



April Newsletter 2011



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The focus of the year; Recruit a volunteer



Recruit A Volunteer

The focus for this 2011 year is "Recruit a Volunteer". We are asking everyone to please ask those in your life, friends, family, and neighbours to consider becoming a Harmony volunteer. We will require an application and police check, but it's a small price to pay to become a hero in a child's life.

Fish Fry

April 8th will be the last fish fry at St. Bartholomew's. Tickets are \$10.00 for students/seniors and \$12.00 for adults. Tickets are available at the door. Dinner is from 4:30 – 7 :30. Harmony is responsible for supplying the pies for this fish fry. Anyone able to contribute a pie for this event contact the office. Please pass this info to friends and family!!!!

What's coming up?????

Spring time means that Harmony starts to get busy!!!! Some of the things you may want to mark on your calendar;

April 1-30 th	Financial Institutions Challenge Month
April 8 th	Fish Fry at St. Bartholomew's Church
April 9 th	Bowl-a-thon for Harmony for Youth
April 19 th	Winner announce from Jellybean Guess
April 21-25 th	Closed for Easter
May 8 th	Mother's Day
May 20 th -23 rd	Closed for May long weekend
June	Loonie Month/Paintball Tournament
June 3 rd	Last Day for regular programs
June 9 th	Harmony spring recital for all programs
June 19 th	Father's Day
July 1,2,3	Overnight Camp
July 4-15 th	Session #1 Day camp
July 18-29 th	Session #2 Day camp
July 6-10 th	Bayfest
July 15-17 th	Bayfest
August 1-12	Session #3 Day Camp
August 15-26	Session #4 Day Camp
August 13 th	SkateJam/Famapoolooza
August 19 th	Para-Olympics
August 26-27 th	Hiawatha's Bash
September 10 th	Suicide Prevention Walk



Suicide Resource Center

Harmony has been in the media a great deal lately, and I wanted to make sure that all of our families understand that the new "center" will soon be open within the Harmony Building. As you are aware, I began Harmony due to a tragic teen suicide, and it has been my number one plight to stop teen suicide. We will be opening a resource center that will provide periodicals, literature of all types, community resources, as well as a room for counselors and social workers to host workshops, therapy sessions etc. It will be available for all suicidal individuals, young and old, and their family and friends, as well as the victims of suicide. Deb Cullis will be the coordinator of this center and she requires numerous volunteers to help her get this off the ground. If interested, or if you know of someone who might be interested, please contact Harmony.



Reminders

Please take special note that if there is inclement weather, or the cancellation of buses Harmony closes. We do not want anyone travelling on the roads if it is dangerous. If you are unsure, please check the FOX FM, or our website or answering machine before you head out on the roads.

As well, please remember that we do not allow ANY youth to leave without supervision. Parents must pick up the children. It is dark and cold out and this is for your child's safety. Thanks for understanding and helping us with these important issues.



Financial Institutions Challenge Month

Banks and credit unions around Sarnia have come together to help Harmony. All month long they will be holding fundraisers with Harmony being the benefactor. We will be asked to do concerts and sing from time to time at different locations. Attendance is a must.

Mother's Day Bingo

Let's Pay-it-forward. St. Joseph's Church is in desperate need of a new roof. They are holding a Mother's Day Bingo on April 30th @1 pm at the church. It is a meat bingo with lots of awesome door prizes as well. The cost is \$20 for 5 cards and it is 20 games plus a special and jackpot. The special and jackpot are not included in the price. The jackpot is a \$450 Spa Package from Adora Spa and the special is \$100 tattoo from Snapdragon.

Volunteer and Teacher Training

Volunteer training is the first Saturday of the month. This month training is April 9th from 9am – 11 am. All TEACHERS MUST attend, and volunteers are strongly encouraged. The next two months of training include a personality colour analysis, which will be performed by the Sarnia Lambton Training Board. This very fun and insightful analysis helps us understand our personal personality types and how to better work with the other personality types. The trainer can only do 20 individuals at a time. The cost for this is \$15.00 per person. The Sarnia Lambton Training Board usually charges \$150.00 per person and is being extremely generous to Harmony. Do not miss this event. This is first come first serve. If demand is enough they are willing to host two workshops. Please sign up now for the personality colour analysis course.

It will be take place at the training course in May.. The other volunteer and teacher training workshop for you is the ASSIST program. This is a certification in suicide prevention. The cost is \$150.00 per person. Harmony will sponsor a portion of the cost. This is based on need. If interested please see Joanne.

