



A Message from Martha Powell, CEO, London Community Foundation



As community organizations across Canada weather the impact of the global economic turmoil that has shaken up world markets, community foundations across Canada are taking a range of actions to help their communities meet local needs. These actions include using reserve funds built up during more prosperous periods, increasing the flexibility of grant making, and working with governments to identify local challenges and opportunities to work together to support key agencies and/or programs. At London

Community Foundation, we are committed to being a leader in community development and the best choice for people who want to invest in our community. In light of the economic downturn, we have re-tooled our grant-making and community leadership activities to ensure a value-added and consistent presence in our community through the following changes:

- Our 2009 Vital Signs report will be postponed for at least one year.
- Our 2009 operating budget has been cut by 25%
- We have replaced our small grants program with a community initiatives granting stream to ensure our grants have a direct impact during these difficult times

In the meantime, we want to reassure you that London Community Foundation is committed to the long-term and will be here to serve the Community long after we are gone. We, as staff and volunteers, will use this year to take a leadership role in promoting philanthropy, especially during these difficult times.

Martha Powell

Meet our Alumni! *The DOCS Project*

The **DOCS** (Dental Outreach Community Service) Project provides free dental clinics for people in the community who would otherwise be unable to afford treatment. The first clinic took place on November 4th in Limberlost. Enough money was raised to set up three chairs; two operated by volunteer dentists assisted by dental students, and one chair by hygiene professors from Fanshawe College. Other volunteers assisted with the set-up, registration, and sterilization.

"I was struck by the energy and commitment demonstrated by the volunteers" says Bob Kayser, a DOCS Project supporter and ENGAGE! Alumni.

For more information, contact Dr. Ken Wright, Coordinator of Dental Outreach, University of Western Ontario 519-641-1588.

ENGAGE! Yourself



ReForest London engages individuals, groups and businesses in planting and caring for trees in neighbourhoods and natural areas throughout London. ReForest London is currently seeking volunteers for their Board of Directors and Committees. For more information, contact **Julie Ryan at 519-936-9548**

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