



for relief of homelessness in london

providing emergency shelter and transitional housing, and supporting self-help where people are struggling to escape and avoid homelessness

REFLECTIONS

2010 Statistics... The Unity Project operates out of two buildings at our Old East Village property and shelters approximately 50 residents per night. We served 620 individuals in 2010 including 472 men and 148 women, and provided transitional housing for 32 men and women. Duration of stay increased by over 1000 bed-nights from 2009, resulting in steady over-capacity without seasonal relief. Drop-in service access also increased significantly. 29% of residents achieved housing after leaving our shelter, though we cannot vouch for the safety and stability of the housing or how long it was maintained. Further, we believe that "achieved housing" is not the paramount measure of success in our mission. Each resident gathers and contributes something important in their experience with the UP. Each one enjoys some success by some measure.

They Leave A Legacy... *Bye Bye! Much Luck. Much Love.* We recently said a tearful goodbye to *Matti Paquiz*, a Unity Project founding member and Housing Support Worker who could charm or chisel his way through the system when advocating on behalf of participants. Matti is greatly appreciated for his many contributions in shaping the character of the Unity Project and in influencing social services in London. He left Unity to pursue his arts inclinations in music and music production and wished us well saying he was "confident we could now do it without him." *Jim Corbett* gave us reason to cry when he left UP after 5 years as a Frontline Support Worker to join Turning Point, where he could better exercise his passion and skills for addiction services. Jim's no-nonsense approach made people laugh and take themselves and their tasks seriously at the same time. The kids have grown up.

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T'WAS A WONDERFUL SHOW 3RD ANNUAL 2010

a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens'

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

T'WAS PRESENTED BY
UNITY PROJECT AND ORCHESTRA LONDON



Cast and Crew: Ian Leach (**Lerners**, Stave II), Jeff Culbert (Theatrical Director), Host Darren "D" Laidman (Host **Fresh FM** morning show and Daytime on **Rogers**), Claude Pensa (Harrison Pensa, Stave V), Kerry McKee (CBC Radio, Stave I), Joe Swan (**Orchestra London**), Gord Cudmore (**Cudmore Law Office**, Stave III), Silvia Langer (UP), Jamie Caskie (**Siskinds**, Stave V), Joe Hoffer (**Cohen Highley**, Stave IV). Missing from photo are Choir Director, David Weaver and Orchestra Conductor Daniel Warren, plus many more. Thanks All!

*Centennial Hall - December 15 2010 - nearly 600 braved the weather and took their seat at the season's top-of-the-tree fundraiser. The pay-what-you-can event brings London's law firms together to support our cause through generous Star Sponsorships. Luminary lawyers dramatically read Dickens' classic yuletide tale while Orchestra London brings down the house with seasonal music. We were joined by **The London Singers** and **H.B. Beal Secondary School Choir**, 120 voices strong. A glorious moment when the crowd stood up and belted out *Joy to the World*. Many thanks to **Presenting Sponsor Boardwalk Rental Communities**, to all the *Star Sponsors* mentioned above and also to *Carlyle Peterson, Duo Building, Barrie Family Medicine, EllisDon and Scotia Private Client Group*. Special thanks to **Lerners LLP** for sponsoring The Reception at Mocha Shriners. We so enjoyed that!*

Save the Date

A Christmas Carol - Centennial Hall, December 14, 2011 7pm
a charity fundraiser for Unity Project and Orchestra London

Giving it UP! it takes a community...



Steve Fletcher, Executive Director of the Ontario Automotive Recyclers Association (right foreground) stands with Silvia Langer, Maryellen Young, Rick Odegaard, Trent and Jessika Lang to present a gift of \$10,000 to the Unity Project, to help with core needs. Steve and his family, including wife Gail and two children Ben and Iris, made Unity Project their charity of choice in awarding the gift on behalf of the OARA.




Captain Underpants to the Rescue!

