



7th Annual
Community Links
Golf Tournament

Mark

Wednesday June 11, 2008
on your calendar!

Volunteers, Sponsors and
Donors needed!

Please contact Lisa at ACS!!

ACS NEWS



ANCASTER COMMUNITY SERVICES

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The Power of Partnerships

Ancaster Community Services is making a much more substantial contribution to those in need in our town. The reason? **The power of partnerships.**

- ACS partners with many local churches, businesses, and services clubs, to name but a few. ACS is fortunate to be recognized by these people and places as a priority focusing on a shared commitment to making our community stronger and a much better place to live and work.
- ACS focuses on programs, activities, services and events that increase people's ability to be safer, healthier and more active members within the community in which they live...Ancaster.
- Many of the ACS initiatives would suffer without the support and assistance of our local community partners. Thank you goes to so many.

We are always in need of new partners so please call ACS to help us continue to support those in need.

Check out our updated internet
www.ancinfo.on.ca

Here you will find news and information about our many programs and services

THE ONTARIO
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This picture is only a small representation of how the community of Ancaster partners and works with other parties. **Partnerships** are essential to maintaining, involving, networking and promoting more than just one cause. Thanks to the Ancaster Optimist Club which provided financial support for this sign. It is a major benefit not only for those who use it to promote community awareness (such as the ACS), but for every resident of Ancaster who is kept in the know by reading it.



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Community Companions *Contact Melanie @ ACS*

The financial support from the **Ontario Trillium Foundation** has enabled ACS the ability to create the **Community Companion Program**. This local program partners volunteers directly with Ancaster seniors, the physically challenged and those in need of support. The scope of the companionship is wide open but volunteers might be asked to:

- Read mail for clients (when requested)
- Read newspaper articles/books, play cards, chess, games, etc.
- Share a cup of coffee/tea
- Share interests and stories
- Discuss local community events/topics
- Go for a short walk together within the community
- Do an errand or two together

We have received requests for this program from people in our community already.

We need your help to support its continuation!

Ancaster Community Services

In Memory of
FRANK CARL ZINSZER

It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Frank C. Zinszer, a member of ACS Board of Directors on Thursday, September 6, 2007. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Carol (ACS Office Assistant), daughter Kate and to his extended family and friends. We will all miss Frank's love, laughter and zest for life.

LET'S DO LUNCH—New location added!!

Thanks to monies received from the *Greater United Way of Hamilton & Burlington* and the *New Horizons for Seniors Grant*, we have expanded our popular Let's Do Lunch Program to **Jerseyville United Church** in rural Ancaster. Our next luncheon will occur on **Wednesday, November 14th at noon** and will run every 2nd Wednesday of the month thereafter. The church is located in Jerseyville on Field Rd. off Jerseyville Rd. W.

Community volunteers will be recruited to provide transportation for seniors (if requested) and to arrange and serve lunch to those who would benefit from both the nutritious food and the opportunity to socialize. As well, the funding will allow ACS to arrange programming on health-promoting topics that are relevant to seniors trying to maintain their independence.

We hope to see you there!



Intergenerational Volunteers at
Let's Do Lunch

Food Drive Initiative

Several of Ancaster's baseball leagues, including the Little League, teamed up during the summer months and developed a successful food drive. Canned goods and cash were donated to **ACS**. The money raised is used to purchase food vouchers for clients who are in need. There was such generous support, ACS was able to share the goods with Neighbour to Neighbour-another community partner!!

We sincerely thank the Ancaster Ladies Three Pitch, Ancaster Men's Slo-Pitch, Ancaster Vet's Baseball and Ancaster Little Leagues for their time and dedication to this effort.

ACS raises \$14,000 at Community Links Golf Tournament



Our 6th annual *Community Links* charity golf tournament held on June 6th raised more than \$14,000 in support of vital town programs such as *Meals on Wheels*, *Let's Do Lunch*, *Volunteer Assisted Driving*, *Youth Employment Services*, *family outreach and counselling*.

In addition to 112 golfers, there were more than two dozen corporate and hole sponsors who combined to make this year's *Community Links* Tournament, held at Knollwood Golf Club, so successful. We sincerely thank all of the sponsors and participants, including volunteers, who helped to make *Community Links* a highlight of Heritage Days.

