

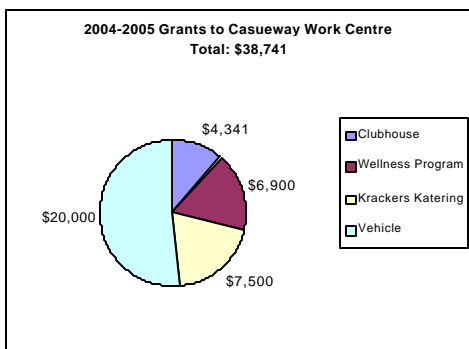
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Friends of Causeway campaign

The second annual Friends of Causeway campaign is now under way. Now is the time for all our current "Friends" to renew their memberships and, of course, we're looking for new "Friends" as well. A pledge form is enclosed and we urge you to send it in today. We will forward your charitable tax receipt in the mail immediately. We wish to remind you that every campaign dollar raised will be used to support Causeway programs and services.

Foundation disbursements

During the fiscal year, ending March 31, 2005 Causeway Foundation disbursed a total of \$38,741. This entire amount has been paid or pledged to Work Centre programs. The pie chart, below shows these disbursements. The Clubhouse received \$4,341; \$6,900 assisted the Wellness Program; Krackers Katering received \$7,500 and \$20,000 will be used to purchase a truck for Causeway's Casual Works Program. The Foundation disburses the money it raises on a twice annual basis in accordance with program needs as specified by Causeway Work Centre.



Volunteers & Friends reception



Causeway "Friends", left to right: Peter Woolings, Ann Braden, John and Jill Mutzeneek.

The Foundation hosted an evening reception on April 21st at 22 O'Meara Street to acknowledge the contributions made by volunteers and Friends. Several special volunteers and Friends were recognized with Foundation 'Star' award certificates. Our thanks to Krackers Katering for the great food and the Crichton Cultural Community Centre, who loaned us the beautiful star-shaped paper lanterns used to decorate the Causeway Cafeteria.

National Capital Race Weekend

The annual Race Weekend will take place on May 27-29. Co-Executive Director Don Palmer will compete again this year. The Foundation's Amie Taylor has also entered and is promoting the event using on-line material to sign-up participants to run for Causeway. A pre-race pub night at the Arrow & the Loon on Bank Street is slated for May 26th. You can help by using the form at the bottom of the newsletter to make a pledge to Amie, Don or the runner of your choice. Donations of \$10 or more will receive charitable receipts.

Work Centre adopts "Village" model

Causeway Work Centre is moving away from the broader-based "clubhouse" model of the past, to a more employment-orientated service delivery known as the "village" model. The change will allow the Work Centre to offer supported employment opportunities to a greater number of people. A variety of employment programs with supports are offered and these include casual, transitional, group and independent placements and agency-sponsored businesses. For those not interested in immediate employment, Causeway offers pre-employment opportunities for skills development in the administration and food services areas of the Work Centre. The new structure will ensure that Causeway consumers have an extensive menu of services and programs, all aimed at helping them to enter or re-enter the workforce.

Causeway receives two substantial local grants

Recently, the Causeway Work Centre was the fortunate beneficiary of substantial grants from two local organizations. Ace Bakery in Ottawa donated a total of \$6,000 to support Causeway's Community Kitchen and Wellness Project. The May Court Club of Ottawa donated \$5,000, which together with a matching grant from Causeway Foundation, will be used to purchase a commercial gas range for Krackers Katering. We are deeply indebted to these two wonderful organizations that exemplify the caring nature of the city we live in.

What is Causeway?

Causeway Work Centre is a charitable agency that has been assisting people with chronic mental illness and other disabilities for more than 25 years. Causeway offers various important services to the community including: Pre-employment and skills development; an Outreach serving persons who are mentally ill and those with a concurrent disorder; various Supported Employment programs; a Wellness program; a Computer Training program; and an entrepreneurial enterprise, Krackers Katering, run by and employing Causeway clients.

