



## "Help for Anybody" at Wesley Day Centre

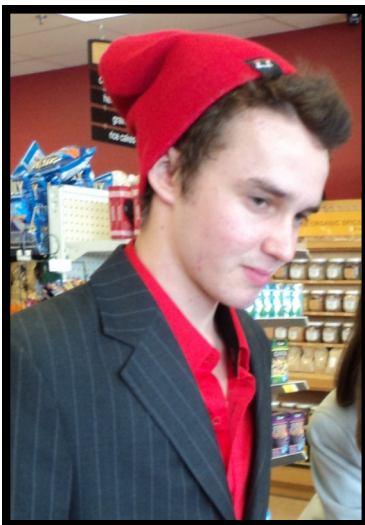
Wesley Day Centre serves 2,500 individuals each year. It is Hamilton's ONLY 7 day a week day program supporting those who are marginally housed, homeless, street-involved, disconnected and at-risk.

Recently Ron Bowman, Carol Brown and James McLean shared their moving stories of hope and new life found through the support and services offered at Wesley Day Centre. Each one speaks of their difficulties in life, and how they found the strength and courage to change through the support of Wesley Day Centre. Carol Brown said it best when she said, "If this place can help me get a fresh start... there is help for anybody."

You can learn more about their stories in the video at [www.wesleyurbanministries.ca](http://www.wesleyurbanministries.ca).



## Proof the Toque 'Does Good and Looks Good'



Conor MacMohan

Conor MacMohan shared his first day living at Wesley Youth Housing during the 'Raising the Roof' Toque Tuesday Celebration.

"After washing my laundry, I walked to my new room, sat down and as a tear rolled down my cheek...I thought, 'This is it, I'm done fighting, I'm done with this struggle.'

In many ways Wesley

Youth Housing was my salvation. I had moved in and instantly my relationship with my family changed for the better, I stopped doing stupid things teenagers do, I decided to go back to school, and I'm loving every second of the decisions I made."

Fundraisers like 'Raising the Roof' provide critical supports for homeless

youth and adults through Wesley Youth Housing and Wesley Day Centre. Thank you to all those who participated, and made a difference in the lives of those we serve. Please contact 905-528-5629 ext. 240 for information on how you can host a fundraiser or get involved.



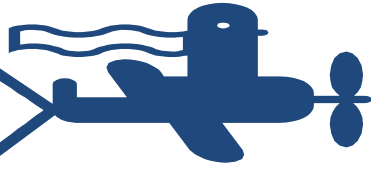
*Thanks!*

## It couldn't have been done without you!

Over 5,200 people living below the poverty line in our community shopped at Wesley Urban Ministries' No Charge Christmas Store, with choice and dignity. Groceries and new gifts made the Christmas Season for 1,724 families, including 2,431 children, merry and bright!



## New Youth Program!



### Newcomer Youth Support Services (NYSS)

greet Government Assisted Refugees (ages 6-21) when they first arrive in Hamilton, helping them with housing, orientation and life skills.

## WESLEY URBAN MINISTRIES

Wesley Urban Ministries has over thirty programs and services in nine locations.

### Our vision:

Wesley Urban Ministries has a vision of community, where justice and compassion guide the way we live, where all members are treated with respect and dignity.

### Our mission is to:

- Decrease Barriers by developing and delivering programs that address the needs of people who are marginalized
- Increase Opportunities by providing services that help individuals to achieve their full potential.
- Be a model and catalyst for social transformation.

### Our Program Pillars:

- Children, Youth & Family Programs
- Housing & Homelessness
- Neighbourhood Development & Newcomer Services

## Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday, June 2, 2013



Case for Kids Walk, Run, Ride

Monday September 9, 2013

Wesley Open Golf Tournament



For more information visit [www.wesleyurbanministries.ca](http://www.wesleyurbanministries.ca) or e-mail [resource.development@wesleyurbanministries.ca](mailto:resource.development@wesleyurbanministries.ca)

**NEW phone number for Wesley Day Center: 905-528-5640**

## Helping to Solve the Bed Bug Problem

Thanks to a generous donation, Wesley Urban Ministries has been able to purchase vacuum cleaners for many families!

Over the last year, many of our Government Assisted Refugee clients celebrated their first anniversary of living in Canada. This would have been an exciting milestone but clients were discontented with their housing situation, due to bed bugs. Many of them wanted to move, but this is not always a remedy since bed bugs can transport easily on furniture and clothes.

Some landlords are diligent in treating bed bugs, but it takes more than a single treatment to truly change this pest problem. The challenge is that clients do not always have the means to perform the necessary preventative maintenance, including regular vacuuming. A vacuum can be an expensive purchase and unfamiliar to clients.

At Wesley Urban Ministries, we have developed a unique opportunity in partnership with Canadian Tire providing clients a brand new vacuum cleaner at a 67% discount! To obtain this savings,

clients need to attend a Bed Bugs information session, which educates them on the correct methods for reducing their pest problems. This initiative provides education, ownership and empowerment... a true example of decreasing barriers and increasing opportunities!

