

Fundraising

Through many very generous donations we have raised, over and above expenses, \$850,000. Because a grant covers all campaign expenses, 100% of donations are directed to the campaign.

To bring you up to date

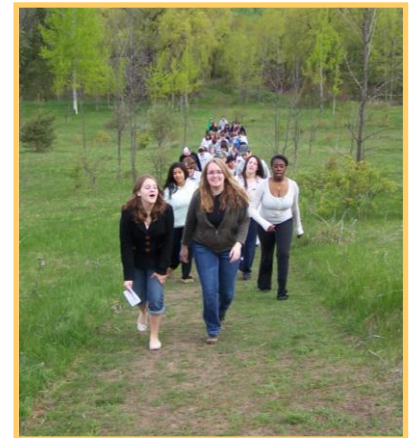
Ministry

- We have the blessing of ministering to approximately 9,400 youth and adults this year making for a total of 85,000 since 1997.
- This summer the Jericho Team facilitated the OECTA courses Part I, II & III, as well as an Eco-Justice Retreat for Part II at the property on Rathfon Road. The day was filled with sunshine and community, allowing the participants to feel God's presence and connect with God through the environment.
- We are facilitating the SCOEP Program for the 10th year. This will be a year of thanksgiving for us.
- We continue our facilitation, during the coming school year, of leadership conferences for Glynn A. Green Public School, Ross Public School, Empire Public and Plymouth Public Schools.
- The 7th Annual TORCH Leadership Conference for the Port Colborne-Wainfleet Association for Community Living will be held at Algonquin Park on September 5, 6 and 7, 2008.



Construction

- Through the expertise of **Trees Unlimited**, a Tree Preservation Plan has been developed to maintain the integrity of the surrounding forest and maximize tree preservation initiatives on site during construction and following.
- Approval has been received from the Ministry of the Environment for the design of the septic system.
- Wainfleet Committee of Adjustment will be meeting on August 20 at 4:00 p.m. to assess our amended building plan.
- The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority has requested that Jericho House undertake an Environmental Impact Study (EIS), and Jericho House is seeking an Environmental Consultant. This Study will delay construction until early in 2009.



Jericho House is a youth leadership, justice and spirituality centre. We have welcomed Christians and seekers with retreats, conferences, and peer ministry workshops since 1988. Jericho house is ecumenical in the Catholic tradition.

Events

Since January 2008, Jericho House has hosted two events.

- The Valentine Dance was held on Saturday, February 16, 2008 at the Peach King Arena, Grimsby. A wonderful time was had by all!
- The 8th Annual Appreciation Barbeque was held on Friday, July 18, 2008 at the site of the future Jericho House home on Rathfon Road in Wainfleet.

Upcoming events:

- The 9th Annual Dinner Dance & Silent Auction will be held on **Saturday, November 15, 2008, at Club Roma in St. Catharines**. Please note the **Saturday** date (not our traditional Friday).
- Jericho's Valentine Dance '09 will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. at the Peach King Centre in Grimsby.

Future Newsletters

To reduce costs and our carbon footprint, we would like to send out future newsletters via e-mail. Please email us at leadership@jerichohouse.org if you can receive them by email. (Otherwise, you will continue to get it by postal mail.)

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Jericho's Vision

Through a deeper relationship with God, oneself, others and creation, the Jericho experience contributes to the common good of society by companionship others in their growth in leadership, justice, and spirituality.

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Some Recent Student Comments

SCOEP has helped my relationship with God because it has given me more in depth look and communication with the presence of God in my life.

The value of the TORCH Conference in my opinion, was valuing the gifts you possess, the friends and family you have and never take it for granted. It taught me to be thankful for what I have and shouldn't ask for anything more than what I need. This conference made me realize how it is to be a leader.

I will be a leader in my school by being good in class, setting a good example for the younger children by doing my best and being respectful.

