



Wellwood



2014 Report to the
Community

From the President:

It is hard to believe that six years have passed since many of us sat down for the first time as a member of Wellwood's Board. We were all younger then – and some of us were greener than others.

Wellwood was ahead of its time in valuing the voice of young adults at the Board table. Several of us started on this Board when we were just in our 20s. The torch has now been passed to Sadisha Galappatti, a third-year McMaster student who began volunteering with us when he was just 16. This experience has been a large part of our personal growth. The camaraderie, collaboration, mentorship, fellowship and connections that have been forged at the table in Wellwood's gathering room have been inspiring.

The spark was ignited for me when I started on the Board of Directors in 2008. The AGM that year was held at our community site, which was then still a construction zone of unfinished space, with the proceedings illuminated by temporary worklights attached to extension cords and hung on nails. An incredible sense of "unlimited possibility" hung in the air around us back then (along with all that sawdust) which has culminated in what Wellwood has become today.

The Board came together at a retreat last October to develop what is emerging as our new strategic vision for Wellwood, and this represents a positive shift to move to other priorities and directions, now that the goals for the space have been realized. There are challenges ahead, no doubt, not the least of which will be fiscal. I have every confidence that these shall be met head on by the incoming Board.

Among the highlights of my own Presidency: Our quick capital campaign for the hospital site (a welcome relief knowing the community site campaign had been such a long haul); the opportunity to host the grand opening of the hospital site and honour our founders; and, most recently, the presentation to Wellwood of the City's first organizational Diversity Champion award.



This Board knew that, to be a truly inclusive organization, intention is not enough. We recognized it takes tools, language, extensive consultation, identification of potential barriers, training, partnerships, investment of human and financial resources....all of which has led to a more richly diverse gathering of voice and experiences here. Inclusivity is woven into the very fabric of who we are and what we do. This Board – every one of us – should be fiercely proud of this award and all that it represents.



It has been an absolute privilege to be your President. Thank you for the opportunity.


Eric Nanayakkara

Let's face it. Running a charity is a challenge!

Generating the financial support to do the work that we need to do is no easy feat.

You already know how much our volunteers do to provide the wide range of services that Wellwood offers. The gifts of their time and talents are immeasurable.

But there are also a surprisingly vast number and variety of initiatives that have been undertaken by our community, volunteers, clients, collaborators, partners, donors and friends to help us to do what we do.

So, how do we do it, you ask?

Let us count (just a few of) the ways....

A hair-raising adventure

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Eric Nanayakkara, immediate Past-President of Wellwood, admires (or envies?) the long, lovely locks of Sadisha Galappatti, the youngest member of the Board of Directors, who held a head-shaving fundraiser after growing his hair for a very long time (too long, according to his mom!) and raised more than \$1000. His gorgeous tresses were donated to make a wig for a child with cancer.

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...and
"hair" we
go again



Olivia Brindell of Caledonia Elementary School (shown here with Tyler Steeves, Manager of Client Care, & Youth Programs) also got in the spirit of giving by cutting and donating most of her beautiful, formerly waist-length hair, and using that as an opportunity to raise money in support of Wellwood, all in honour of her proud grandmother, who is on her own cancer journey.

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An angel's influence



Before her death in 2011, beloved local glass artist, Shirley Elford – well remembered for her magnificent angels – created a fund with Hamilton Community Foundation to support women with ovarian cancer. Last autumn, thanks to a grant from that fund to Wellwood, a group of women were able to participate in a two-day yoga retreat at Bliss Haven in Dunnville.

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Wherefore ART thou?



Wellwood has a beautiful (and completely original) art collection. All of the works have been donated (with a few on permanent loan.) As Henry David Thoreau once said: "This world is but a canvas to our imagination." We invite you to drop by and take yourself for a tour.

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Leaving a wonderful legacy...



Jerome "Jed" Andrews (right) was a longtime volunteer at the annual Wellwood Walk/Run for Colorectal Cancer Awareness, as well as close friends with the event Chair, Michael Scott. Sadly, Jed passed away shortly after this photo with Mike was taken at last year's race. As an expression of appreciation for Jed's dedication to the event and his generosity to Wellwood (he left a special bequest to support our work,) the race committee is paying tribute to him on the backs of the participant shirts this year.

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Where there's a shuttle, there's a way!



