



Goodbye summer and hello fall!

We hope that everyone had a wonderful and safe summer. As the children head back to school and we settle back into our fall routines, we wanted to share some information we hope you will find useful.

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 via e-mail at s.charters@hcf.on.ca or t.henderson@hcf.on.ca. As always, we would appreciate your help in forwarding the link to this e-blast on to the other members of your hubs.

Learn more about funding opportunities...

We are pleased to confirm that the Hamilton Funders Network has agreed to meet with members of the hub local planning teams to share information on possible funding opportunities. The event will take place on **Thursday, October 14th from 3 to 5 pm. at the Wesley Neighbourhood Centre, 93 Delena Avenue North.**

The agenda for the afternoon will include the opportunity to hear about the types of projects funded through the various funders, ask general questions about applying for grants, and to share with funders your ideas for specific projects you are interested in starting.

While we are not asking for individual registrations, it would be helpful for us to have an idea on the number of people coming from each hub. We want to ensure there is coffee/tea and cookies for everyone and that we bring enough handouts. Please have someone from each local planning team send a quick e-mail to s.charters@hcf.on.ca to let me know how many will be coming.

More funding notes

There is an open call for proposals for the Edith H. Turner Foundation Fund at Hamilton Community Foundation. The focus areas for the fund are described on our website at www.hcf.on.ca. The deadline for applications is **October 25th**.

For Schools - The WWF-Canada Green CommUnity School Grants Program aims to support projects that help reduce a community's impact on the environment, increase understanding of environmental issues and solutions, stimulate environmental leadership, and inspire students and communities to take action. Grants are up to \$5,000 and the deadline for applications is October 7th. For more information, check out <http://www.studentawards.com/greencommunityprogram/faq.aspx>

Small project funding

Just a reminder regarding the process for small project funding. Each neighbourhood hub receives up to \$5,000 for small project funding. It is important to remember that this funding can only be used for projects planned and implemented by residents for the benefit of the neighbourhood. For groups of residents to access this funding, they need to complete a simple application form which is then reviewed by the local planning team or a working committee of the local planning team set up for this purpose. Our website has a small project funding toolkit which includes a sample application form, reporting form, assessment form and ideas for resident-led projects. Check it out at http://www.hcf.on.ca/resources_smlprojectfunding.shtml. If you are unsure if a project "fits", feel free to call us to discuss.

Community events and resources

The Hamilton Training Advisory Board will be hosting a **Job Fair** at the Convention Centre on Tuesday, October 26th from 10 am. to 4 pm. It is free of charge ...bring your resume.

Do you know a family living and struggling with cancer? **Wellwood** has help available and it is just a phone call away. Wellwood is a Centre that helps people to live well with cancer. Programs are free of charge to everyone affected by cancer -- those who are diagnosed, as well as their family members, friends, caregivers and support team. Wellwood is located at both the Juravinski (formerly Henderson) Hospital and at a new home in the community located at the intersection of Rice, Sanatorium and Chedmac on the grounds of Chedoke. The brand new house just opened this summer, is on a bus route and parking is also free. Where getting to the Centre is a challenge, Wellwood's large volunteer team includes peer mentors who "come to the client" by providing support by phone and in person. For more information on the Centre, programs or volunteer opportunities, please call 905-667-8870. If you don't know where to start, start at Wellwood!

From the **Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction (HRPR)** - In the coming weeks HRPR will be releasing a comprehensive and exciting new action plan. The strategy is bold and will build on the strong foundation set in place by HCF. The Foundation was a lead partner in establishing "HRPR" and continues to nurture its growth. HRPR is one of several Canadian poverty reduction tables participating in the Vibrant Communities network, and was recently recognized in a new report as one of the country's leading examples of transformational change. For more information, check out their website at <http://www.hamiltonpoverty.ca>.

Don't forget to look for Hamilton Community Foundation's new report: **Vital Signs**, a community snapshot of 10 quality of life areas. It will be published October 5 in the Hamilton Spectator. Vital Signs is intended to provide reader-friendly research that we hope will inform and engage local citizens in thinking what they can do to move our city forward. It is part of a national program from Community Foundations of Canada and 15 cities will publish their local reports on the same day. Besides the printed version, there will be a new website www.hamiltonvitalsigns.ca which contains more in-depth information and links to the original reports.

Reminder - 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

A note from Sharon

I wanted to let you know that I have been offered a wonderful, exciting opportunity to take part as a Senior Fellow (no, it doesn't refer to my grey hair) with the Graduate Centre of the University of New York. I will be spending a month in New York City with a group of people from different countries who want to study topics related to community foundations. For me, this means having the opportunity to think and reflect on our experience with TPT. It will allow me to meet with other Foundations to learn about their initiatives and to share the wonderful work going on in Hamilton. I will be away from October 18th until November 12th. In my absence, if you have any questions regarding the TPT II grants, please contact Lori Dessau at lori.dessau@hcf.on.ca.

Something to think about

From conversations and reports that have been submitted, it appears that **employment** remains a critical issue faced by residents living within the neighbourhood hubs. At the Foundation, we are interested in hearing about the challenges related to finding a job. We would appreciate hearing from you about:

- Are people asking for help with finding a job? Are there particular groups of people you are hearing from i.e. youth, new immigrants, women, laid-off workers?
- What kinds of things are standing in the way of people finding a job?
- Are there issues concerning accessing the system of employment services?
- Are there suggestions on how to improve the situation at a neighbourhood level?
- What kinds of programs/services are you finding beneficial?
- Are there ways you think the Foundation could be helpful?

Send us an e-mail give us a call invite us to a focus group we appreciate your input.

Words of wisdom ...

Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.

- Barack Obama