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BACK TO REGULAR HOURS

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

8:30AM – 4:00PM



The Downtown Hamilton BIA presents the 2nd Annual "Downtown Localicious Experience" from September 18th to 27th, 2009. In conjunction with partners Environment Hamilton and Eat Local Initiative will be organizing this 10 day event where Local Chefs create delectable lunch specials and prix fixe dinner menu items made with the best of the area's bountiful harvest. 12 exceptional Downtown Restaurants will be featured.

To formally kickoff this year's event come to the Downtown Localicious Launch Party on Wednesday, September 16th, 2009 from 7 – 10 pm at the Lincoln Alexander Centre, located at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 150 King Street East, in Downtown Hamilton. Guests will enjoy local samples from Downtown restaurants, winery and brewery, local music and a chance to see and hear rising culinary demonstration from his new book "EARTH TO TABLE" being launched that day and guests can pre-order their copy of this exceptional book at a discount and have Jeff sign their copy personally. Proceeds from this event will in part support "HAMILTON PARTNERS IN NUTRITION" a local group providing breakfast and snack programs in local schools. Tickets are \$20.00 tax and can be purchased by visiting www.localicious.info or call 905.523.1646.

For more information contact: KATHY G. DREWITT, Executive Director, Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area, 20 Hughson Street South, Suite 807, Hamilton, ON L8N 2A1 at (905) 523.1646 or info@downtownhamilton.org or at www.localicious.info

DO THE MATH! POVERTY IN HAMILTON – HUNGRY FOR ANSWERS

Nutritious food is essential for good health. As part of our belief that fighting poverty is the best medicine money can buy, the 25in5 Network for Poverty Reduction, in partnership with the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, has launched an Ontario-wide campaign for a **Healthy Food Supplement**.

Come and learn from a dynamic presentation from Jonah Schein, Civic Engagement Coordinator of The Stop Community Food Centre (www.thestop.org) and Cheryl Smith, a trained community advocate and public speaker working with Voices From the Street, will present. Cheryl is also the founder of Peacock Poverty (www.peacockpoverty.org), a website founded by and for people with the lived experience of poverty.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 22, 2009
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

WHERE: Myler Hall, Christ's Church Cathedral
255 James St. North, Hamilton

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Deirdre Pike, SPRC
(T) 905.22.1148, Ext. 302, www.25in5hamilton.ca

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN 2009

On September 18th, 2009, The United Way of Burlington and Greater Hamilton launched their new campaign. They announced a fundraising target of \$4,860,000 for Hamilton.

This is the United Way's 82nd year of investing into the community by creating impact in neighbourhoods across the city.

The United Way has continued to be a major source of funding to the Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton (SPRC) for many years, which enables us to continue doing the work that we do.

This newsletter is intended and designed to communicate in a timely way recent activities, social events and recent reports released within the Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton.

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GET INVOLVED

Please join us for our fundraising event, “**Feasting for the United Way**” in November and our “**Coffee House**” event in December.

BUILDING COLLABORATION: REPORT RELEASED

One of the recommendations from the 2004 community plan for addressing the needs of street-involved youth in Hamilton was to examine the connection between child welfare involvement and youth street-involvement. In 2008, the Homelessness Partnership Initiative (HPI) provided funding to develop a community plan for reducing the risk of street-involvement for former youth in care.

This report identifies the connection between child welfare involvement and youth street-involvement; identifies areas that provide an opportunity for child welfare agencies and community youth service agencies to collaborate in their work with street-involved youth; and develops a community plan involving child welfare agencies and community youth service agencies that will reduce the risk of street-involvement for former youth in care.

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UNDER THE WILLOWS PROGRAM EVALUATION

Under the Willows is an integrated arts, gardening and play program for children who have experienced violence and/or trauma in their lives. Operating since 2003, the program is therapeutic in nature, incorporating a model of social therapy. In social therapy, participants work together to create an environment where everyone is able to perform and create new play while learning from their various interactions.

In January 2008, the Advisory Committee for the Under the Willows program partnered with the Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton to conduct an assessment of their program. Incorporating input and feedback from a range of key stakeholders, the full report describes the evolution and operation of the Under the Willows Program, and identifies some of the impacts of the program on participants and the community.

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UPCOMING DATES

SEPTEMBER 16
[5TH ANNUAL UNITED WAY
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT](#)

SEPTEMBER 17
[2009 HAMILTON CAMPAIGN
KICK-OFF BBQ & TRUCK PULL](#)

SEPTEMBER 22
FIRST DAY OF FALL

SEPTEMBER 22
[WORLD CAR FREE DAY](#)

SEPTEMBER 26
[CITYQUEST CHALLENGE](#)

OCTOBER 24
[LANCASTER PLANE PULL](#)

NOVEMBER
FEASTING FOR THE UNITED WAY

DECEMBER
COFFEE HOUSE

A United Way Agency