



OASIS DUFFERIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Dear Friend,

We hope you are well and ready to enjoy another beautiful Canadian autumn! Here is the latest update from your friends at Oasis.

1. **“Change Toronto through Prayer”**

and participate in the **Oasis Walkathon on Saturday October 1st, 2011**. Join dozens of people as we pray for the Oasis community and raise money through pledges to support the life changing programs offered at Oasis. See website for details: www.oasisdufferin.org.

2. The Oasis summer camps were a huge success! This past July and August, over 110 children attended the two camps run by mission teams visiting Oasis.

The camps included: soccer & character building, board games, movie times and 'Pandamania' which is the theme for the Bible studies. A special thank you to:

• **The River Church** team from North Carolina who ran a camp from July 18th – 22nd at Oasis and

• **The Chain Reaction team from Kanata Baptist Church** who held a camp from Aug. 15th – 19th at Parkdale and bike clinics in the Oasis community.



The children who participated in these FREE camps were impacted greatly in a positive way and amazing relationships were formed. As a result of these camps, Oasis Church has begun a Tuesday after school children's program called K.I.C.K. - Kids In Christ's Kingdom.

3. Please mark on your calendar and join us for the Oasis Christmas celebration: Friday, December 9th, 2011.



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PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. The 16th **Annual Oasis Walkathon** is set to take place on Saturday, October 1. Please pray that Churches who support Oasis would see this event as a way to encourage their congregations to help.
2. On October 16th, 2011, Oasis will take part in the **Scotia Bank Marathon and 5KM Run**. Please spread the word to those who may be interested in running for Oasis and that they will support it though raising pledges.
3. Please pray for the Oasis Women's Ministry and the support groups that will soon begin.
4. Lastly, pray for the Oasis finances. Below is an update and special request.

SPECIAL REQUEST:

The Oasis Food Bank is in a time of URGENT NEED.

Here are some statistics gathered this year:

- So far in 2011, Oasis food bank usage has risen by six percent over last year.
- 52% of Oasis food bank clients have been using the Oasis food bank for one year or less.
- 63% of new Oasis food bank clients listed losing their jobs as the reason for needing food.
- In August 2011, 819 visitors received food from the Oasis food bank.



What does all of this mean? Real people are feeling the effects of a down economy. Families are going hungry and are facing tough decisions. But, there is hope...

Through the Oasis food bank and the variety of Oasis programs people are able to survive, adjust and become equipped to return to the workforce and live their lives to their full potential. Thanks to your support, Oasis has been able to make a difference in the lives of many people, but at this difficult time of need, Oasis asks for your support.

Please consider making a special monetary donation to keep the Oasis programs running at full capacity. Also, spread the word to others who may be able to help Oasis such as your friends, family and church.

Thank you for your continued encouragement and prayers.

- The Oasis Team



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