SPRING

A small, colorful butterfly with orange and black wings, perched on the letter 'I' in the word 'SPRING'.

Camp

Each year Harmony hosts two camps. We host four sessions of Day Camp and one four-day over-night camp. To register for the July sessions of Day Camp, you MUST register through the City of Sarnia. To register for the August Day Camp, you MUST register through Harmony.

Registration for the over-night camp is through Harmony.

The day camp in July that is in partnership with the City of Sarnia is \$140.00 for two weeks and runs from 8:30-4:30 Monday through Thursday.

Day camp in August is \$120.00 per session and runs from 8:00-5:00 Monday through Friday.

Over-night camp is \$125.00.

If you require financial assistance to participate or enroll your child in camp please make an appointment with Joanne **PRIOR to May 31st**. Sponsorship is limited, and is first come first serve, based on need.

Bake Sale

Just a reminder that the last Thursday of the month is our bake sales. Please help Ms. Diane and bring your baking the Wednesday evening prior to the sale for her to package. If you are unable to bring it then, please bring it to Shopper's on Mitton St. at 9:00 a.m. packaged to sell. April's bake sale is on the 28th of the Month, so mark your calendar please!!



Café

The up-coming cafe's are:

April 1st – Games 6:00-9:00 pm.

April 8th – Crafts 6:00-9:00 p.m.

April 15th – Scavenger Hunt and Easter Egg Decorating. Also this will be a potluck. Sign up sheet will be on front desk at Harmony.

Bring in your favourite dish.

Bowl-a-thon

We are having a Bowl-a-thon on April 9th. It is being held at Marcin Bowl from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Pledge sheets and money are due back to the center by April 6th so that we will know who the teams are and what we are working with. If you still need pledge sheets you can pick them up at Harmony.

Fund-raising

I know that many of you are so tired of fund-raising, but I wanted to inform you of some of the challenges that Harmony faces this year. With the implementation of the HST_cost have gone up by 15%. We used to get half of the GST back and now we not only do not get that, but pay the additional costs. In rough numbers our increase is over \$30,000.00 annually just do to the HST. This does not include the increase to the costs of heat, (which we all know is substantial) etc. I apologize that things are so tight, but with many hands the work is light. I cannot encourage you enough to consider helping us with our fund-raisers. For many parents they feel that they don't have the time, but I cannot stress enough that we truly need your help. Please sign up to assist us with one of our events, and help us keep Harmony on the map!

Web-site

Our internet has been faulty for the past few weeks and we are now switching servers. Due to the change of host, we may have lost and still may lose some e-mails. If you are e-mailing any address with @harmonyforyouth.org and do not hear a response, please e-mail Mr. Mike at taylor-mike@hotmail.com and he will forward your e-mails to the appropriate persons. You can also use Joanne's alternative harmonyforyouth@yahoo.com. We apologize for any inconvenience while our computer situation gets resolved we appreciate your patience.

Bully Busters

Harmony will be hiring **for Bully Busters**. The applicant should have their diploma as a Child and Youth Worker, or University Degree. Minimum three years experience working with school age youth. Three references, and a police check are required.

Summer Student Employment

Harmony will be hiring **four students for the summer**. They will begin in June and work till the end of August. There are two positions for Day Camp and two positions for Skate Jam/Famapolooza. Students must be enrolled in school for September 2011, and must be between the ages of 16-24 to apply.

If interested please send a HARD copy resume, in a sealed envelope marked; *Confidential, and Attention Joanne*. Closing date for applications will be March 14th.

Executive Meetings

Our executive team meetings are scheduled for Friday's at 12:00 noon. All are encouraged to attend. If you want the minutes from the meeting because you could not attend please contact Mike at officeadmin@harmonyforyouth.org and he will forward you the minutes of the meetings. Consider asking others to join the volunteer team at Harmony. It is great fun and we need many minds to help us keep fresh and creative

Tuesday Family Night

Just a reminder that Diane needs help cleaning up from family night. If you are able and willing to spend a little time, she would greatly appreciate it. She works so hard for all of us, and we appreciate her efforts. Please help her by assisting with dishes and the like after the meals.

Loonie Month

June is "Loonie Month", and we are seeking business' that will help sell our "Helping Hands" in their establishments. If you know of a business owner that might consider selling our "Helping Hands" please let Joanne know.

