



Dear Duck Adoptee:

It's that time of year again and **your** duck from last year is up for adoption and placement in this year's Annual Duck Race at Canal Fest 2010. The race is scheduled to be held on Saturday, July 24 at 3:00 p.m.

The ducks are all up for adoption and this year participation in the race is made easy. You can adopt **before** or during the week of Canal Fest. Avoid the lines and not getting a duck. For a \$5.00 donation, you will be the proud adoptive parent of a racing duck, *again*. For a \$25 donation, you will get 6 ducks or a "**Quack Pack**" entered into the race. Double your money and for \$50 you will receive a "**Quacker's Dozen**" or 13 ducks swimming down the canal. 100% of the proceeds from the race will benefit Community Missions (CMI,) a non-profit organization who serves the Niagara County community.

Because of your support last year Community Missions was able to provide:

- **Over 67,000 meals to the hungry.**
- **Almost 6,300 nights of shelter for 483 homeless individuals and families.**
- **Residential, vocational and socialization support for more than 600 adults with mental illness.**
- **Homes and programs for over 200 at-risk youth.**
- **More than 7,500 visits to our clothes closet for people to get free winter coats, job appropriate outfits, infant clothing, furniture and more.**

Did you know?

- **\$25 = 3 food baskets with 27 meals for needy families**
- **\$50 = 3 days of crisis housing for a victim and children of domestic violence**
- **\$100 = Support for a homeless youth for a week**

There is one thing left to do...**ADOPT!** Adopting prior to the race guarantees that you will have a duck in this year's race. After all, the saying goes, "You got to be in it, to win it."

Adoptions **prior** to the race can be done one of three ways:

- 1) Mail:** Send the attached slip and indicate the number of ducks you will be adopting along with your check, money order, cash or credit card information. You can also donate through the Community Missions website by clicking "donate" and indicate on the form. **ALL CHECKS ARE PAYABLE TO: COMMUNITY MISSIONS** and in the FOR line of the check write "Duck Race 2010."
- 2) Phone:** You can call the Event Coordinator, Katie Trombley, 285-3403 ext. 2225 and she will take the information over the phone for adoption.
- 3) In Person:** You can adopt a duck July 18th through 24th at Canal Fest. The ducks will be sold **First Come, First Serve**.

Community Missions wants the canal to be filled with multi-colored ducks from businesses and individuals throughout Niagara and Erie Counties. With the state of our economy, our communities are using CMI's services more and more every day. **WE need YOUR help.**

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We look forward to hearing from you regarding your **duck adoption**. If you include your email address on the form and it is purchased prior to Canal Fest, you will receive a certificate of adoption via email.

Sincerely,
Katie Trombley

Duck Race Coordinator

