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THE HOPE OF EASTER IS YOURS TO GIVE!

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Dear Friend;

Hamilton is hurting. "The Hammer" is getting hammered:
Plant closings. Job losses. Reduced hours.
Bankruptcies.

We all feel like closing up and protecting what we have.

But now more than ever the poorest among us are suffering the most.

And now more than ever we need you to give.

The pain and despair of the crucifixion moment is all around us.
But as an Easter people we know that the hope of resurrection cannot be far behind.

It is hard to give when we are in fear. It gets easier when we can look to hope.

For over 50 years – with your support – Wesley Urban Ministries has been sharing that hope. Three of these stories are included in the enclosed newsletter. We've been there to support new life as it grows, like in Brian's story. We've been there for the resurrection moments, such as those between Mary and her daughter. We've seen thousands of lives transformed, like all the kids who have been touched because of the fabulous support Case For Kids has had for 18 years.

These are not isolated instances. There is no fine print that reads "Results not typical."

This is what we do. We are Hamilton's only 24-7 emergency shelter. We are the only ones who respond, no matter how people arrive – intoxicated, high, anxious, confused... whatever. We provide help and hope.

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DECREASING BARRIERS... INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES
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Yes, I want to provide new life and new hope with Wesley Urban Ministries

HERE IS A GIFT OF: \$171___ \$103___ \$55___ \$39___ OTHER \$ _____
PAYMENT BY: CHEQUE ___

Please make cheques payable to "Wesley Urban Ministries."

VISA ___ MASTERCARD ___ EXP. ___ / ___ PHONE () _____

CARD# _____

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Knowing that the need of those who are poor or homeless continues year-round, please send me forms to fill out so that I can make a monthly contribution through my bank account (pre-authorized withdrawal) or my credit card.

Please send me information on "Furthering A Legacy" through planned giving.

I have remembered Wesley Urban Ministries through a legacy gift in my will.

This contribution is tax deductible and will be promptly acknowledged with a tax receipt.
Charitable Registration Number: 11929 1946 RR 0001





At Wesley, we serve more than 125,000 meals every year. We provide food and gifts for over 4,000 children, youth, families and seniors each Christmas. We help hundreds of children and youth with drop-in, after school, day camp, and recreation programs. We get people off the streets and into stable housing. We provide employment skills, job search help, health care, nurture and support.

We know that times are tough.

But we also know, as do you, that when times are difficult it is the most vulnerable that suffer the most. Poverty is relentless, and its effects are profound, but not insurmountable.

Your compassion will bring those in need more than programming – as necessary as those programs are. Your gifts will bring them hope – the hope of knowing that they are known, valued and, most of all, loved.

Please open your heart and share as generously as you can!

The hope of Easter belongs to everyone, even to the least of these, and it is yours to give.

May the many blessings of Easter be yours,

Paul Johnson
Executive Director
Wesley Urban Ministries

If we have made a mistake in your address information, please make corrections below:

We at Wesley Urban Ministries want to share more news of the tremendous ways in which your generosity is making a difference.

Help us to provide you with incredible stories, news and updates!

How would you like to receive our news?

- Email: _____
- Postal Mail at my current address

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