



A Summer to Thrive...

Many of us have cherished memories from our childhood summer vacations. I remember as a child spending hours catching sunfish with my brother only to release them at the end of the afternoon...to begin the process all over again the next day! Summer in Canada is a wonderful time to enjoy new experiences, explore the richness of God's creation and build family memories. At the Chaplaincy summer is a critical ministry time. We work hard to provide literacy and math opportunities to keep children at grade level and nurture academic confidence. We offer sponsored overnight camp spaces so the children can grow through new experiences and enjoy nature. We run month long leadership camps targeting youth ages 12-15, who are at risk of gang and drug activity. We create meaningful evening recreational activities so that children have a safe and positive environment to play. We host community celebrations to build family memories. Our dream is that all the children and youth at the Chaplaincy have opportunities to THRIVE over the summer months.

At the Chaplaincy, we are convinced that breaking the barriers of poverty is best done by nurturing relationships, providing opportunities and being consistently present. In our Hollywood crazed culture, it is easy to be drawn to the sensational and to what becomes "news worthy" retweeted stories. Yet the face of poverty is often quiet and unseen. We see it daily at the Chaplaincy, in moments when residents feel safe enough to share their heartaches with us and their deep-felt concern for their children's future. These moments will never make the evening news...yet these are the moments where we can make a huge impact. Over the summer our focus is on the children and youth. As we listen to parents, we plan and dream together to create summer memories and opportunities for the children and youth to THRIVE. We are grateful for your partnership in this critical work. While your investment may not make the evening news, the impact is far reaching and creates positive summer memories forever etched in the hearts of a child!

Pam Cullen, Chaplain



The **LCC**...is the acronym we use for the **L**ondon **C**ommunity **C**haplaincy.

It also perfectly reflects the backbone of our ministry... **L**ocal **C**ompassionate **C**itizens!

We are so grateful for the faithful donations of food, program supplies, finances and volunteer hours that local Londoners invest in the work of the Chaplaincy! Together we are impacting our city for positive change.

"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style." - Maya Angelou



March Break

March break was a community building highlight at the Chaplaincy! It was a great opportunity for everyone to enjoy fun activities and events together. Do you remember that one very cold day that we had during the week? If you wonder why, here is the answer: Princess Elsa, the Queen of Winter, came over for a short visit. She brought the cold weather, but at the same time she melted our hearts. This explains why there was so much love and bear hugs going on when we had our Teddy Bear picnic! Loving hearts are full of energy, therefore all the acquired enthusiasm was put to work at the Home Depot activity center where the children were busy creating tool boxes and picture frames. But that was not all! Children also enjoyed movies and popcorn, outdoor games, a nail painting party, and musical activities. In the busyness of the break, we did not forget about the parents and together with the families we gathered for fun and delicious community breakfasts!

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Can you partner with us in this work? Will you consider volunteering in a summer program, becoming a camp driver, donating to our financial campaign or attending our fundraising events?

LCC's Gone Country Fundraiser
 IN SUPPORT OF SUMMER CHILD AND YOUTH WORK

A family event that includes:
 kids activities, square dance,
 live DJ, silent auction, bonfire,
 meal (hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, side dish)

May 27th, 4pm - 8pm
4404 Westchester Bourne, London

Rain Date Location:
 Elmwood Ave Presbyterian Church
 111 Elmwood Ave E, London

For tickets call:
 The Chaplaincy at 519-685-2771
 or Anne Jeffery at 519-808-0473
 or Betty Poole at 519-652-5457

Tickets: Adults: \$15, Children (3-10): \$10, 2 & under: free

Please bring your cowboy hat, lawn chair and ticket with you!

Summer Volunteers are needed to help with literacy programs, recreation and driving children to camp. Can you spare a few hours this summer to help the Chaplaincy thrive?

Please let us know by contacting our office.

Spring Raffle

Call the Chaplaincy office for tickets!

Supporting our "Summer to Thrive" Campaign (Child and Youth Work)

Win this great prize!

Work & Relax

Yellow heavy duty, steel frame, wheelbarrow FILLED with a delicious assortment (63 bottles) of white and red wine!
 Draw takes place on **May 27th** at the LCC gone country event at 7pm at Jeffery Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc. 4404 Westchester Bourne, Belmont, ON

Summer to Thrive campaign. Please make cheques payable to the London Community Chaplaincy.

I would like to donate \$ _____ to help support child and youth work at the Chaplaincy.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please send this form to: The London Community Chaplaincy
 P.O. Box 37085, 900 Adelaide St., London ON N6E 3T3

To donate online visit Canada Helps:
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/london-community-chaplaincy/>
 The needs of the Chaplaincy are on-going. Please consider becoming a monthly donor.

What's new at the LCC?



Men's ministry begins...

Due to the generous funding received from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the City of London, we are excited to welcome Eddie Ji to our staff team as our men's community builder. Eddie brings with him training in social work from King's University and a host of ministry experiences. He has jumped in with enthusiasm and is working hard at engaging and developing relationships with the men at Southdale and Limberlost.

Limberlost gets a facelift...

Last June we had a vision of updating the look at Limberlost. With prayer and the generosity of so many volunteers and funders, the dream came to life. We painted and cleaned, we hunted down second hand furniture and art and we updated the kitchen with new appliances, tables and chairs. Due to the generosity and help of the London Home Builders Association, the project was completed in March with the removal of a wall upstairs creating a spacious and functional activity room that will be the hub of our programming. Drop by for tea or breakfast and come see the warm and welcoming atmosphere at Limberlost! We are so grateful to all those that contributed to this project.

