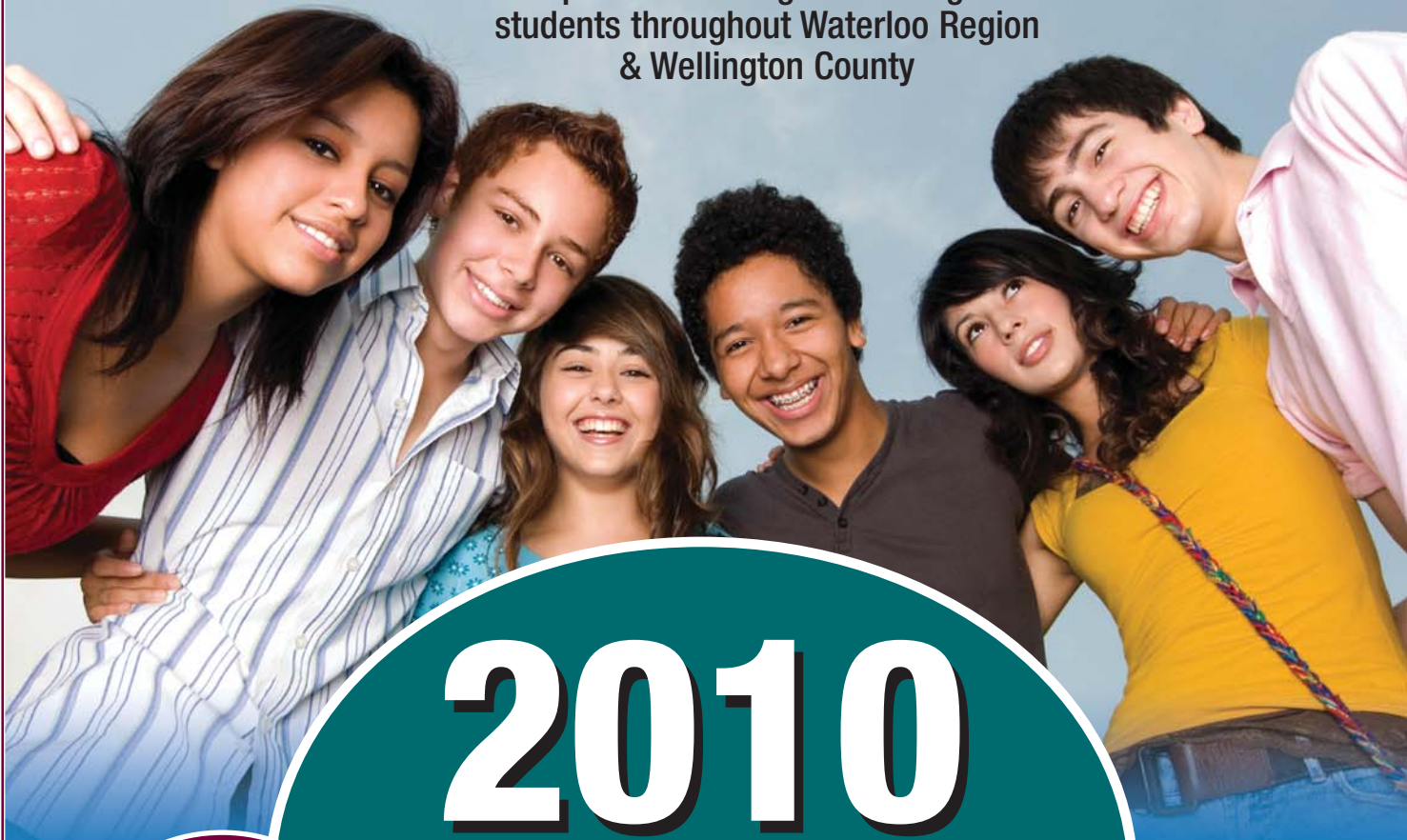


A unique and exciting event for grade 8  
students throughout Waterloo Region  
& Wellington County



# 2010

7th ANNUAL CHILD WITNESS CENTRE

# YOUTH SYMPOSIUM

Due  
to its  
success, we are  
organizing two  
symposiums in  
2010!

**Wednesday  
April 21**

For Wellington  
County Students  
Galaxy Cinemas  
485 Woodlawn Road West,  
Guelph  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Thursday April 22**

For Waterloo Region Students  
Empire Studio Gateway Park  
135 Gateway Park Drive, Kitchener  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

This event is organized and hosted by  
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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Grade 8 students in public, catholic and independent schools in Waterloo Region and Wellington County. We can accommodate 2,000 students in Waterloo Region and 1,500 students in Wellington County.