In a campaign to provide relief of homelessness, lululemon athletica launched an in-store drive, telling their customers to “unwrap your superpowers and drop off a new pair of underwear to support Unity Project.”

Sales staff at the Masonville store drove up donations by wearing their lululemon underwear over-top of their pants with a sign on their rear that said “Ask me why I’m wearing these!”

Men and women residents enjoyed nearly 200 pair of really great underwear.

Many Many Thanks lululemon  athletica

Unity Project with United Way for Life Skills

Unity Project is proud to join with United Way of London & Middlesex in shaping London as a community where everyone matters. We are honoured to be among three new programs funded in the 2011-12 year as part of that noble goal and grateful to the community that made it possible by surpassing United Way’s previous year fundraising. United Way granted \$62,000 in support of UP’s Life Skills program. We welcome Jenny Butchart to the role of Life Skills Coordinator. After serving as a Frontline Support Worker for two years, Jenny is in full swing, just a month in working to establish programming to help residents rebuild healthy home/family, employment, social and physical routines. Jenny will engineer many life skills opportunities through on-site and partnered community activities in the areas of Health and Wellness (Physical Activity, Self-Care, Recreation, Communication), House and Home (Cooking, Food Budgeting, Cleaning, Maintenance, Finding and Maintaining Housing), Employment Skills (Job Search, Resume, and Interviews) and System Navigation (knowledge, skills and tools for self reliance on a low income budget).

Contact Life Skills / Jenny Butchart at 519.281.8361 or jbutchart@unityproject.ca

Unity’s 10th Anniversary

August 11, 2001 - The value-driven, participatory model that the UP operates today was born in tents and cardboard boxes when a group of young people were joined by many of London’s homeless to protest the disastrous consequences of poverty. Out of the Tent City controversy came community and compassion. Thank you London and every corner of it. Contact Chuck Lazenby for more info and to let us know if you want to be invited/notified of Anniversary Celebrations - clazenby@unityproject.ca



UP Staff, Board and Friends with Betty Dore, LSTAR’s ED

LSTAR Christmas Gala 2010 Frocks and Frolick

Each Christmas we get a very nice present from the London & St Thomas Association of REALTORS®, a group of good citizens who can really appreciate the value of a home. The third annual Christmas Gala saw over 500 enjoy a sparkling dinner and dance at the London Convention Centre and raised \$13,579 for the UP! LSTAR is actively involved with the communities it serves and takes a strong interest in quality of life. Their community service is targeted towards shelter-related charities, with five principal beneficiaries including: Mission Services, REALTORS Care Foundation, Women’s Community House, and Violence Against Women Services (Elgin County), and the UP. To date, including REALTOR Care Grants, LSTAR has donated \$70,198 to the Unity Project. We are very grateful for LSTAR support and its service to our community.

Happy 75th Anniversary LSTAR!



Who's UP

Management Staff Chuck Lazenby (General Manager); Silvia Langer (Development Manager)

Program Staff Rachel Ayres (London CARES Street Outreach Worker); Mike McGregor (London CARES Street Outreach Worker); Rebecca Waugh (Volunteer Coordinator); Jessika Lang (Community Support Worker); Jenny Butchart (Life Skills Coordinator)

Frontline Support Staff Jason Allen, Yvette Conley, Len Hughes, Jessika Lang, Peter Lebel, Heather McFadyen, Trevor McNaughton, Meghan O’Brien, Linda Pimperton, Rob Prettie, Josh Tullett, Rebecca Waugh, and Maryellen Young

Board of Directors Chuck Grawburg, Rick Odegaard, Gil Warren, James Spangenberg, Amanda Grzyb, Bernie Hammond, Pat Malloy, Dimitri Lascaris, Fergo Berto, Tammy Connor

UPwithart

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www.upwithart.ca

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2011

"Multi-sensory" "Post-modern" "Moving" "Rockin!"

