

## Living Rock Annual Golf Tournament!

The Living Rock's 11th annual golf tournament took place in June at the Beverly Golf and Country Club. The sun was shining, the clubs were swinging and a good time was had by all! Thanks to the organizing committee and sponsors (including Crystal Clean Services and G S Wark Ltd, pictured). In total, over \$25,000 was raised towards the mortgage on the Living Rock's building - making us almost mortgage-free!

The winning team this year included Brian Hall, Mike Hall, Dick Routledge and Ron Knox. Closest to the Pin were Adam Koscielak and Audrey Meidema. Straightest Drive winners were Sue Ippolito and Mark Van Anel. And the Tip the Ball in the Boat winners were Robin Wydryk, Alan Agnew, Fred Bennink, Ross Drummond and Martin Dam.



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**We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who have supported the Living Rock at our recent events.**



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Street retreats for youths/adults**  
Throughout 2007  
Call to register 905-528-7625

**Living Rock's Anniversary Dinner**  
Thursday 22 November 2007  
Carmen's Banquet Centre  
Call 905-528-7625 for ticket and table details, silent auction donations and sponsorship opportunities

**Soupfest VI: Community Connections for Youth**  
Tuesday 29 January 2008  
LIUNA Station  
Call 905-528-7625 for details and sponsorship opportunities

## MEMORIALS

The following is a list of donations made to Living Rock Ministries in memory of past friends, colleagues and family:

Received from:	In Memory of:
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Al & Karen Craig	Henry Christie
Dorothy McMaster	Fred W. Sheridan
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## GIVING THANKS!

In spring 2006, Travis Bailey answered a knock at his apartment door and was shot in the face. An innocent victim in a case of mistaken identity, his shooting sent the youth community into shock.

Miraculously, Travis (pictured above right) survived. But the incident left him with an acquired brain injury, epilepsy, no hearing or vision on his right hand side, and difficulties with walking.

The youth at the Living Rock decided to show support for their friend - by raising money through the annual Cultural Fashion Show.

Over a hundred people packed the Rock on August 16 for the good cause, the fun atmosphere and the chance to see Mayor Fred Eisenberger dressed up by Tip=Top Tailors.



"I just loved the feeling in the room and the great group of people," said Ward 2 Councillor and model Bob Bratina. "It was a blast."

Other celebrity models included Dr Nathalie Xian Yi Yan (pictured), Traditional Elder Walter Cooke from the Aboriginal Health Centre, and Al Craig (see

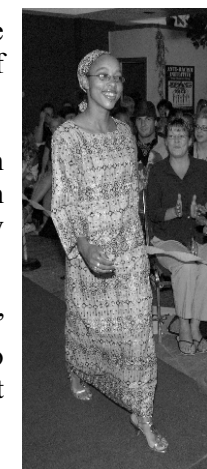
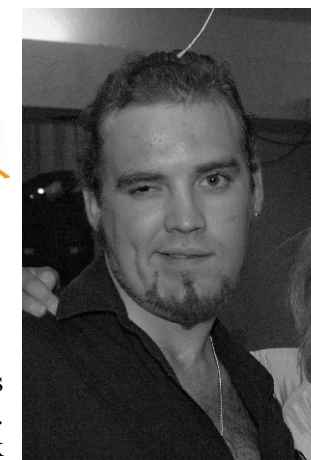
Director's Report, inside). Youth also took turns modelling back to school, evening, cultural and fun wear, shaking hands with Travis as they sashayed down the catwalk.

It was their way of saying 'thank you' to Travis, to the Rock and to the whole community. And, at the end of the evening, Travis said an emotional 'thank you' too.

"He said how important the Rock is," said Karen Craig, Program Director. "It meant so much to him that it came from the youth." Travis' mom, Cindy Bailey, agreed. "He really felt honoured."

Over \$1,500 was raised to help pay for Harley, Travis' dog (from K-9 Service Dogs). Harley will be able to open/close doors, sense a seizure is coming and alert emergency services.

Many thanks to Tip Top Tailors, Lorenzo School of Hair Design, triOS College, make-up with Elise, Canadian Heritage, Re-Create, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, Scotiabank, Arts Hamilton, Aboriginal Health Centre, Tweedle Productions, Art Gallery of Hamilton, City of Hamilton, Immigrant Culture and Art Association, K-Lite FM, Jamesville Community Centre and Hamilton Public Library.





### From the Director

We had a pretty action-packed summer here at the Rock. Over a hundred people came to our Cultural Fashion Show, where the youth rallied together to help Travis (here I am as a model). Our golf tournament in June raised money towards our mortgage, so now the Rock is almost debt-free. And the addition of new staff (and new positions, like Scott as Health and Nutrition Coordinator) has expanded our ministry.

It's hard to believe we only moved into this building in 1999. Back then we only had two half-time staff - me and a secretary. Now we have over 20 staff plus volunteers. They go above and beyond, counseling youth and visiting them in jail. When Travis was shot, it was the Rock he reached out to, and staff prayed for him and visited him in the hospital. More youth have made commitments to Christ and one was baptized through the Rock.

These are just some of the examples of the care the Rock provides. We're thankful we have the building, the staff and the funding to give that kind of support. But funding doesn't cover everything. Keeping our building running is an ongoing challenge - it costs \$1400 a month just to pay the hydro. Then there are insurance costs and other things that come up.