Last year's proceeds helped ACS and it's 100+ volunteers:

- Serve over 2500 Meals on Wheels
- Distribute over \$2700.00 in food vouchers, not including non-perishable items
- Make over 880 trips to transport seniors to medical and other appointments
- Deliver gifts of food and clothing to local families at Christmas
- Meet the information and referral needs of more than 5000 people

**Mark your calendars for next year's Golf event, to be held on
Wednesday, June 11th, 2008!**

Message from Bob Hill, Chair of the Board

Ancaster Community Services (ACS) partners with a wide variety of individuals and groups to make Ancaster an ever improving place to live and work. Everyone has something special to contribute to our community -- a role to play in improving the quality of community life -- whether as a donor, a volunteer, an agency, a business, a service club, or member of a community group.

Meals on Wheels is an extremely important community service program in Ancaster, serving close to 3,000 meals a year to local residents. Earlier this year, Ancaster Community Services and Ancaster Rotary AM announced the formation of a special partnership to **support** *Meals on Wheels* in Ancaster. The partnership will see Ancaster Rotary AM make a significant financial contribution in each of the next three years – money that will be used to expand the *Meals on Wheels*' volunteer expenses and travel base.

Ancaster Community Services has been providing local *Meals on Wheels* service for almost 40 years and during the past five years has experienced a rapid increase in requests. Today, demand outpaces supply and there is a regular waiting list, despite the enormous efforts made by *Meals on Wheels* volunteers.

Ancaster Rotary AM's commitment to this program comes at exactly the right time and we are delighted that they have chosen to support *Meals on Wheels* in Ancaster. Rotarians understand – as do approximately 100 valued *Meals on Wheels* volunteers in Ancaster – that the simple act of delivering a meal means more than a nutritional meal; it offers social contact, a safety check and continued independence for people in need in their homes. With this partnership, we hope to provide enhanced support to our current volunteers, and increase our volunteer base so that no one in Ancaster is left waiting.



Bob Hill accepting a \$7500 cheque from Rotarians Pam Milroy, President and Gavin Morphet, Director of Community Service

Youth Employment Services

By *Caileen Weitz*
Secondary School Student

“I was looking for a job that was only one day a week. When the opportunity arose to go to an ACS client’s home and type up his memoirs, I immediately agreed. I started that Saturday and was greeted by his wife and himself. They were both incredibly nice and saw to it that I was comfortable before I got to work. I was presented with a pile of stories, written down on post-it notes and pieces of paper that had been taped together. At first, it was a little daunting, but as I began reading the stories I was hooked. His life and the life of his family was so interesting and many of his funny anecdotes made me laugh out loud. I learned about his childhood, his many accomplishments and his happiest moments. I am always greeted with a pleasant “hello” and a batch of new stories or pages with corrections that need to be made when I visit him. What started out as a job, became an experience where I met two very nice people and dove into a life different from my own.”

acs
(*Linking Youth with Seniors*)

Your continued support helps these ACS Programs

- Meals on Wheels
- Information & Referral
- Counseling
- Youth Employment Services (Y.E.S.)
- Let's Do Lunch
- Assisted Volunteer Driving
- Community Outreach
- Christmas Outreach
- Travel & Tourism Information
- Community Companions

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Summer Babysitting Course & Y.E.S. Update

With summer behind us, we are pleased to report that our summer placement student, Lauren Hanna taught another successful babysitting course, with 49 students graduating on August 14th, at a ceremony held at the Old Town Hall gazebo.

Lauren was also very busy co-ordinating the Youth Employment Service (Y.E.S.) in which she found employment for 34 students over the course of the summer months.

It was a pleasure having Lauren work with us during the summer months and we wish her well in her second year of studies at Simon Fraser University.



Kathy Bishop, Councillor
Lloyd Ferguson, Lisa Wert,
Lauren Hanna,
Abby Llewellyn and
Meredith Foley at the 2007
Babysitting Graduation



Support our 2007 Christmas Outreach

ACS provides support to families in need during the
Holiday season.

Please look for our **Christmas Mailer** coming in **November!**



NEW VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

We are looking for a few community-minded and conscientious volunteer board members to lead and strengthen our programs and services for the members of the Ancaster Community.

If you can contribute your time, thoughtfulness and leadership one evening a month, and are interested in exploring this opportunity, please contact Karen Hadden at 905-648-6675 to find out whether this opportunity is right for you.



Yes! I would like to support ACS

Please use the **donor card** supplied with this newsletter or send us a cheque in any amount. Your **support** for our **community** is needed.

Thank you!