

Easter & Spring Appeal 2014

"It's hard to be a new mom, especially at my age. I was hardly grown up myself and then I had to take care of someone else."

Deidre became equipped and empowered with the knowledge, skills and the confidence needed to become a great mother with Wesley's support, every step of the way. But we can only help at-risk adults and children, like Deidre and her son Leighton ...with help from people like you!

It's been a long, cold winter and like you, the staff at Wesley Urban Ministries is eagerly anticipating the arrival of Easter. Spring is a time to celebrate the joy and hope of new life. Famous educator Alice Freeman Palmer put it best when she said,

"For I remember it is Easter morn, And life and love and peace are all new born."

No matter what the season, we all know what a struggle life can sometimes be. At Wesley Urban Ministries in Hamilton, we support those who face incredible hardships and barriers they simply cannot tackle on their own.

Faced with poverty, isolation, mental health and addictions, every day is an uphill battle to work towards a new life. A life that consists of improved education, successful employment and supportive independence.



Wesley offers the supports necessary for people to make new lives, meet their immediate needs, and take the steps needed to end the despair of never-ending poverty.

We have many success stories filled with hope, inspiration and new life, which are thanks to the generosity and support of people like you.

✓ Deidre, a young, 20 year-old Hamilton mother with no support was at-risk for post-partum depression and overall parenting challenges.

Please see over...

"I don't know what I would have done without Wesley's support! I am 100% more confident and have much greater parenting skills!"

- ✓ John, who had a dependency on alcohol, went from five years on the streets and shelter systems, to living in his own apartment.

"I am 18 months sober now. I know what my triggers are and how to avoid them. I don't want to end up where I was."



- ✓ Tenaw, a refugee that fled Ethiopia after his father was killed is now building a new life through re-training and employment, with his wife and two young children.

"My Dad was a priest and was killed, without the body being returned to the family for proper burial. My mom told me to save my life and leave."

These are real people... their own words and pictures...all so greatly impacted by Wesley's programs that they wanted to share their hopeful and life changing stories. They recognize how significantly their lives have been changed by people like you. People they may never meet, but who were motivated by the compassion to help.

Your Donation Brings New Life!

- \$100 one time donation provides 1 week of summer camp for one child, like Tenaw's school aged son, from households financially unable to afford camp
- \$25 monthly donation (\$300 annually) provides a chronically homeless adult, like John, with 12 critical interventions and supportive services
- \$50 monthly donation (\$600 annually) provides a community kitchen dinner program for 50 families, like Deidre and her son

Thank you for considering our invitation to bring hope and new life to the many children, youth, adults and seniors living in poverty. Your commitment to helping individuals in need is truly inspiring and commendable. May you find that, **"life and love and peace are all new born,"** this Easter and spring.

Sincerely,

Daljit Garry
Executive Director

