid any delays in future payments.

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

The first grant made by the Hamilton Community Foundation was \$70 given to the Seniors' Club on East Avenue South in 1957

### **Remember ...**

“Common wisdom states that in order to build community, you must first resolve your conflicts. I believe the reverse is more accurate: that in order to resolve your conflicts you must first build community.”

-----M. Scott Peck