

**Hamilton Community Foundation
Youth-Led Community Action Projects
April 2007**

New	Organization / Project Name	Description	Requested Amount
1.	Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys' and Girls' Club - <i>"Active Youth, Active Kids"</i>	There are two goals of this project. First goal is to get more children physically active. The activities and special events are designed to attract the kids who spend all of their time on computers or PlayStations. To run creative games in the pool, gym and the park outside, rather than competitive sports . The second goal is to provide fun and meaningful opportunities for high school students to get their 40 hours of volunteer service in the community. Teenagers can be excellent role models for children and we want to make sure that every volunteer for this project is aware of this and that they are modeling the right behaviour such as being physically active and being willing to try new activities.	\$2,500.00
2.	Church of St. Peter - <i>"Pete's Place - Phase II"</i>	This is the second year for Pete's Place. The group hopes to make the drop-in environment more appealing to youth by adding more appropriate resources like a pool table, DVD collection, music board games, and TV for movie nights. As a result of the participation of youth in the first phase of this project, youth have become more active and have been given more responsibility in the governance of the church.	\$2,000.00
3.	Waterdown District High School - <i>"Y.A.Y. - Youth Aiding Youth Student Mentorship Initiative"</i> Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	Y.A.Y. is a group to bridge the gap between Senior and Junior students. Staff advisors are in place to help guide and supervise the activities. The project will benefit the school community by helping re-engage students who may otherwise fall through the cracks. Lessons learned in the Y.A.Y. program will also be adapted in their greater community (friends, family and Waterdown community as a whole). They will gain an increase in communication skills and self confidence.	\$800.00
4.	Robert Land Community Association - <i>"Health in the Hood"</i>	The program is a health-based project that supports physical activity and healthy living. Using space provided by the Robert Land Community Association, our program will address issues facing us today such as self confidence, body image, and sexuality. The hope is to help other youth discover and learn how to take care of all aspects of a healthy lifestyle for themselves.	\$2,000.00

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5.	Children's Hospital at Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation - "Youth Advisory Committee" Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation	YAC hopes to encourage children 12 and up to come out and have some fun with other kids with disabilities regardless of their specific disability (physical or developmental, mild or severe). YAC meetings give teens a chance to get caught up on each others news and plan upcoming events. Some events planned are: "Meet and Greet" social for younger teens, to interest them in joining, November "Hanging Out Night", games Karaoke, December dance and a Volunteer Appreciation Night and the Summer Fun Fair.	\$1,400.00
6.	St. Joseph's School - "St. Joseph's School Garden" Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board	To beautify the school and neighbourhood and have educational and recreational uses for the students. To make the garden more park-like so that students will use it more. Adding benches, and pathways as well as fruit trees and butterfly bushes would to help them see the lifecycles of various organisms in action.	\$2,050.00
7.	Delta Secondary School - "Go Green Delta" Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	The objectives are educational and inspirational. The volunteer students will learn about horticulture and landscaping through theoretical and practical applications. They will design and plant a garden and will maintain the plants over the summer. The hope is to instill in the student's a sense of civic duty, environmental stewardship and increase their "ownership" of the school property.	\$1,500.00
8.	Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys' and Girls' Club - "Fashion Link"	The primary goal of Fashion Link is to empower young people to try new things and to unleash their potential and talents in a variety of areas. Fashion Link is designed and implemented by children and youth and each participant has the opportunity to work on his or her talents and dedicate themselves to self improvement. Each component of the show is produced by the youth including, choreography, sound production, stage management, promotion and advertising, MC-ing and customer service.	\$2,500.00
9.	McMaster University - "Engineers Without Borders" McMaster University	Grant money is to be used for outreach when two members, Denis and Daniel, return from Africa. They will make presentations in high schools and in the community about awareness of global poverty and encouraging youth to get involved.	\$1,000.00