



UNITY PROJECT

October 2005 News Update

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New Transition Housing Facility Opened!

Doors opened to a new transition housing facility in the front building at 719-721 Dundas Street. A 6-month pilot is up and running and three residents moved into their new, transition home. The facility will house 9-10 transition residents. Residents are responsible for much of their own needs. Staff supports the transition process to independent living.

Home Comfort Project - Renovations Improve Resident Safety, Security and Well-Being

The *Home Comfort Project* is renovating key areas of the emergency shelter to improve health and safety, optimize interior functionality, increase accessibility, reduce maintenance and improve the community living experience.

A new fence is built, flooring repaired, storage built, laundry facilities installed and *coming soon...* main level bathrooms remodelled with full wheelchair accessibility. Funding is provided by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada's *Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative* to realize these improvements for the rear building and surrounding property. Applications are underway to achieve support for further improvements to heating and cooling, roofing, kitchen, dining room and stairways.

A Tribute to Labour Unions, Classic Golf and Staff

We highly value and greatly appreciate the support of our Brothers and Sisters in Labour Unions. Many thanks to the London District Labour Council, CAW Local 27, Steelworkers Humanity Fund, CAW 1520 Retirees Chapter, and the Labourers International Union of North America Local 1059. Special thanks to CAW Local 1520's Women's Committee who, with the help of the Youth Committee, put on a Classic Car Show and Scavenger Hunt to raise \$1000 for the UP. Honk! Honk!

The first UP Golf Classic raised over \$5,000. Fore! But the biggest support, *by far*, comes from UP staff who continue to give generously of themselves everyday.

Hats off to you all!

5% Increase in Achieved Housing Rate: Now up to 29%

Twenty-eight per cent of emergency shelter and transition residents achieved housing according to early evaluations for the 2005 year, up 4 per cent since 2004 annual evaluation. The Unity Project program offers a home-like setting, operating like a large and busy household. The household structure engages residents in the functioning of the shelter and in peer-support processes. It offers the support of an involved and caring staff to help residents identify and advance personal goals and access available community resources in achieving them.



Residents, Staff and Volunteers gather to thank the community for support in the *Home Comfort Project*

A Lasting Moment of Recognition

Our new fence has deep significance: It is a community-building fence (our neighbours sure appreciate it), built by the community. Over time, each picket of the fence will be mounted with a uniquely crafted tribute recognizing the community that built and sustains us. UP Pioneers, "Community Builders" Gift Club Donors, and Extraordinary Volunteers are recognized in a *Gallery of Honour* for contributing to the advancement of our mission to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing and support self-help where people are struggling to escape or avoid homelessness.

Unity Project now a Registered Charity

Registered charity status was achieved this year. Did you donate \$10 or more in this calendar year? We will issue you a charitable tax receipt. Will you donate \$10 or more in future? We can issue you a tax receipt. Receipts acknowledge cash and in-kind gifts at fair market value.

UP with Art Show

A fundraiser for the Unity Project

Gala Opening: November 11, 2005, 7 pm to late night

Show runs Nov. 11th – 17th

The Guild House Gallery - 663 Dundas Street

Annual General Meeting

November 14, 2005, 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Dundas Street Centre Church – 482 Maitland Street

You Make the Difference!

Remember us this Christmas. Please give a gift that lifts the spirit, brings comfort and joy.

Give a donation today!

Please make cheques payable to Unity Project and Mail to above address

It's no time to be out in the cold.