



# The Grapevine

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## Kennedy House Youth Services Newsletter

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### Introduction

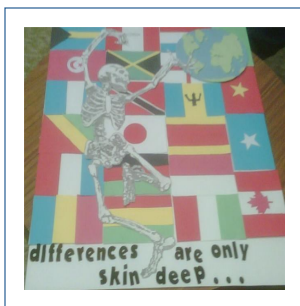
Welcome to our first newsletter which is aimed at keeping you up to date in the world of Kennedy House. We are a not-for-profit organization committed to helping our youth of today achieve their dreams of tomorrow. We have been successfully accomplishing this since 1972. Today the services we provide are 5 residential group homes serving the child welfare sector, day treatment options for young people struggling in educational settings, a secure youth custody & detention facility, bailiff services to support the transportation needs of youth within the youth justice system, and a community based life skill program situated in one of Toronto's priority areas. If you have any questions or need further information please do not hesitate to contact our head office at (416) 299-3157. Happy Reading!

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*"If we cannot end now  
our differences, at least  
we can help make the  
world safe for diversity"*

*John F. Kennedy*

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Day Treatment Class, 2010  
What ties us and unites us culturally

### 2010 Diversity Conference

By Ron Smith

Kennedy House hosted the Second Annual Ed Blazo Lecture Series on May 12 & 13, 2010. This two day event was entitled "Understanding Diversity" and included presentations from Dr. Leeno Karamanchery and Bernice McLeod. Dr. Suzanna Waters-Castillo from the University of Wisconsin delivered an afternoon seminar and two additional workshops. This conference intended to benefit participants who were providing counseling and human services to people in a multicultural environment. It is believed that to be effective, all services must account for diversity. The presentations intended to help professionals better understand their own preconceptions, so they could be more effective when working with diverse client populations. The conference was a great success and attended by many individuals from a variety of different organizations within social services.

## Relay For Life

Relay for Life is a fundraising campaign for the Canadian Cancer Society. Kennedy House registered a team for the Relay for Life Walk for the third year that took place in Oshawa on June 4. Member's of our team received sponsors via pledges, participated in a fundraising dance on May 2 that included a silent auction, collected glass bottles as a part of a holiday bottle drive, sold entertainment books that included coupons to save money all over the GTA, and had an on-going Canadian Tire money collection. Thank you to all the sponsors for donating prizes and pledges for the event.

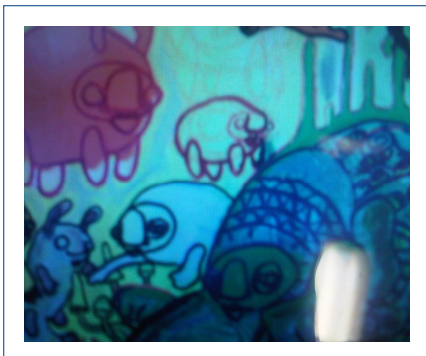
## Kennedy House Website

This year Kennedy House launched its new website. Please visit the new site for more information about our services including new initiatives that includes the next annual conference, how to become involved, significant events, and upcoming employment opportunities.

[www.kennedyhouse.org](http://www.kennedyhouse.org)

## Client Corner

Ashley at Kennedy Road is our featured artist this month. He is 17 years old and has been residing at Kennedy Road for a couple of months now. Ashley has a passion for drawing, and has created many vibrant pictures and portraits that decorate his bedroom. He carries a sketch pad with him at all times, and is ready whenever his creative juices start flowing!



Ashley, 2010

## Program Highlights

### All Programs

Recently participated in a Team Building Day

### Kennedy Road

Recently acquired a new program van

### Galloway Road

Students are using a co-op program that finds work to support their studies, and the home received an upgraded front porch

### Manse Road

Celebrates new cultural themes each month

### Kingston Road

Just purchased a new computer for the girls, and all bedrooms were renovated

### Brock Road

Extensive painting done in all common areas

## Upcoming Events

### Kennedy Road Open House BBQ

Thursday, July 8, 1:00 P.M.

### Manse Road Open House BBQ

Friday, July 16, 1:00 P.M.

### Kingston Road Open House BBQ

Friday, August 13, 1:00 P.M.

### Brock Road Open House BBQ

Wednesday, August 19, 1:00 P.M.

### Galloway Road Open House BBQ

Wednesday, August 25, 1:00 P.M.

## Thank You!

Special thanks are due the following people:

**KHYS Conference Committee Members** for volunteering to help organize and clean up after the 2 day event

**Long & McQuade and Yorkville Sound** for your music equipment donations

**Woodside Square and Crawflyn Farms** for your generous donations to assist many of our youth in care enjoy special recreational outings this summer

Thank you also to **Louis Davis** for all your extra efforts this year, and providing leadership and supervision to both Brock Rd and Galloway Rd together simultaneously.