## COST AND REGISTRATION

- \$4.00 per student. Arrangements will be made for teachers to remit the fees in advance in order to speed the process on arrival at the theatre.
- To register, fill out the registration form and submit by fax (519-744-5379) or email [admin@childwitness.com](mailto:admin@childwitness.com). You will be asked to select the four top presentations in which you wish your students to participate.
- Attendance at the Symposium and choice of presentation is not confirmed until you receive formal notification from the Child Witness Centre.
- Each class remains together throughout the Symposium. Each class must be accompanied by a teacher.
- Because of the seating capacity of theatres, you may attend only those sessions for which you registered.
- Students are encouraged to bring their lunch or purchase food voucher (at a reduced cost) before the event to save time in the line-ups. They can also buy food on the day of, at higher prices.

## THE GOAL OF THE SYMPOSIUM

- There are great risks for youth today—drug and alcohol use; harassment and bullying; broken homes and dysfunctional families; self image and confidence problems; coping with the demands of school; and other barriers and challenges.
- Some deal with these issues better than others, but there is a high risk for all young people to make bad choices or have difficulty coping in today's social climate. Daily, they are inundated with bad examples and influences.
- The Symposium addresses many of these issues, at a key time (i.e., grade 8). Through inspirational and well-informed speakers, who can engage an audience of students and serve as good role models, the Symposium provides a strong positive influence on youth.
- The goal of the Symposium is to equip students with ideas, tools, motivation and confidence to cope effectively with their daily challenges, make better choices in their life, and to grow to become better citizens in their community.

## PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

Wellington County schools can choose from any of the first eight listed. Waterloo Region schools can choose from all presenters listed.

**1. Take the Risk - Be STUpendous - Stu Saunders...** A hilarious and inspirational look at the challenges that young people face on a daily basis, with real tools which students can use to make the right choices. Stu Saunders is one of Canada's most experienced youth speakers. [www.ylcc.com](http://www.ylcc.com)

**2. Hero Inside - Ian Tyson...** This session will help students overcome obstacles and personal tragedy, step outside their boundaries, balance their time, respect themselves and others, find a motivation in life, find the "Hero" in themselves, and MUCH MORE! Ian's high-octane presentation will take students on a hilarious journey from childhood to high school and beyond, while also leaving them with words and thoughts to live by. [www.iantyson.ca](http://www.iantyson.ca)

**3. Get Your Hand UP - Participate in Class, in School, in Life! - Andy Thibodeau...** Ask Questions! Answer Questions! Try Your Best! Volunteer and get involved in school activities! Take advantage of your time in school to LEARN and have FUN! This powerful message will entertain and inspire students by encouraging them to bring back their grade three enthusiasm and "get your hand up". The overall moral of this message is to remind students to "take advantage of your time in school to both learn and have fun!" [www.andypresentations.com](http://www.andypresentations.com)

**4. Making a Positive Difference - Mike Pearse...** Often students need encouragement to see just how simple it is to truly make a difference in the lives of others, in the life of their school and community, and in their own lives. It doesn't take much; it doesn't take long; BUT, the effects may be profound and everlasting. Through humour, dramatic story-telling, tangible, meaningful examples, AND a whole lot of play, Mike will prove the ease and power of "Making a Positive Difference". [www.tawingo.net](http://www.tawingo.net)

**5. Get Paid to Breathe! - Scott Hammell...** The Guinness World Record Holding magician teaches his highly effective techniques for turning dreams into reality. Magic and message are fused together to deliver a high impact high energy show! [www.PaidToBreathe.com](http://www.PaidToBreathe.com)

**6. Internet Luring - Monica Cachagee, Crime Prevention Section of the OPP...** The Internet presents many challenges for children — inappropriate content, Web predators, online etiquette and behaviour, as well as security and safety issues. A variety of scenarios will be outlined where young people can be tricked, or even more disturbing, willingly disclose personal and in some instances, intimate details about themselves to strangers posing as friends on the Internet. While there are many sites suitable for children, there are a lot of sites with no checks or balances.

**7. The Crisis in Darfur: Happening On Our Watch - Debbie Bodkin...** Debbie has been a sergeant with the Waterloo Regional Police Service for 23 years. She has had three overseas experiences in Kosovo, Chad and Sudan, working for international organizations as a Scenes of Crime Officer and Investigator. Debbie will be speaking about her experiences, the incredible people she met, and the need and ways all of us can become involved to challenge crimes against humanity.

**8. Youth Dating Relationships - Sue Gallagher MSW, RSW and Cathie Cullen RN, SANE, Waterloo Region Sexual Assault/ Domestic Violence Treatment Centre...** Youth are bombarded with media images and the social pressure to be in dating relationships - from "hanging out" to "hooking-up". The objective of this session is to provide youth with an understanding of what makes for healthy, respectful dating relationships. By exploring influences such as popular culture, social pressures and the prevalence of technology, youth will gain an understanding of what constitutes unhealthy relationships as well. Students will take away some skills for recognizing both qualities to look for in relationships and qualities to watch out for. They will also leave with a personal commitment to spread the word about what respect in relationships really means.

