MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE CATCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CATCH has been providing support to East end Hamilton neighbourhood communities since 1992.

CATCH is committed to involving the community and residents as active participants in: identifying issues, planning and implementing change in their neighbourhood; promoting healthy child, youth, family and community life through improved community support; providing safe environments for children, youth, families and seniors.

Large numbers of families in Hamilton’s East end are disadvantaged either because of poverty or lack of access to local services. Unemployment rates are higher than in most parts of the city. Youth gangs and violence are common. CATCH exists to work with the residents and others to improve their community.

Without CATCH, the community would not have several crucial services. Parents would not have the opportunity to improve their social contacts, parenting and cooking skills. Preschool children could not enhance their social, emotional and cognitive development. Youth would not have a safe place to go to meet with leaders to discuss challenges, improve their social skills and find constructive activities. After school programs could not assist children in homework completion, learning and school preparedness. Residents would not have access to several on-site services providing assistance to those seeking employment or job retraining. The food cupboard which provides needed food for families and seniors who have very limited budgets would be closed. Finally, the voices of community residents would not be heard in community planning and service provision.

Helen Thomas  
Co-Chair  
McMaster University

Terry Bourque  
Co-Chair  
Community Member

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Annual Revenue
$213,000

- Hamilton Community Foundation $83,000
- Social Planning & Research Council (CAPC) $62,000
- Ministry of Health Promotion $46,000
- United Way of Burlington & Greater Hamilton $22,000

How We Invest Our Resources

- Child & Family Programs 34%
- After School Programs 32%
- Youth Programs 14%
- Community Development 11%
- Food Security 6%
- Other Community Projects 3%

40 teens are engaged in the Chill Hill Teen Program every week
Over 13,000 visits were made to CATCH in 2009
Children and youth visit academic support programs 300 times every month at CATCH
$5,800 in food is distributed to the community each month
Over 10,000 snacks, meals and lunches are provided to children, youth and families each year
CATCH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

CATCH is a program of the Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) through the Social Planning & Research Council of Hamilton.

Partnership & Support is provided to CATCH by:

- Adult Basic Education Association
- City of Hamilton
- Employment Hamilton
- Hamilton Community Foundation
- Hamilton Council on Aging
- Hamilton Wentworth District School Board
- Good Shepherd
- IKEA Burlington
- John Howard Society
- Ministry of Health Promotion
- Public Health Department
- United Way of Burlington & Greater Hamilton
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- Ward 5 Councilor
- MPP Paul Miller’s Office
- Scoops Ice Cream, Sub, Fudge Shop
- Home Management
- Home Management
- Green Venture
- John Howard Society
- Hamilton Public Library
- W.R.A.P. Program
- Hamilton Council on Aging
- OEYC Coordinator, Boys & Girls Club
- Adult Basic Education Association
- S.T.A.R.
- Good Shepherd
- IKEA Burlington
- John Howard Society
- Ministry of Health Promotion
- Public Health Department
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