



# Executive Director's Report

**AGM April 5, 2011**



It is good to have you with us tonight. Thank you for joining us.

2010 presented both challenges and opportunities for the Northwest London Resource Centre (NWLRC).

Our **Youth Steering Council** had a full year of activities, fund-raising and leadership development. Some of the activities included: an Early Childhood programming workshop (High Five), "Access to Justice and Victim's Rights" talk and a leadership program by the YMCA. As always, we invite young people from 13-24 to join our group. The YSC meets Tuesdays from 3:00 – 4:00 in the Resource Centre. In addition to having fun and developing their skills, youth can earn their community involvement hours.

Our **Super Kids** after-school program at Wilfrid Jury Public School was a success. The curriculum is based on Physical Fitness and Nutrition. The instructors have been fabulous in teaching new food preparation skills and keeping the children active with swimming, sports and outdoor activities. Funding is provided by the **Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport**. Currently, we are in our second year running this wonderful program. A special thank you to Sara Magee, Alison Norman, Carola Turton, Tia Eum, Danielle Quinney, Sandra Ofosu, Luci Viezner and Anna Tran.

Among the great help we have had here at the NWLRC, we were delighted to have a new **Bursary Student** from King's College Social Services program to help out in the summer. Staci Noble was a great assistant to us in the office and was instrumental in helping make our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Fun Fest a success.

We have been gifted with many great volunteers here at the NWLRC. I'd like to say a special thank you to our **Board of Directors**. And a thank you to **The Northwest London Food Bank Depot** volunteers, Tia Eum, Carola Turton, Adam Kempinski, Susan Okkonen, Fae Andrighetti and Connie Zolotar.

We found it necessary to streamline our services toward the end of 2010. As you may be aware, we are no longer providing fax or photocopy services. We are referring residents to the Mac's Convenience store located in the small plaza behind Sherwood Forest Mall. Due to outdated and failing computer equipment, we have also had to close our computer lab. We are hoping to re-stock the lab at a future date. If you are able to help with this initiative, please let us know. In order to make good use of our working space, we are working with the Library in forming partnerships with other community organizations to offer residents more programming.

Please consider supporting your neighbourhood by volunteering at the Resource Centre. We are currently in need of board members, an office volunteer for Thursdays from 12:30 – 4:15 p.m., a Volunteer Co-ordinator, volunteers for our elementary after-school program (one day a week from 3:30-5:45 p.m.) and Fun Fest Committee Members.

I would like to thank the **City of London** who supports us financially and the people at the City who are helping us mature into the agency that we want to become. A special thank you to Cheryl Smith, Janice Walter, Christine Wootton and Tony Kyle for your support and great work with our neighbourhoods. A special thank you to **The London Community Foundation** for supporting the NWLRC community during our economic downturn.

Please remember to share your ideas with us. We invite you to fill out the questionnaire we have provided this evening. We look forward to serving you.

Yours truly,  
Carrie Culloden



*Moving Forward in 2011* by Bev Robinson,

Chair, Northwest London Resource Centre Board of Directors

I'm delighted to be with you tonight to share in our excitement for our neighbourhood and resource centre. I am excited about the future of the NWLRC and its opportunity for growth and community development. In December, we signed a contract that we would commit to the City of London's **Child and Youth Network (CYN)** Agenda. The CYN consists of 130 local agencies dedicated to children, youth and families. The CYN vision is *Happy, healthy children and youth today . . . Caring, creative, responsible adults tomorrow*. The goal of the CYN is to break down the barriers that put our children, youth and families at risk. I invite you to learn more about the CYN at [www.london.ca](http://www.london.ca) and search Child and Youth Network.

We are the recipients of the results of the work done by the City of London supported, resident-driven, **London Strengthening Neighbourhoods Strategy (LSNS)** task force. The LSNS task force comprised of 90 residents from 27 London neighbourhoods who worked from 2008-2010 to determine what makes for strong neighbourhoods. Their Guide is available on the City's website. The Northwest London Resource Centre is planning to implement two of the LSNS's recommendations during 2011: we are investigating the feasibility of a community garden and business association. If you would like to help out with either of these initiatives, please contact Carrie Culloden at the Centre.

If you are interested in getting more involved in Northwest London, I invite you to consider joining our Board of Directors. We welcome new ideas and talent!

Sincerely,  
Bev Robinson