



WESLEY URBAN MINISTRIES

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Interview with Peter Corbett, Volunteer at Wesley Urban Ministries

Peter Corbett is a dedicated volunteer at Wesley Urban Ministries, loved by both staff and volunteers and known for his loyalty, hard work and humour. When asked, Peter recalled he had been volunteering for Wesley Urban Ministries for approximately 15 years. Peter's relationship with Wesley began when he retired in 1993. A couple of his friends from Mount Hamilton United Church, Jack Grieg and Lyle Harper, were already volunteering and he thought "why not" spend some time giving the folks at Wesley a hand. At about the same time, the Presbyterian Church was asking for a representative to sit on the board at Wesley Urban Ministries. Peter, a life long member of Chalmers Presbyterian on the Mountain, said "yes".



Peter has said "yes" to Wesley many times over the years. In fact, it might be easier to list the things Peter has not done. In addition to his work on the board, Peter has used his technical expertise to assist with maintenance tasks, volunteers regularly at special events such as the No Charge Christmas Store, the Golf Tournament and Case for Kids, and has even played Santa Claus to bring some cheer to the folks at Wesley Centre. Peter laughs when he remembers the number of pillows needed to make him look like Santa. Currently, Peter is one of 4 regular volunteers in our donation area, what is affectionately known as the "Cage". Peter and his colleagues, Paul, Dave and Ben, continue to manage the many donations that supporters drop off at Wesley to support our over 14 different programs.

Peter has many memories about Wesley. Some of those memories are poignant ones: helping a man at the No Charge Christmas Store who had just the year before been donating to the store and a lonely man at Wesley Centre who was so appreciative of a few kind words.

"Betty and I have had a good life, we have a lot to be thankful for" says Peter in explaining why he continues to volunteer for Wesley Urban Ministries. In addition, "I enjoy it, I figure it's something I can do and the staff have always treated me well, although the monetary pay isn't so good." Peter continues to volunteer for Wesley, playing an important role in the day to day operations of our organization.

From all of the staff, volunteers and our Board, **Thank you Peter!**