

8TH ANNUAL CHILD WITNESS CENTRE  
**2011**  
**YOUTH**  
**SYMPOSIUM**

**Wednesday April 13** FOR WELLINGTON COUNTY STUDENTS

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

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**Thursday April 14** FOR WATERLOO REGION STUDENTS

Empire Theatres  
135 Gateway Park Drive, Kitchener  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Providing services to support children and youth who are a victim of or witness to a crime.

## 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.
- To register, fill out the registration form and submit by fax (519-744-5379) or email (admin@childwitness.com). You will be asked to select the three top programs in which you wish your students to participate.
- Attendance at the Symposium and choice of program is not confirmed until you receive formal notification from the Child Witness Centre.
- Each class remains together. Each class must be accompanied by a teacher.
- Because of the seating capacity, you may attend only those sessions for which you registered.
- Students are encouraged to bring their lunch or purchase a 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.

## PROGRAM OPTIONS FOR WELLINGTON COUNTY STUDENTS

Program #	Stu Saunders	Mike Pearse	Scott Hammell
1	Stu Saunders	Mike Pearse	Scott Hammell
2	Ian Tyson	Debbie Bodkin	Mike Pearse
3	Andy Thibodeau	Ian Tyson	Stu Saunders
4	Scott Hammell	Andy Thibodeau	Debbie Bodkin

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1	Cheryl-Ann Webster	Ian Tyson	Scott Hammell
2	Stu Saunders	Deb Loyd	Andy Thibodeau
3	Debbie Bodkin	Ian Tyson	Sara Westbrook
4	Sara Westbrook	Andy Thibodeau	Joel Hilchey
5	Deb Loyd	Rick Osborne	Kate Whitfield
6	WRPS	Joel Hilchey	Mike Pearse
7	Mike Pearse	WRPS	Rick Osborne
8	Kate Whitfield	Cheryl-Ann Webster	Stu Saunders
9	Scott Hammell	Stu Saunders	Debbie Bodkin

## THE GOAL OF THE SYMPOSIUM

- There are great risks for youth today--drug and alcohol use; harassment and bullying; 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. 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 our community.

## PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

### 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 to every participant in this workshop 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. Global Citizenship and the Experience that Moved Me to Action! Debbie Bodkin...** Debbie was 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 speak about her experiences, the incredible people she met, and the need and ways all of us can become involved to challenge crimes against humanity.

**7. Inter-A.C.T. with Integrity – Joel Hilchey...** Through his humour, stories, and even mousetraps, 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 students why. [www.joelhilchey.com](http://www.joelhilchey.com)

**8. Building Character through Lyrics – Sara Westbrook...** Sara Westbrook, Motivational Speaker/Singer/Songwriter, will take students 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 students to skills that will motivate them 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." [www.sarawestbrook.com](http://www.sarawestbrook.com)

**9. A Journey Through Addiction, Crime and Prison - Rick Osborne...** Rick Osborne connects with students 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)

**10. Mirror, Mirror on the Wall...understanding and celebrating a healthy reflection - Cheryl-Ann Webster...** Using the findings of her Beautiful Women Project as a foundation, Cheryl-Ann will explore why our reflection is so important to our emotional health. She will focus on the bombardment of social messages that suggest 'unless you look a certain way, you will not be loved, accepted or successful' – their source, their motivation and their impact on body image and in turn self-esteem. Students will test the power of positive thinking so they can be more resilient to negative messages and start celebrating our naturally developing bodies. [www.beautifulwomenproject.com](http://www.beautifulwomenproject.com)

**11. The Power of Humour - Deb Loyd...** The funny thing about humour is that it happens when you least expect it! In an embarrassing situation can you laugh at yourself? Deb will share some personal stories to illustrate that a sense of humour sees fun in everyday experiences. Laughing and smiling feels good – and it's contagious! Are you ready for a good belly laugh? [www.debloyd.com](http://www.debloyd.com)

**12. Operation Fearless - Kate Whitfield...** Kate combines personal stories, pop culture references, lots of humour, fun demonstrations and interactive activities to help each student tap into their inner fearlessness to reach out, step up and step out of their comfort zones to positively impact their peers and lead by example to create a more positive school environment. Each student is encouraged and given the tools to take action, let go of fears, express themselves authentically, and help create a school climate of acceptance, compassion support and understanding. [www.empoweredgal.com](http://www.empoweredgal.com)

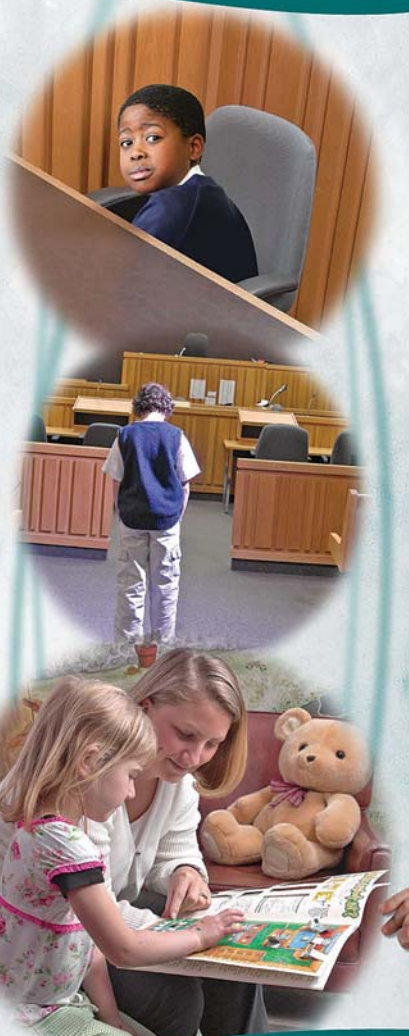
**13. Youth and Street Gangs...** Lee Fitzpatrick is the Director of Community Resources with the Waterloo Regional Police Service, whose focus is primarily on youth issues within Waterloo Region. Detective Constable Jason MacDonald is a member of the Waterloo Regional Police Service for the last 13 years and has been part of the Guns and Gangs Unit since its inception in 2007. Both Lee and Jason will explain the dangers of being in a street gang, it's related criminality and strategies on how to avoid getting involved in street gang activity.



## Providing Court Support Services for Children



### Child Witness Centre



The Child Witness Centre works in partnership with the justice system and the community to provide support services and impartial court preparation for child witnesses under the age of 18 involved in the criminal justice system in Waterloo Region, Wellington County and Brant County.

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believe that an organization is only as strong as its community. Building strong communities across Canada is something we strive for through our volunteer efforts, community partnerships, sustainable business practices and financial support of local champions and organizations.

We believe that strengthening communities begins with a commitment to focus on long-term solutions to real problems. The evolution of our safety programming over the last 11 years is proof positive that our business objectives mirror our desire to provide programs that contribute to the safety and security of Canadians.

With success comes great commitment and there is none greater than the support we receive from our staff, agents, agent staff and community partners.

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## Waterloo Region Sponsors

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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.