One of the biggest barriers to participation in Wellwood's program for kids with serious illness in the family would be transportation, were it not for the extraordinary partnership of Queenston Chevrolet/Image Honda. Given the unpredictability of illness, families dealing with crisis can not easily navigate getting children to and from a support program, despite best intentions to do so. This local champion, literally, keeps the show on the road!

Golfing "fore" Wellwood

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Wellwood is lucky enough to have been selected as one of several local charities sharing proceeds from the 2013 and 2014 editions of the Dick Borthwick memorial golf tournament at HGCC. A tip of the hat to the tireless planning committee who make this event happen. Play on!

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How does our garden grow? (And who shovels all that snow?)



Ever wonder how we keep the grass from growing under our feet around here? Have you been grateful for the clear path to the doors in February? Since the community site was completed, absolutely all of Wellwood's land maintenance and snow removal has been generously donated by Ciccarelli Group, located on Garner Road in Ancaster.

From our garden to yours

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Little Meghan Galbraith strikes a pose with the plants donated by her grandparents, longtime Wellwood volunteers Grant and Annette Kutchaw – who, among many other things, coordinate and provide all of the merchandise for our annual plant sale. Meghan was also in charge of counting change, a task at which she apparently excelled. Future Wellwood volunteer?

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Oskee Wee Wee!



We are *grrreat* big fans of the group CFL Fans Fight Cancer! Whether here, or in Guelph, the local chapter has been so good to Wellwood, year after year, and they continue to identify us as their favourite charity. We are thrilled that they are taking us with them to the TiCats new stadium where they will continue to raise money for Wellwood's programs.


There you have it: just a sampling of the amazing things that people are doing out there to help us around here. Thank you so much to everyone who supports the work that we do at Wellwood.


FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WELLWOOD RESOURCE CENTRE OF HAMILTON STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
	As at March 31	
	2014	2013
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	7,438	81,404
Short-term investments	2,417,938	2,267,852
Accounts receivable	5,747	3,084
Inventories	922	919
Prepaid expenses and deposits	6,209	6,199
	2,438,547	2,359,525
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 2)	1,373,858	1,438,639
INCORPORATION COSTS	684	684
	3,813,089	3,798,848
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable (Note 4)	136,302	134,027
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS (Note 5)	16,418	18,579
	152,720	152,607
FUND BALANCES		
INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS	1,373,858	1,438,639
EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED (Note 6)	2,864,890	2,302,000
UNRESTRICTED	281,889	206,212
	3,420,537	3,946,851
	3,813,089	3,798,848

(See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements)

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

 Director

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WELLWOOD RESOURCE CENTRE OF HAMILTON STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS				
	Year ended March 31			
	General Fund	Endowment Fund	Total 2014	Total 2013
	\$	\$	\$	\$
REVENUES				
Donations	78,743	2,890	81,633	193,291
Partnership funds	-	-	-	75,000
Fundraising and other income	75,783	-	75,783	66,087
Investment income	58,183	-	58,183	59,745
Realized gain (loss) on investments	48,527	-	48,527	(2,233)
	259,226	2,890	262,116	391,900
EXPENDITURES				
Advertising, travel and promotion	1,588	-	1,588	1,248
Fundraising expenses	30,794	-	30,794	28,396
Insurance	10,686	-	10,686	10,344
Miscellaneous	1,780	-	1,780	1,781
Office expenses	45,110	-	45,110	49,076
Printing, postage and courier	5,485	-	5,485	7,435
Professional fees	25,206	-	25,206	24,874
Volunteer expenses	3,874	-	3,874	5,837
Wages and benefits	209,148	-	209,148	208,413
	333,689	-	333,689	338,904
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES BEFORE AMORTIZATION AND UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS	(75,463)	2,890	(72,573)	53,096
AMORTIZATION	(88,404)	-	(88,404)	(81,953)
UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS	161,626	-	161,626	116,183
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	28,699	2,890	31,589	147,326

(See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements)

NOTES:

As a registered charity, Wellwood depends entirely on donations, grants and funds raised through special events to continue to provide our services free of charge to everyone affected by cancer.

Wellwood is committed to transparency.

Wellwood's endowment fund is invested in its entirety to generate revenue on an annual basis to support the increased operating costs of introducing the second (community) site.

We only spend the income from our endowment fund. We do not spend from the endowment itself. These 2013 and 2014 numbers also reflect those revenues collected in our capital campaign for the renovations of our new hospital site.

