



# HOMESTEAD CHRISTIAN CARE

Living with Mental Illness

spring 2007 newsletter

## Grand Opening Ceremony – New Affordable Supported Apartments in Woodstock



**WHEN?** May 23, 2007

**TIME?** 11:00 am

**WHERE?** 373 Blossom Park Road, Woodstock

(Phone: 519-539-2917)

**WHAT?** Join us for the official Grand Opening ceremony of our 15 new Supported Independent Living apartments as we celebrate God's goodness to Homestead, our residents, and our community. Enjoy a barbeque lunch, take a tour, and hear community representatives share in our excitement as we dedicate this new facility.

Homestead Christian Care is a Christian non-profit charitable organization primarily serving those with mental illness through supportive housing and rehabilitation services.

We assist our residents in meeting personal recovery goals and improving quality of life through life skills training, social involvement, and spiritual growth.

### ministry highlights

- Five residents in Woodstock have achieved their recovery goals and resumed living independently in the community.
- A Hamilton resident has recently overcome his drug addictions and found meaningful employment.
- Two residents in Woodstock have found and kept jobs through Job Links.
- Volunteers have just created 6 new bedrooms in our Woodstock home, providing more residents with private spaces to call their own.



### Feature Program : Friday Cafe

Since early this year, Community Support Coordinator Tineke Vanderhoeven has been hosting a lunch café each Friday at the Caroline Apartments. Thanks in part to the regular weekly donations of various food items by Fortinos Supermarkets. "Having the café has really brought residents of the building together," says Tineke. "It has become a highlight of many peoples' week, providing an opportunity to get out of the house and socialize with neighbours." So if you are in the area on a Friday around noon, stop by and enjoy lunch with us. It would be a pleasure to have your company.

If you, or someone you love, could benefit from being a part of the Homestead Christian Care community, please call us to learn more about options for Residential Care and Supported Independent Living in Hamilton at 905-529-0454 or in Woodstock at 519-539-2917.

**INSIDE** Woodstock Renovations  
Volunteering  
Summer Harbour Cruise

## Volunteer Highlights

- Marcia deJong has been leading Bible Studies with our Wentworth residents for almost two years. Thanks for blessing us, Marcia.
- Richard Hoiting has been collecting food donations for the past 6 months for our Hamilton programs. Thanks for your help, Richard.
- Bev Birch organizes weekly social activities for residents in Woodstock. Thanks for the fun, Bev.
- Hans & Teena Kloet have spent each Tuesday for the past year providing one-on-one spiritual care with Hamilton residents. Everyone appreciates your conversations, Hans and Teena.



- Andy Neven (above left) organized the renovations which created 6 new bedrooms in Woodstock. Excellent work Andy!

## Get Involved

*Volunteers can directly impact the lives of the people we serve. Contact us today and together we can create opportunities that suit your skills and interests. [volunteer@hsc.ca](mailto:volunteer@hsc.ca) Here are some ideas of what you can do:*

- Transport residents to appointments.
- Assist with Spiritual Care activities like Bible studies.
- Start a craft time with residents.
- Help organize our new monthly community coffeehouse in Hamilton.
- Share your “green thumb” and tend our flowers or create a vegetable garden.
- Recruit items for our fundraising Boat Cruise auction.
- Organize a linens drive at your church or community group.

## Volunteers Kick Off Nights of Line Dancing

*Kieran Murphy and friends led line dancing class at Wentworth Program - an interview with April Voorberg, Volunteer Coordinator*

**AV: Hi Kieran, tell me about your connection to Homestead.**

**KM:** My small group from Faith Christian Reformed Church in Burlington volunteered at Homestead as part of Faith in Action.

**AV: When did your group come to Homestead?**

**KM:** We started in January and came every other Saturday for 10 weeks.

**AV: What happened each time you came?**

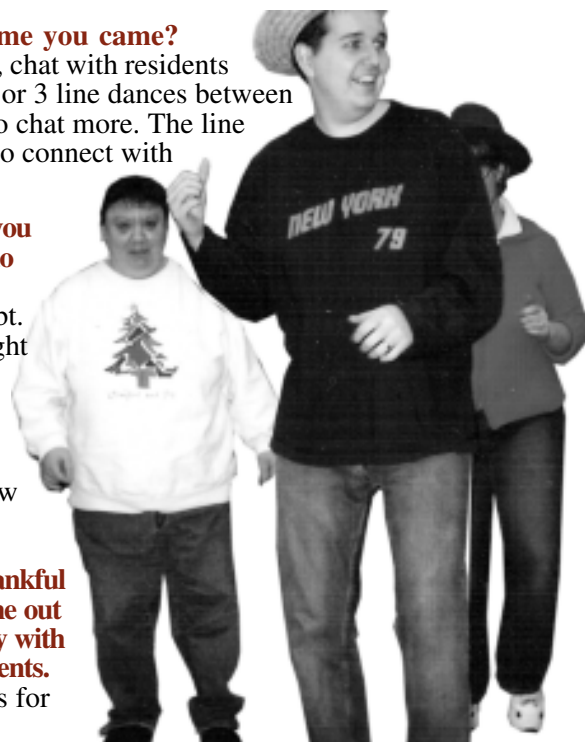
**KM:** We would usually arrive, chat with residents for a few minutes, then lead 2 or 3 line dances between which we would take breaks to chat more. The line dancing really became a way to connect with the people.