Being able to pay these bills is an important part of our ministry. If we didn't pay them, we wouldn't be able to use our building - and it's the building that makes it possible to minister to the youth and put on events like the Fashion Show. Without it, we wouldn't be where we are today.

### Rev. Alan Craig

Front page photos: Jim Fish and 'Unto the Least of These' Ministries



## FEED ME UP SCOTTÝ!

Food is an important part of life at the Living Rock. The meal programs and food bank together serve nearly 25,000 youth a year (more if you count their families). Hot food, cold food, dried food, snacks, infant formula - you name it - are constantly going out to the people who need it most.

Now we have a full-time staff dedicated to coordinating it all! Scott recently became the Rock's Health and Nutrition Coordinator and will be overseeing meal preparation, donations, storage and the food bank.

Scott's main aim is to reduce food wastage, as well as improving the quality and variety of food with more meat and fresh vegetables for the meal programs. He'll be a welcome addition to the food bank team, made up entirely of volunteers since the Underground Rock Shop opened a decade ago. It's thanks to hard-working people like Iona and Rosemary that the food bank serves so many youth today.

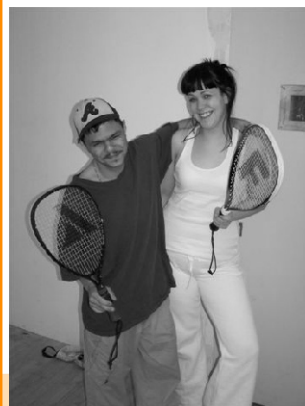
With the recent media spotlight on food banks, it looks like Scott will have his hands full. "The food drive has been really encouraging because it means the youth are being remembered," said Scott. "Food donations shouldn't be falling by the wayside over the summer. Just because it's not cold doesn't mean youth aren't hungry."

Many thanks to Wesley Gozdek of Hamilton North Ministerial Outreach, together with Fortino's at Main West and Upper Centennial, for their regular food donations.

Thanks also to Hamilton Community Foundation which has funded this position for a year. If you would like to partner with the Rock in supporting this position long-term, please contact Karen Craig at 905-528-7625.

**The food bank is also in need of canned vegetables and pasta sauce. If you would like to donate, please call Scott at the Living Rock.**

## ROCK IN ACTION



Youth are getting active at the Rock! 'Rock in Action' offers sports and recreation opportunities at the YMCA and Jamesville Community Centre. New Rock in Action Coordinator Mary Anne Roy says the Living Rock camping trips over the summer have also been a huge hit. This project is sponsored by the Ministry of Health Promotion - Community in Action Fund (CIAF), part of ACTIVE2010, Ontario's Sport and Physical Fitness Strategy. Thanks also to Hamilton Community Foundation - Ontario Youth in Recreation. **We welcome Canadian Tire Money to buy sports equipment and incentives for Rock in Action.**

# GIVING THANKS!

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## BUILDING UPDATE



The Rock has been undergoing a much needed facelift since the spring, and staff and youth are now enjoying the results! The outside of the Living Rock has been sandblasted and looks fantastic; we have a brand new porch, plus a new roof and a new elevator. The basement has also been renovated. This makes life a

lot easier for everyone - the porch shelters the youth from the weather, and the elevator makes quick work of cleanup.

Many thanks to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Historia, STF Construction Ltd, and Thier & Curran Architects Inc.



## NEW STAFF: KAREN & DUSTIN

The Living Rock is pleased to announce two new staff. Karen Hultink and Dustin Giesbrecht have come on board as Support Workers and are proving a valuable addition to the team.

The Living Rock has many other ministry opportunities in the areas of reception, weekend relief, victim response, evening program, 'Rock in Action' (see left), electrical/drywall/carpentry work, and food preparation/kitchen help. For more details, call Karen Craig at 905-528-7625.



## BE-WEAR: GIVING BACK

Amy still remembers her time as a youth at the Living Rock ten years ago. "I never felt supported in my art at school - but the Rock framed 13 of my pictures," she said. "Then they showcased them in two art galleries. I needed self confidence, and this was the turning point."

As a way of saying 'thanks', she recently came back to the Rock as a Mohawk College student. Amy (pictured top right) helped to develop 'BE-Wear: Be Real', a clothing and jewellery workshop where youth can discuss issues in an informal setting while making recycled clothes and hemp bracelets. Some youth have showcased their work at Arts of August.

"The Rock is really great for youth," said Amy. "I'm so impressed with their level of commitment."

Thanks to the Immigrant Culture and Art Association, RE-Create Open Art Studio, Rev Wear and the students and volunteers who have helped youth express themselves through the arts.



# DID YOU KNOW?

Throughout this year, youth groups have been coming to the Living Rock as part of our 'Meet the Street' initiative to find out how they can make a difference. The 'Meet the Street' video about the Rock and street-involved youth is also available. Contact Kevin at 905-528-7625 to see the video, book a speaker or have your group come in for a 'Meet the Street' retreat!

Another group that made a difference came from Parkside High School's business class. They took part in a competition by the Toskan Casale Foundation, and their presentation won \$5,000 for the Rock! Dan, Holly, Jenna and Ashley built relationships with the youth, taking hold of the Rock's vision and putting passion into their winning presentation. Thank you, Parkside!

