



Wesley's End of Summer Memo

It's been a great summer at Wesley Urban Ministries and I wanted to share several exciting pieces of news with you.

Wesley Summer Camp

Over **130** children attended Wesley's summer camp. Learn more at the Hamilton Spectator website:
<http://www.thespec.com/news-story/4036794-dog-days-of-summer/>

Hamilton Homeless Baseball League

Up to **50** people have been playing weekly in the Hamilton Homeless Baseball League since May. Learn more at the CHCH and CBC Hamilton websites:

<http://www.chch.com/homeless-baseball-league-celebrates-end-of-season/>
<http://www.cbc.ca/hamilton/news/story/2013/08/23/homeless-baseball-league.html>

Knapsack Drive

A special thank you to all the businesses, Churches and individuals who supported this annual donation drive! Over **400** knapsacks have been filled, helping children and youth begin school ready to succeed. We are still inviting donations to ensure all children and youth in need receive school supplies and knapsacks. Contact 905-521-0926, 905-528-5629 or donate on-line at www.wesleyurbanministries.ca if you would like to help!

Program Expansion

Effective September 1st, Wesley Employment Services supports will expand to include a new Youth Employment Fund for ages of 15 and 29.

Christmas Store

Wesley's Christmas Store will be returning this year to the 4th floor, Amity-Good Will building. All **Christmas Store Volunteers** from last year are invited to a Thank You Tea on **Friday September 27, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm** at 195 Ferguson Ave. North. There will be refreshments and an opportunity to share ideas for this year's Store. Please RSVP by September 25 at info@wesleyurbanministries.ca or 905-528-5629.



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Sunday Dinner

Wesley Day Centre Sunday Dinner Schedule is now available for 2014/2015. There are **6** dates each year that still need a business, Church, community group or family to annually sponsor, prepare and serve a Sunday dinner. For more information, contact Andrea Buttars, Manager, Resource Development, andrea.buttars@wesleyurbanministries.ca or 905-528-5629 ext. 248.

New Location

Wesley's Special Care Unit (Claremont House) has long been in need of a new home due to the St. Joseph's redevelopment. I am pleased to share a new home has been found at **52 Catharine Street North**, close to 195 Ferguson Ave. North. The Special Care Unit will now have space for more residents and a dining area, clinic space and resident lounge. As the building is five stories and approximately 20,000 square feet, it will also become the new home for Wesley's Administration Services and all three of Wesley's programs for newcomers. Last but not least, I'm quite excited to share that one floor will be a new Reception Centre for our government assisted refugees. We recently received approval for capital costs from Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Wesley Day Centre and Transitions to Homes program will remain at 195 Ferguson Ave. North. We will continue to invite gift in kind donations, such as food, to be dropped off 195 Ferguson Ave. where volunteers sort and then distribute to Wesley's 9 different locations.

Please watch for our fall newsletter for more Wesley news and updates on our move to 52 Catharine Street.

Thank you for your continued support. Your help is critical to the **1, 250** children, youth, adults and seniors we support each day.

Regards,

Daljit Garry
Executive Director