**9. Magic of Success - Carl Olson...** Making good decisions and working for success and happiness is a magical process. Everyone has a desire to live, learn and work in a safe environment, free from bullying and harassment. In this workshop Carl Olson will use magic and activity to explore the process of decision making and goal setting necessary to create a positive environment. Get set for fun in this fast paced, informative and inspirational presentation. [www.energizerolson.com](http://www.energizerolson.com)

**10. Inter-A.C.T. with Integrity - Joel Hilchey...** If you haven't seen Joel perform before, now is the time! Through his humour, stories, and even mouse-

traps!, Joel gives new insight to the common cliché "Think Global, Act Local". Students will come away with a belly sore from laughter, a new perspective on leadership, and some fresh enthusiasm about the "choose-your-own-adventure" of life. Humans have an incredible power to affect each other, and it's the little stuff that makes all the difference. Do you believe it? Joel does, and he can't wait to tell you why... [www.joelhilchey.com](http://www.joelhilchey.com)

**11. A Journey Through Addiction, Crime and Prison - Rick Osborne...** Rick Osborne connects with his audience about his life as a former gang member and his 23 years in the prison system. Rarely does someone survive Rick's past with both the ability and the motivation to make a difference in so many young lives. [www.truthforteens.com](http://www.truthforteens.com)

**12. WAYVE - (Working Against Youth Violence Everywhere)...** Youth today are faced with many challenges. Teens often deal with difficult issues that make them feel scared, lonely and threatened. It's hard for a young person to navigate through their life at school, home and social network. High school students on the WAYVE team provide insight and support to deal with youth issues such as bullying, gangs and violence, homophobia, racism and suicide. Their impactful/interactive presentations using multi-media and moving personal stories help today's youth see that they are not alone. WAYVE is all about youth speaking to youth and breaks through the adult-youth barrier that can sometimes exist when it comes to educating, providing resources, and solutions on youth issues. [www.wayve.ca](http://www.wayve.ca)

**13. Building Character through Lyrics - Sara Westbrook...** Sara Westbrook, Motivational Speaker/Singer/Songwriter, will take you on a journey using her personal life stories and the songs she wrote from those experiences. Combining story-telling and her powerful singing voice, Sara will introduce you to skills that will motivate you to take on life in an extraordinary way! "It isn't about what happens to you - it is about who you choose to become from what happens to you." - Sara Westbrook. [www.sarawestbrook.com](http://www.sarawestbrook.com)



# CHILD WITNESS CENTRE

The Child Witness Centre, established in 1983, provides support and court preparation for child victims and witnesses under the age of 18 who are involved in the criminal justice system in Waterloo Region, Wellington County and Brant County.

[www.childwitness.com](http://www.childwitness.com)

