

GOOD NEWS!

- Thanks to the following supporters for their recent financial donation: CanWest Global Foundation, Dorval Oldtimers, Horizon Capital Holdings Inc., Laurentide Controls, PTI Cables and Targray.
- Thanks to West Island Community Shares who have doubled their financial support to us.
- Thank you to Richard Distilio who has donated two Montreal Alouettes tickets: Winnipeg Blue Bombers on Sunday, October 17th @ 1:00 p.m. For your info, we will be auctioning off these tickets in September – stay tuned for details – bidding will start at \$150.00.
- Congratulations to volunteer tutor Jane Barclay for winning the 2010 Ruth and Sylvia Schwartz Children's Book Award. Jane is a children's author and her book **Proud as a Peacock, Brave as a Lion** follows a veteran's imaginative lesson to his grandson about war and remembrance.

PROGRAMMING

- We are starting a new program called **Extra Skills Practice (ESP)**. This program will be for (a) learners wanting additional practice with their reading and writing between tutoring sessions, or (b) learners who want to continue tutoring if their tutor is unavailable for a few weeks. Look for it when we start back in the fall.
- Mark your calendars – **November 6** – Literacy Volunteers of Quebec will be holding a one-day conference on Learning Disabilities. Details will follow.
- We have copies available of the latest Write On! for our Adult Program. If you have not picked up a copy, they are available in the office.
- We had a workshop in May on new library resources and how to use the on-line catalogue. Even though it was a Habs playoff night, we still had 12 people participate!

Oasis School Literacy Program: The School Literacy Program ended on a high note so tutors and students celebrated. Riverdale and PCHS hosted pizza luncheons, we enjoyed scrumptious treats and tea at Lakeside, and we were served a delicious breakfast at JRHS.

All students received their copy of the school version of the Write On! - all 31 pages!! Most of our students never get an opportunity to see their work published, so it can be quite a special moment for them. Thank you to **Richard Findlay** of **Accent Graphics Plus** who volunteered his time to design and print the student Write On!

Computer Skills Program: The Computer Skills Program had a great year. We opened a Computer Resource Centre on Wednesday afternoons which our students have been coming in to use. Four new computer tutors were trained. Ten new students were added to the one-on-one computer tutoring program. Moreover, they are also undertaking the **Introduction to Computers** module of the new LU Basic Computer Skills Course.

COMMUNICATIONS

Double the Difference! Literacy Unlimited has recently benefited from two special programs ...

1. Employee Charitable Giving Program (TELUS): Through this program, TELUS encourages team members, retirees, board members and service dealers to make charitable donations to the charities of their choice with TELUS matching dollar for dollar all donations to 48,000 eligible registered charities.
2. Matching Gift Program (Pfizer Canada): This program allows employees to make regular donations to charities out of their salaries. Depending on location and subject to annual review and limits outlined by Pfizer, they will then match donations via their Matching Gifts program.

If you are interested in supporting Literacy Unlimited in this way, we encourage you to contact your company's Human Resources Department for details on their gift-giving programs.

Reminders:

- **Boutique e^x** is looking great! If you haven't been to this shop yet, make a point to visit over the summer. You can support this LU fundraiser initiative by donating your treasures, shopping, or volunteering a couple of hours of your time. The address is 127 St-Anne in Ste Anne de Bellevue. For more information call 514-699-1123.
- Remember that **CanadaHelps.org** can help you make a donation to Literacy Unlimited anytime – in memory of a loved one, a birthday gift, etc. Just click on the **Donate Now** button on our website.
- 42% of Canadians are on **Facebook** so if you're one of them - become a Fan of Literacy Unlimited!
- **August Schedule:** We are re-opening on August 16 but August 16 to 29 will have reduced hours (administration only). August 30: regular hours and regular activities resume.

Have a happy and healthy summer!

The Literacy Unlimited Team