



## **Greetings!**

Summer's definitely here and doesn't that warm sun feel good?

We hope you will find this edition of *TPT Connects* to be 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 the link on to the other members of your hubs.

## **A Big Thank You from the Foundation...**

We'd like to extend our thanks to everyone involved in producing the new video of the neighbourhood hubs. We hope you will find this a valuable tool for your fundraising/marketing efforts. Each hub will be receiving a copy of the complete video as well as one that just highlights your specific hub, directly from the Community Centre for Media Arts by the end of the month. A copy of the video is also posted on the front page of our website at [www.hcf.on.ca](http://www.hcf.on.ca).

We'd also like to thank representatives from the CATCH and Jamesville hubs for hosting site visits for Terry Cooke. We hope to get him out to all of the hubs before the end of summer. A big thanks as well to everyone who assisted the Social Service Worker Continuing Education students with their neighbourhood assignments.

## **Congratulations are in order .....**

We'd like to extend our congratulations to Taunya Laslo (formerly of Niwasa Head Start and now with Mohawk College) and member of the McQuesten Local Planning Team, for being awarded a Woman of Distinction Award in Education. Way to go Taunya!!!

## **TPT II 2010-2011 ....**

We are timing this e-blast to be received directly after the funding announcements for 2010-11. Thank you to everyone for your hard work in putting these applications together. We are pleased to advise that the Board of HCF approved 40 grants totaling \$798,074 for the 2010-11 round of TPT. It is always challenging to try and meet the needs identified in your applications with the amount of funding available so some difficult decisions had to be made. If you have any questions regarding the outcome of your application, please feel free to give us a call. This year we were pleased to support the neighbourhood hubs as well as making foundational grants for initiatives specifically to support tenants of social housing. As we finalize this round of funding we are thinking ahead to how our processes can be streamlined and improved.

A couple of items “in the hopper”:

While we don't know at this point what changes the Board will make for next year, if there is occasion for groups to apply for the same project they have been funded for in the past, we will provide a new, abbreviated application form, rather than asking for a lot of the same information again.

A challenge this year was reviewing applications where we had funded the project last year but didn't have a recent report back to know how well it was working. We will eliminate some of the interim reports and ask that any repeat project file an update just prior to re-applying.

### **Sustaining and Expanding - SAVE THE DATE ...**

We are interested in helping to support the hubs in developing sustainability plans over the next year. As you know, a key element to ensuring the sustainability of your work is to diversify your funding sources. In this regard, we have spoken to the members of the **Hamilton Funders Network** and requested that they come out to an event highlighting the work of the neighbourhood hubs. This will give you a chance to learn more about funding opportunities in Hamilton and to “show and tell” the differences you are making in the neighbourhoods. Details will be forthcoming but **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE OF OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> FROM 3 TO 5 PM. FOR THIS EVENT.** Wesley Urban Ministries has graciously allowed us to use the Wesley Neighbourhood Centre on Delena for this event.

### **New Resources ...**

Check out HCF's recently released annual report at [www.hcf.on.ca](http://www.hcf.on.ca). The report includes stories highlighting the work of the Adult Basic Education Association and the Hamilton Council on Aging – important members of the neighbourhood hubs.

FirstOntario Credit Union, working closely with seven community supporters, has launched an innovative **Micro Loan Program** designed to encourage an entrepreneurial spirit within the Hamilton community. This new program provides micro-loans to individuals who have a great idea for a micro-enterprise, but who may not be able to access traditional financing. Financial assistance in the form of a micro-loan from FirstOntario is combined with support programs offered by participating community partners to help these individuals get their self-employment dream off the ground. The community partners are: SISO, Welcome Inn, St. Joseph Immigrant Women's Centre, and Today's Family.

The Foundation has a new **Flip Video Camera Lending Program**, which is available to all grant recipients, including the hubs. We would love to feature your work on our website for donors and other potential supporters to see! Borrow a flip camera to record video telling us about what you are doing and the impact made by the grant you received. For more information, go to [http://www.hcf.on.ca/grants\\_flip.shtml](http://www.hcf.on.ca/grants_flip.shtml)

### **Funding Opportunities ...**

We are currently working with the advisory committee of the **Edith H. Turner Foundation Fund** of HCF to determine the priorities for their call for proposals. The priorities and application deadline will be posted to our website by mid August.

## **We'd like to hear from you .....**

On occasion, staff at HCF have the opportunity to share with donors requests for support coming from the neighbourhood hubs. We'd like to hear from you about what is your "wish list". We also want to hear from you as our ears on the street about unmet needs of local residents, particularly those related to the economic downturn.

We are recruiting young people for our Youth Advisory Council. For more information, check out our website at [http://www.hcf.on.ca/youth\\_yac\\_meet.shtml](http://www.hcf.on.ca/youth_yac_meet.shtml) and contact Linda Hughes in late August at [l.hughes@hcf.on.ca](mailto:l.hughes@hcf.on.ca).

## **Reminder ...**

If you produce a newsletter or similar publication for your hub, please put HCF on your mailing list to receive one. We'd also be happy to link your hub website from ours.

Most grantees have reports due on **July 30<sup>th</sup>** for 2009-10 grants. Reporting forms are available on our website. Payments on 2010 grants will be held until reports are submitted.

## **Words of Wisdom ...**

"When spider webs unite, they can tie up a lion."

*Ethiopian Proverb*