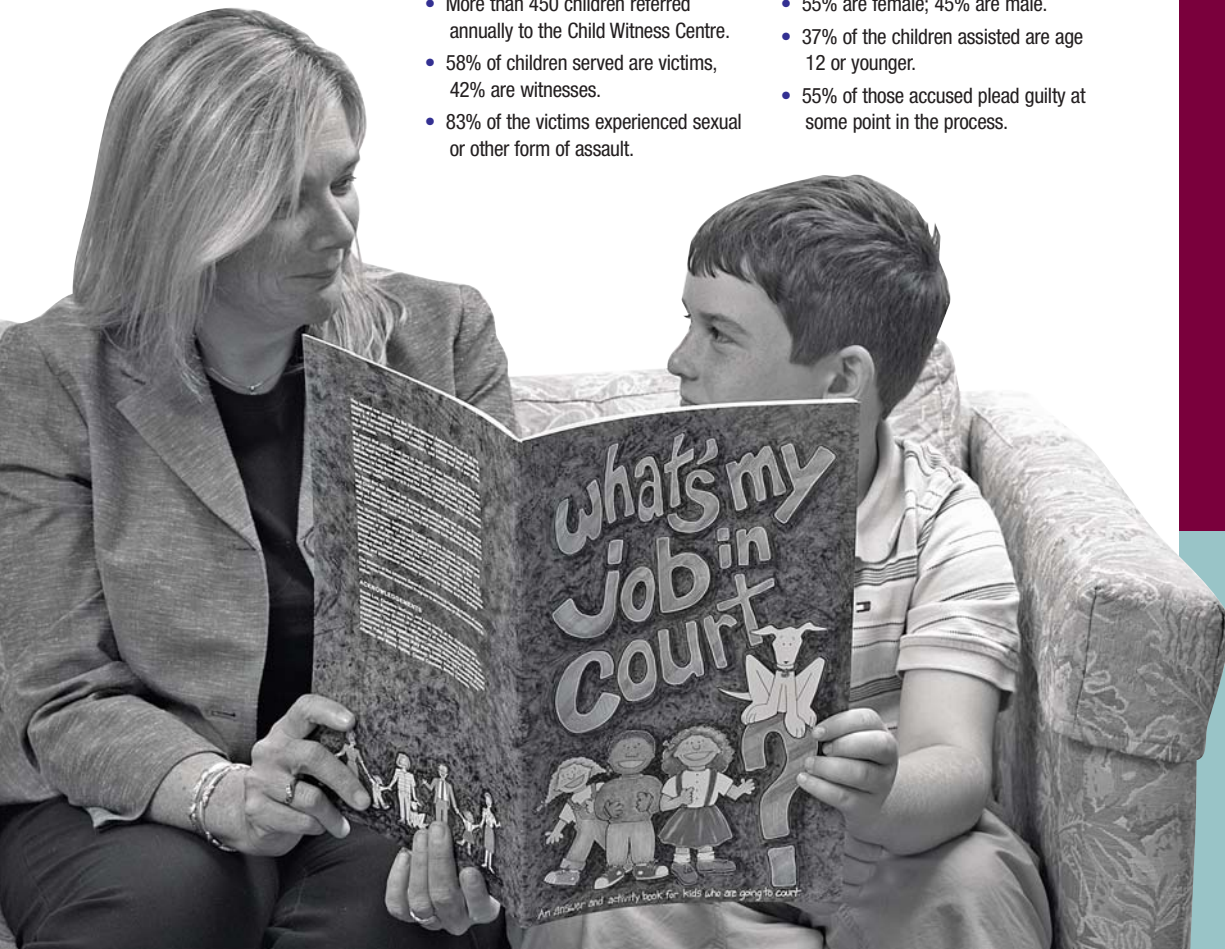
**The Child Witness Centre has a single focus, providing support and court preparation, with more than 75% of the child victims served having been subject to sexual or other physical assault. We help get them through a very difficult time in their life.**

## Services Provided Free of Charge Include:

- Establishing contact with the child victim or witness immediately after criminal charges have been laid to offer services, provide information on the criminal justice process and answer related questions.
- Providing impartial support and assistance through each stage of the court process, including ongoing updates on the progress of the case (such as court dates, along with an explanation of the purpose of these court appearances).
- Educating the child on court procedures and the role of a witness.
- Helping the child cope with his/her fears and apprehensions.
- Helping parents to be effective in supporting their child.
- Providing information on counselling services.
- Scheduling and attending pre-trial meetings for the child with the Crown Attorney.
- Recommending courtroom aids if required (eg. closed circuit tv, screen, microphone, translation services).
- Providing 'child friendly' rooms in Kitchener, Cambridge, Guelph and Brantford where children wait before going to court.
- Accompanying the child in the courtroom (and on the witness stand if necessary).
- Assisting with preparation of a Victim Impact Statement, which aids the court in determining sentencing.
- Providing post-court support, including explanation of the verdict and sentence, and providing information about government services (e.g., Victim Support Line, Criminal Injuries Compensation).
- Advocating and promoting best practice procedures for child witnesses.

## The Children We Serve:

- More than 450 children referred annually to the Child Witness Centre.
- 58% of children served are victims, 42% are witnesses.
- 83% of the victims experienced sexual or other form of assault.
- 55% are female; 45% are male.
- 37% of the children assisted are age 12 or younger.
- 55% of those accused plead guilty at some point in the process.



## THANK YOU TO SERTOMA/ LA SERTOMA

We extend our sincere thanks to K-W Sertoma and K-W La Sertoma for their generous support of the Symposium and for sharing our vision of the value of such an event for the youth in our community.

These organizations are part of Sertoma International and Sertoma Canada, one of the oldest civic service clubs in North America. It was founded in the U.S. in 1912, came to Canada in 1946, and now has over 35,000 members in more than 1000 clubs in Canada, the United States, Mexico and Switzerland. Sertoma promotes friendship and fellowship to create the opportunity for community service.

Sertoma has had a long association with the Child Witness Centre. In 1990 the local clubs formed a Foundation to purchase two homes for use by the Canadian Hearing Society and the Child Witness Centre. In 2005 the homes were sold to new owners and the Foundation is now using the resulting funds to continue to support special projects of the Canadian Hearing Society and the Child Witness Centre.

Sertoma members deserve great credit for their hard work, generosity and community-mindedness

The Child Witness Centre relies on financial support from the community to sustain its services for child victims and witnesses.

We welcome student fundraising on our behalf...  
**KIDS HELPING KIDS.**