

# Westminster College Foundation

## SPRING 2009 NEWSLETTER

Westminster College Foundation supports charitable organizations concerned with education, health and/or spiritual care that focus on youth and/or seniors. Projects that demonstrate creative development of new initiatives or new programs that make a difference are favoured.

### Fall Grants

Westminster College Foundation is pleased to announce that the following organizations received approval for a 2008 Fall Grant:

#### **United Church of Canada – Camp KeeMoKee**

A \$40,000 grant was approved to assist with the application and replacement of the septic system as well as help address the emergency repairs and safety concerns so that the Camp would be able to open on time for the 2009 Camping Season.

#### **United Church of Canada – East London United Church Outreach (ELUCO)**

A \$13,000 grant was approved to assist with the start-up of a mid-week community support, fellowship and lunch program in the Huron Heights area in London. The focus of the outreach is to low-income seniors and families.

### Highlighting our Grant Recipients

**Camp KeeMoKee** was established in the late 1950's by the United Church of Canada on property donated by Harvey and Emily Wales. Situated on a beautiful wooded area in Middlesex County, KeeMoKee provides a safe and supportive environment in a Christian atmosphere.

The Camp's Mission Statement is to provide campers and staff with an opportunity to develop a greater sense of self (physically, emotionally and spiritually) through community living in a camping environment. A variety of creative and challenging programs are available for children ages 6 – 16.

Far from the noise and bustle of daily living, a simpler way of life is offered. Simply stated, Camp KeeMoKee lets a kid be a kid! For more information on Camp KeeMoKee or to donate to their Camper Subsidy Fund visit [www.campkeemokee.com](http://www.campkeemokee.com) or call 519-657-7299.

**ELUCO (East London United Church Outreach)** began in 1984 by the members of Gethsemane, Richards Memorial, Rowntree and Siloam United Churches who were concerned about the problems of poverty in east London. Today, First St. Andrews, Robinson Memorial and Dorchester United are also directly involved in the outreach Ministry.

The Welcome Wednesday Hospitality lunch program was initiated by ELUCO and Agape Fellowship. Believing that many hands make light work, this ecumenical project served its first hospitality lunch on October 15<sup>th</sup> 2008. The Salvation Army Citadel on Huron Street provides the facilities where volunteers from Siloam, Gethsemane, and Rowntree Memorial United Church, along with Valleyview Mennonite, Knollwood Baptist, and Day Spring Presbyterian Church prepare and serve a weekly nutritious lunch. The main focus is to provide community support and lunch to low income seniors on fixed income, low income families, sole-support parent(s), and vulnerable persons with mental health challenges, although no one would be turned away. The numbers have steadily increased during this economic downturn.

ELUCO is committed to stand with people who build community in the midst of challenging circumstances. For more information on ELUCO, to volunteer or donate, contact Rev. Susan Eagle at 519-434-7173 or Carol Langford at 519-451-3709.

### **2009 Spring Grants**

Applications for the 2009 Spring Grants are currently under review. Results will be available in mid-May.

### **Programs at Westminster College**

While the main focus of Westminster College is a foundation to distribute grants to charitable organizations, the support of community programs continues.

Marriage Preparation Workshops are offered up to 4 times a year and the program has run for over 12 years. The workshops prepare couples for marriage helping them achieve a better understanding of their commitment as well as develop skills to keep their relationship alive and growing.

Society for Learning in Retirement has provided peer-learning opportunities for over 15 years to retirees seeking knowledge and new insights through courses conducted in small interactive groups.

To receive more information on Programs at Westminster College or a copy of the Westminster College Foundation Guidelines & Grant Application, please call:

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