New program

Harmony will be hosting a fun new program beginning on **MARCH 10TH** This is an hour of sports held at PE McGibbon . There was a slight delay due to not obtaining our special insurance certificate in time. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Paintball Tournament

Each year Harmony, with the amazing help and sponsorship of Splashdown Paintball hosts a paintball tournament. Teams are entered, and Harmony assists during this day. It is a great day full of fun and paint..... if you know of a team or group that might consider putting a team together please let Joanne Know as soon as possible. We also need many prizes for the teams that enter, and are hoping to recruit help in attaining some of these much needed items.



Wish List

When you are out and about, if you could even pick up one item to donate to our wish list, it would help so very much. Please add this list to your shopping, and think of Harmony. Every little bit helps. Often people say they don't have the ability to donate. Picking up even a \$1.00 item is a huge help. Please help us help the Harmony families, and remember us when shopping. THANK YOU!!!!

- Cleaning supplies
- paper plates, napkins, cutlery
- Meat (chicken, pork, beef)
- 2 industrial size deep fryers
- Salt for ice
- Beads for bracelet's
- Lard
- Brown sugar
- oatmeal
- Can Diced Tomatoes
- Cheese
- Parmesan Cheese
- Spaghetti Sauce
- **Someone to help with spring cleaning, painting and repairs.**

Russ has a stove available. Please contact him for more information.

Suicide Prevention Walk

September 10th, is National Suicide Prevention Day. Harmony will be hosting a VERY EXCITING WALK!!! To make this annual event a success we need a large committee of volunteers to help set up the event, seek sponsorship, help promote and get people involved, and get pledges, set up route etc. etc.

Cindy Scholten has agreed to head up this very large and demanding event, but requires many hands to make light work. If you are someone that wants to help put an end to this very preventable silent killer, please contact Joanne.



Electronic Banking

1.0 Proposal

1.1 To set up a system where by a person may donate a fixed amount from their bank account to a Harmony account at the RBC Royal Bank 230 Christina St. N, Sarnia, ON Debit card Payments will come out on a monthly basis on the last day of each month.

2.0 Purpose

2.1 Maintenance and upkeep of the building

2.2 Giving Harmony for Youth a more stable financial base to plan for the future.

2.3 Showing companies, institutions and individuals, that Harmony is trying to be self-sufficient, by drawing on the support of the community at large.

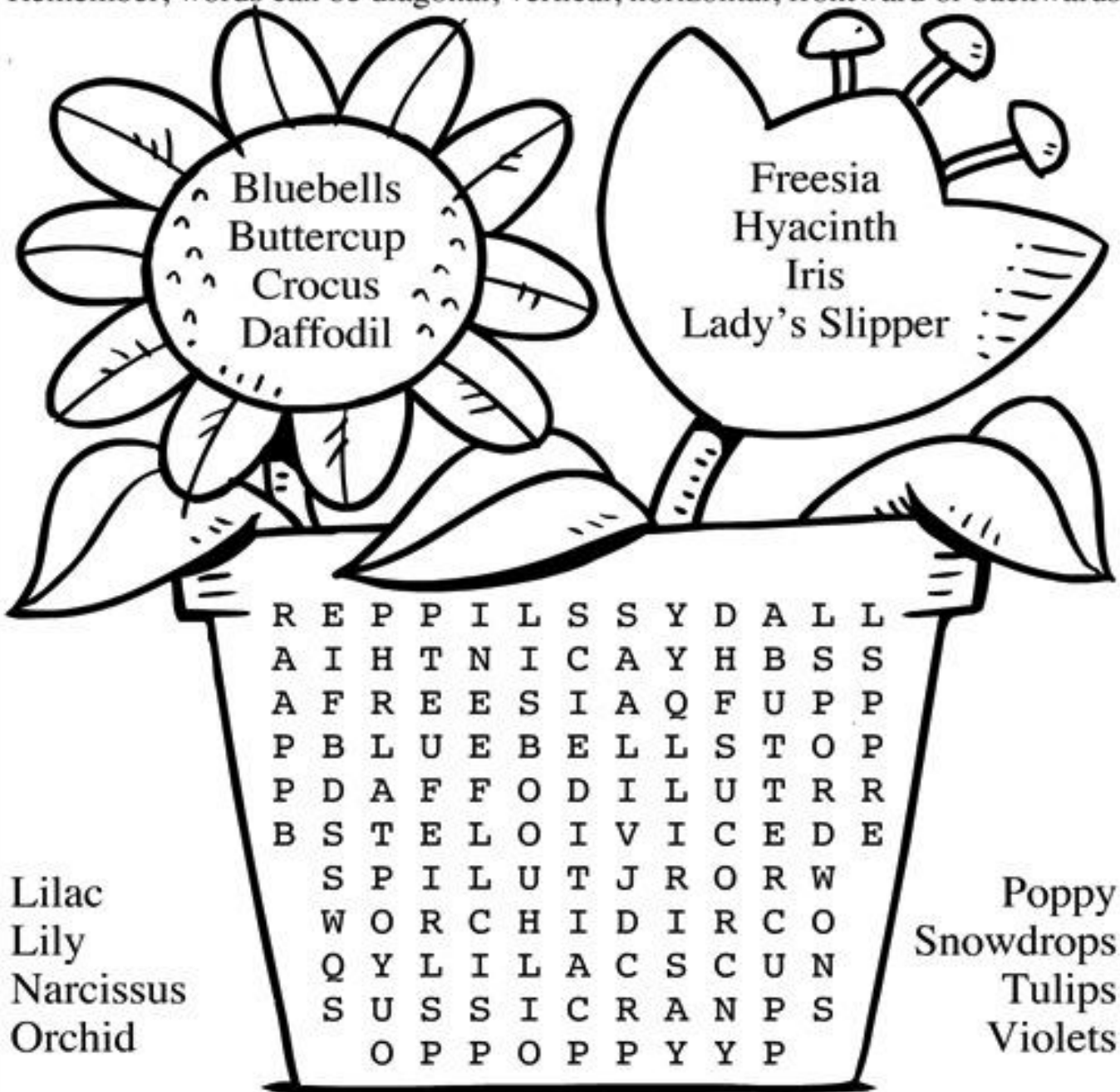
2.4 This will also be a good working model for Harmony's other chapters.



