



# HELPING hands

▶ KPMG Celebrated Earth Day on April 22nd by cleaning up the garbage left behind from the winter meltdown in downtown Waterloo.



▶ Kitchener Public Library Board Chair Wayne Buchholz (left) hosted the Leisley Levene Calendar Launch and Art Exhibit on Thursday, May 7 at Central Library. With him are Shirley Levene (middle) and Kitchener Mayor Berry Vibranovic (right). The Leisley Levene calendar is created each year to honour Shirley's son Leisley who died in 2007. Proceeds will be used to create a Teen Tech Livingroom at Central Library.



▶ Lutherwood and about 650 energetic people came together on May 10th to walk for children's mental health. The event, Steps for Kids, raised over \$110,000.



▶ The 10th Anniversary Mudpuppy Chase featured 1500 runners & raised over \$80,000 for the Rotary Club of Kitchener Grand River.



▶ One of the 1500 runners of the 10th Anniversary Mudpuppy Chase feels the energy from the crowd.



giving back



"The other day a woman came in who is from Mexico, and she asked if I could recommend a good book ... It makes me feel good to be able to help."

**Maca Suazo**  
Volunteer  
Kitchener Public Library



## A HARSH WIND IS BLOWING

A strong wind can take more than just your breath away. It can damage vehicles, homes and more. With our latest blog entry you can find out what you can do to help protect your home from the effects of wind, lowering your chances of damage. Some things are easy to do while others are more time consuming. Head over to [www.erb-erb.com](http://www.erb-erb.com) and look on the right side to read this article and many more like it.

## OVERLAND WATER COVERAGE

Overland water coverage is now available in Ontario for the first time ever. This coverage protects your home in the event water flows overland into your home. A torrential downpour of rain can overflow local storm drain infrastructure causing the water to flow over land. This poses a problem for homeowners when the water floods basements and lower levels. This new type of coverage is not to be confused with Sewer back up coverage. Call your broker today to learn what options are available.



## ERB AND ERB'S MICHAEL BRATTMAN AT QUEENS PARK

Erb and Erb Insurance Brokers Ltd.'s Michael Brattman (right), VP of Personal Insurance, in his capacity as President of the Insurance Brokers Association of Ontario (IBAO) and Arthur Lofsky (IBAO Advisor, left) meet with Ontario's Minister of Finance Hon. Charles Sousa (middle). Brattman's work reinforces IBAO's efforts to achieve affordability for auto insurance in Ontario and to reduce insurance fraud for the benefit of all consumers.

Our Winter 2014 ProvERB is out. Give it a read here: <http://www.erb-erb.com/blog/entryid/8154/winter-2014-newsletter>

## TALKING ABOUT...



"I believe in giving back to places that have supported my family. Both hospitals have been instrumental in the care of my father. Being a part of a big event that celebrates community and springtime, like Jeans 'n' Scrubs, is also very rewarding."

**Michele McBride Roach**  
Volunteer  
Jeans 'n' Scrubs Planning Committee



▶ Kids helping kids go to camp is a family affair! Trek 4 Kids Hike and Bike participants made it possible for 102 kids to have the time of their lives and attend week-long overnight summer camp.



▶ Walkers and runners of all ages from Steps for Kids pose at the start and finish line.



▶ A group of volunteers from the Waterloo Potters' Workshop and Knox Presbyterian Church band together for the 17th annual Empty Bowls fundraiser for the Food Bank of Waterloo Region.



▶ Ontario Gay Paranormal Society hosted a night of fundraising for Walk a Mile in Her Shoes on May 15th. The event is for men to raise awareness in their community about the serious nature of inequality. Thanks to a total of approximately 100 guests that night, about \$700 was raised.



▶ What do you get when you put 300 volunteers into the community on a Saturday with the goal of raising food and funds so no one will go hungry this summer? Food and funds for 75,000 meals and lots of fun! Thanks to all the DIG IN volunteers, participating stores, transportation providers and the community for their generous support.



▶ The Jeans 'n' Scrubs volunteer planning committee held an event on May 9 for KIW Counseling Services, Grand River Hospital, and St. Mary's Hospital. It could not be done without business and community support. Thank you to the many helping hands that raised much needed support.

Look for the next Erb and Erb "Helping Hands" feature June 27th, 2015!  
Deadline for photo submissions is June 24th, 2015!

SEND US YOUR PHOTOS! We are looking for everyday moments in the charitable community! Submit your photo and a brief caption to [communitypages@therecord.com](mailto:communitypages@therecord.com) Please put HELPING HANDS in the subject line of your email.

In addition to our Helping Hands community page, we also feature a monthly community page for moments in the sports community, arts community and local business.