To read our past reports to the community, see our detailed audited financial statements or view our registered charity information with Canada Revenue Agency, please visit wellwood.on.ca and click on "About Us." Board fundraising and investment policies are also available by request.



Wellwood is a safe, beautiful place to express and explore all of the dimensions of the cancer journey. Every day, we bear witness to extraordinary acts of courage, humanity, joy, sorrow and gratitude. It is our donors who choreograph the music and magic that happens here. With sincere appreciation, we invite you to continue to support our work.

K. Jane George, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Thank you for your generosity



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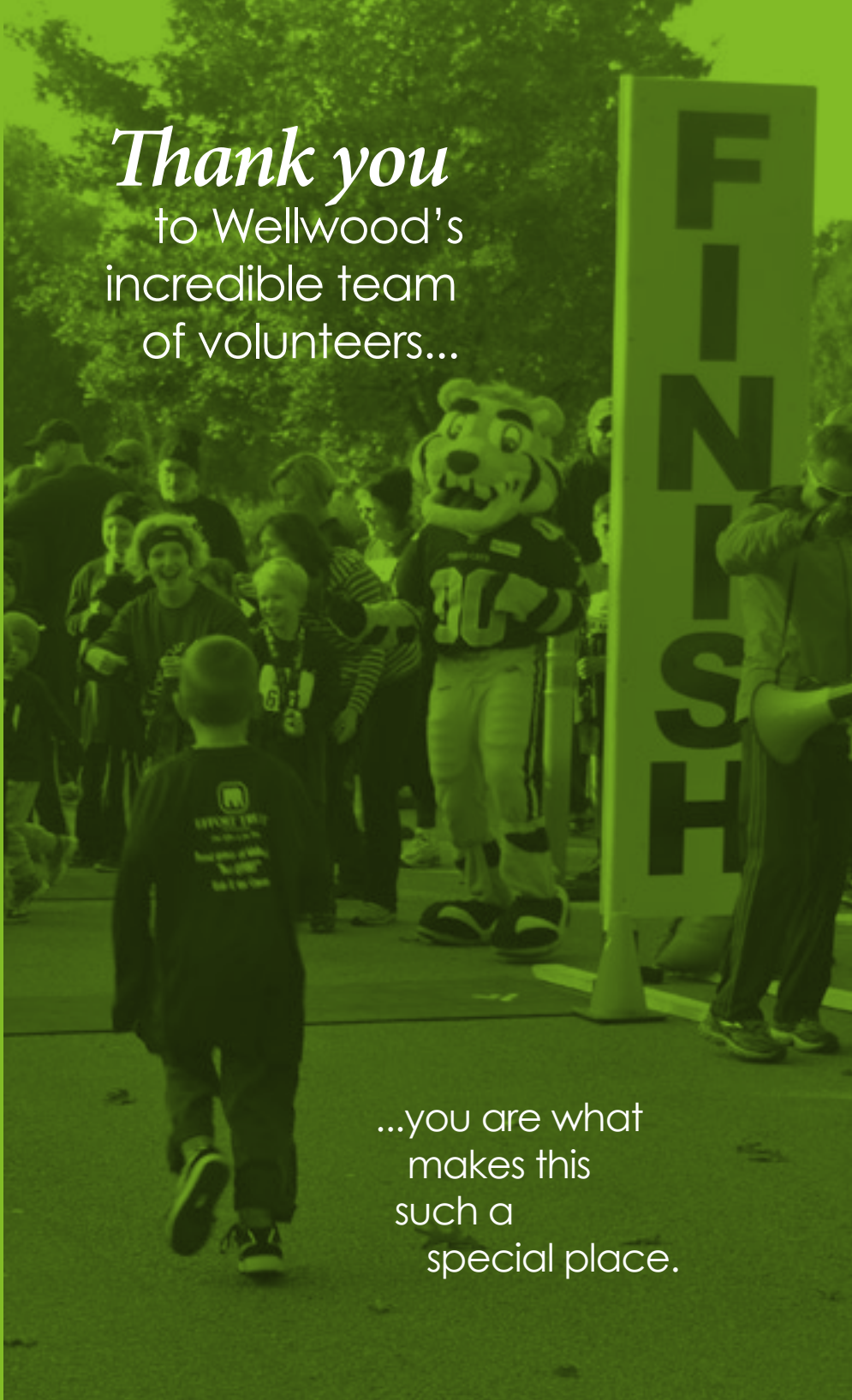
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