**AV: Would this be something you and your group would like to do again?**

**KM:** Absolutely, without a doubt. Actually, right from the first night we realized that this would happen regularly. All the residents were wonderful and they made us feel welcomed. And our small group really grew together through it as well.

**AV: Well, Kieran, we are so thankful that your group would take time out to come and share a fun activity with the Wentworth Program residents.**

**KM:** It was marvelous! Thanks for welcoming us.



# WANTED

## ONE GOOD HANDYMAN

Are you gifted with “handyman” abilities? We need a volunteer to undertake routine home maintenance at our program in Woodstock. Even one day/week would be a huge blessing. Please contact Mary Birch, Residential Coordinator at 519-539-2917.

## Oxford County Caring for Our Own Capital Campaign

The Oxford County Caring for Our Own capital campaign was launched in late October to support Homestead's construction of new affordable housing in Oxford County. To date, over \$140,000 has been raised towards the \$570,000 goal. We continue to trust that the Lord will provide for our financial needs as we step forward in faith, providing much needed supportive housing in Woodstock and Oxford County. Please consider making a contribution to this project. Your gift will help guarantee that Christian care for people living with mental illness will continue to be made more available to those who need it most.



## Renovations create 6 new private rooms at 373 Blossom Park Road

Residents are enjoying the six new private bedrooms at our Woodstock home. Thanks in large measure to the generous volunteer time and gifts-in-kind of numerous individuals, contractors and suppliers including Andy Neven, Frank Zegers, Louise Thurston, Harry Klingenberg, Mark Damsma, Ernie and Nancy Pierek, John Lemstra, Jeremy Heeringa, Al Dennis, Jake Hoekstra, Jelle Derijk,

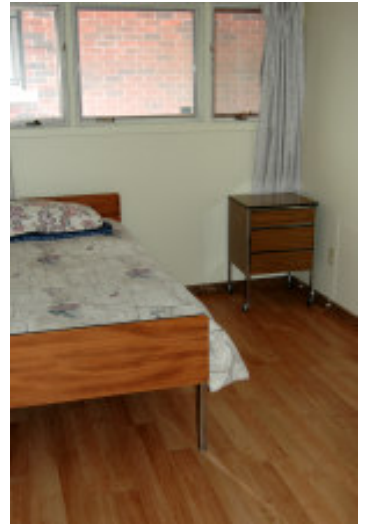
Mike Branderhorst, Mike Lobbezoo, John Vermeer, Tim Koetsier, Neven Custom Homes, D.C. Electric, Martin DeJong Plumbing and Heating, Gerrie Electric Wholesale, Neven Custom Trim, Woollatt Building Supply, Woodstock Home Depot, Tillsonburg Rent-All, Window Wraps, Sierra Construction, and American Standard, these rooms were completed in April and are fully occupied. Now every resident can benefit from privacy and personal space as they work towards recovery.



15 new apartments are nearing completion



new apartment kitchens



one of six new private bedrooms in our Woodstock home

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*"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men."* 1 Cor. 12:4-6



### **For Sale: Resident-designed Greeting Cards**

Residents of the Wentworth Program have recently created beautiful pieces of art work which are displayed in the home. And now, this 12sq.ft. composite mural is featured on these blank greeting cards. Revealing the beauty which can emerge through cooperation, these cards are perfect for sending on any occasion.

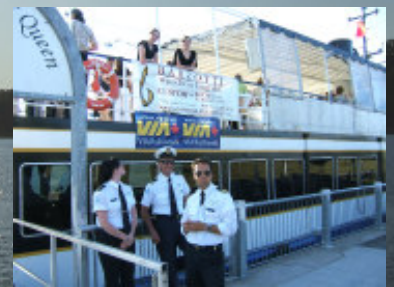
Cards are available in packages of 5 for \$8 and 10 for \$15 with all proceeds going towards the Wentworth Art Program. Please call our Hamilton office to purchase (905-529-0454).

## **Harbour Dinner Cruise** *in support of Homestead Christian Care*

*Join us for the 2nd Annual  
Harbour Dinner Cruise  
aboard the  
Hamilton Harbour Queen*

**choice of two nights:  
Thursday, June 14 or  
Friday, June 15, 2007  
6:30pm - 10:00pm**

**\$125 per guest (tax receipt of \$75)**



*Formal buffet dinner,  
live dinner music,  
silent auction,  
and live entertainment.*

to reserve your place, please call 905-529-0454 or email [rhoda@hsc.ca](mailto:rhoda@hsc.ca)

## **Investing in Ministry**

Many people today are interested in Ethical Investing, putting their resources into causes they believe in.

Homestead Christian Care offers you the opportunity to directly contribute to Christian ministry while earning a competitive return on your investment. Your investment will provide us with the capital needed to develop new supported affordable housing in communities including Oxford County. We can offer 5.5% interest on investments over \$1,000 with flexible terms. Please contact Rudy Hulst, Executive Director or Jeff Neven, Director of Operations (905-529-0454) to discuss our investment opportunities.

- \$430,000 in financing remaining for current 15-unit project in Woodstock
- \$900,000 needed for upcoming projects planned for Woodstock and Brantford



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