The Causeway Foundation was established in 1998 to raise and distribute funds to support Causeway Work Centre's programs and services to further the well-being of persons with a mental illness and/or other disabilities and those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. It is managed by an eight-member Board of Directors: Dianne Breton, President; John McNeice, Treasurer; Eleanor Meier, Secretary; Directors Jill Mutzeneek, Peter Woolings, Donna Campbell, Bruce Hiney and Don Palmer.

Tax status appealed

Traditionally, charitable agencies have enjoyed tax-exempt status from municipal governments. Changes in provincial laws, however, have made it more difficult for all charities to claim this exemption. Since moving to O'Meara Street, the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton has levied property taxes on the Causeway building. The Foundation retained the services of local barrister Francis K. Peddle, to appeal these taxes. After several years of litigation, we are pleased to report our appeal was successful and Causeway has gained exemption from municipal taxation.

2005 Walk of Hope

The annual "Walk of Hope" will leave Parliament Hill at Noon on May 29th. A three-kilometer route takes walkers through the Byward Market and back to Parliament Hill. Sponsored by the Schizophrenia Society of Ottawa, various local mental health agencies take part including Causeway. Work Centre members will walk again this year with pledges solicited from family and friends.

Online donations

For the simplicity and convenience of online donations, visit www.causewayfoundation.org and click on the "CanadaHelps.org" link. This site accepts totally safe and secure charitable donations.

Causeway under the microscope

The Community Intermediaries Research Project (CIRP) is a joint National Research Council/ University of New Brunswick undertaking to study Information Technology (IT) in four sectors across Canada. Causeway was the only disability-related organization selected. The NRC-UNB team spent nearly two weeks performing focus-group sessions and interviews with Causeway staff, clients and Board members. They wanted to learn how Causeway uses IT in day-to-day dealings with consumers, staff and the community at large; to identify technology gaps; and to explore how Causeway could make greater use of technology. The project also studies the funding challenges that non-profit organizations face on a day-to-day basis. Causeway benefits in three ways, by:

- gaining important research data to champion our case when applying for future grants
- receiving a report card on present technology involvement and what we could do in future
- gaining national exposure when the final CIRP research report is published.

Foundation Website
Click here for more info:
causewayfoundation.org

Work Centre Board develops funding strategies

The annual "retreat" held by Causeway Work Centre's Board of Directors on April 11th was devoted to an examination of the current project-based funding environment; the volatility of revenue swings; reporting overload and human resource fatigue. Directors used the retreat to develop strategies that will enable Causeway to retain its core funding, look at other sources of revenue and augment project funding so as to continue providing quality service to consumers.

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Money-saving technology

This issue of Causeway Connection has been printed on the new iGen3 Digital Production Press. In the past, Foundation and Work Centre staff using in-house equipment have handled all production. Cost increases, however, led to a re-examination. We discovered that substantial savings were possible using an outside supplier with state-of-the-art equipment. The iGen process provides quality colour, quick turnaround and economy.

Four Ways You Can Help

1. **The Wellness Program is in need of racquetball and squash racquets. Causeway clients can use the YM/YWCA racquet courts. But have no racquets to play with, can you help? Please call 725-3494 ext. 28**
2. **Assist Causeway clients by identifying opportunities for jobs, work experience and training.**
3. **Help by "pledging" support to a National Capital Marathon runner.**
4. **Become a "Friend" of Causeway by making a financial donation.**

Comments and contributions to the newsletter are welcome. Please email info@causewayfoundation.org

National Capital Race Weekend

Please forward your cheque (payable to *Causeway Foundation*) to: Causeway Foundation, 22 O'Meara Street, Ottawa, ON K1Y 4N6. A tax receipt will follow. Charitable No. 87254 0844 RR0001

Yes. I would like to support Causeway with my donation of:

\$ _____ in support of:

Don Palmer Amie Taylor

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel.: _____ Email: _____

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