When we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves. -William Arthur Ward

Spring Flower Word Search

Try to find all of the hidden spring flower related words in the puzzle below. Remember, words can be diagonal, vertical, horizontal, frontward or backwards.



Bluebells
Buttercup
Crocus
Daffodil

Freesia
Hyacinth
Iris
Lady's Slipper

R	E	P	P	I	L	S	S	Y	D	A	L	L
A	I	H	T	N	I	C	A	Y	H	B	S	S
A	F	R	E	E	S	I	A	Q	F	U	P	P
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P	D	A	F	F	O	D	I	L	U	T	R	R
B	S	T	E	L	O	I	V	I	C	E	D	E
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S	U	S	S	I	C	R	A	N	P	S		
O	P	P	O	P	P	Y	Y	P				

Lilac
Lily
Narcissus
Orchid

Poppy
Snowdrops
Tulips
Violets

Pay It Forward Event Calendar

Events are being added on daily basis. Please check our website regularly for newly added events. www.harmonyforyouth.org

April			
Date	Time	Where	What
1 st	12:00-1:00	Harmony	Executive meeting
1 st	6:00-9:00	Harmony	Cafe
7 th	5:30-7:30	PE McGibbon	Gym – proper shoes
8 th	12:00 – 1:00	Harmony	Executive Meeting
8 th	4:30-7:30	St. Bart’s	Fish fry
8 th	6:00-9:00	Harmony	Cafe
9 th	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Harmony	Training
9 th	2:00-5:00	Marcin Bowl	Bowl-a-thon
14 th	5:30-7:30	PE McGibbon	Gym – proper shoes
15 th	12:00-1:00	Harmony	Executive meeting
15 th	5:00-9:00	Harmony	Cafe
27 th	6:30	Rosewood Manor	Concert
28 th	9:00-12:00noon	Shopper’s Mitton St.	Bake Sale
28 th	5:30-7:30	PE McGibbon	Gym – proper shoes
30 th	12:00-3:00	Triinity Anglican Church	Garage Sale
30 th	1:00	St. Joseph’s Church	Mother’s Day Bingo
May			
Date	Time	Where	What
1 st	All Day	Everywhere	Music Monday
6 th	All Day	All Financial Institutions	Hot Dog Day
9 th	7:00 p.m.	Harmony	Recital for all programs
June			
3 rd	All Day	Harmony	Last day of regular programs
9 th	7:00 p.m.	Harmony	Recital for all programs
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I want to support Harmony for Youth through monthly donations.

Please debit my bank account: *(attach VOID cheque)*

_____ \$10 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 Other amount _____ (specify)

The debit will be processed to your account on the last day of each month or the next business day.

Signature _____

Donor Name: _____

Address/Contact Information: _____

This donation is made on behalf of: _____ an Individual _____ a Business

I may revoke my authorization at any time, subject to providing notice of 30 days. To obtain a cancellation form, or for more information on my right to cancel a PAD Agreement, I may contact my financial institution or visit www.cdnpay.ca.

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