The Palace Theatre was a perfect venue for an inspiring evening to celebrate art, artists and artistry. Thank you visual artists, musicians, playwrights, performers, photographers, auctioneers, sponsors, community partners, volunteers and over 300 arty-party patrons! A stellar roster of 70 visual artists hailed from the veteran art scene of London to up-and-comers, youth artists and Unity Project residents and friends. Artists include Jamelie Hassan, Ron Benner, Tom Benner, Wyn Geleynse, Sean Couchie, Kim Moodie, Kelly Jazvac, Kelly Wallace, David Merritt, Marcy Saddy, Susan Day, David Bobier, Leslie Putnam, Thelma Rosner, Jacquie Gillespie, Jeremy Jeresky, Billy Bert Young and many more. 96 works of art stimulated competition in both Live and Silent Auction. We enjoyed the beautiful music of Marty Kolls and A Priori, an inspiring photography slideshow by Scott Lightfoot and original live theatre with a play "My Brother's Keeper" written by Matt Loop and performed by Harry Edison. UP with ART net \$12,000 to support Unity Project and elevated participating UP residents. **see www.upwithart.ca for a more complete picture of artists performers and sponsors - watch for it in 2012**



Paul Walde (artist),
Silvia Langer (UP) and
Wyn Geleynse (artist)



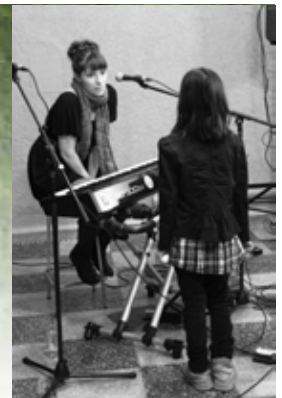
Savanah Sewell and Marty
Kolls admire Jamelie Hassan's
Crabapple Tree watercolour



Harry Edison performs
My Brother's Keeper - covered a
lot of deep, moving ground



/A\'s Janice Zolf was there!
Janice was our emcee and
helped recruit great artists



Extraordinary songstress/
musician Marty Kolls
entertains young artist



Jamelie Hassan, Silvia Langer,
Enedelio Lopez Herrera, Ruth



Crowd of 300 watch the
performance and Live Auction



Great art displayed by Strand Fine Art
Services in the art deco Palace Theatre



/A\ Television was live on scene-
interviewing Kelly Jazvac and others



Bill Stelpstra and Andrew Smyth
(Strand Fine Art Services) enjoy
a laugh with artist Kelly Jazvac



Artist Thelma Rosner. Great food
provided by Black Shire Pub and
Imperio Banquet Hall and Catering



David Merritt, Michael Gibson
and Patrick Howlett enjoy the
arty-party experience



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UP with ART Committee and Volunteers
Mandi Fields, Janice Zolf, Katie Saddy, Savanah
Sewell, Tiffany Bulea, Tori Adam, David Bobier,
and Staff Silvia Langer and Chuck Lazenby



Cody Niles and Deana Thomas of Sinclair Dental (at left and right), Silvia Langer and Dr. Manu Panwar (photo by Sue Reeve, QMI Agency)

LONDON DENTAL COMMUNITY CARES

The London area dental community is rallying to give back to the community with a campaign to polish the Unity Project's 'smile' and restoring the Unity Project's heritage facade. Doctors and dental industry suppliers including Patterson Dental, Sinclair Dental and Henry Schein, are fundraising from within their professional community to bring security to residents and serve in the revitalization of Old East Village. The Agape Foundation launched the effort with a \$4,000 grant and the REALTORS Care Foundation has provided \$6,620 to bring the curb appeal at the project's completion. The Dental Community Cares drive aims to reach \$75,000 by June 30 and see shovels in the ground this fall. The Unity Project is committed to preserving the heritage values of the Queen Anne-style porch and facade. The project is also generously supported by Duo Building/Pat Malloy, Blueline Design Services/Simon coles and SJMA Architecture/Ed Vandermaarel.

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