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# TOGETHER IN HARMONY CARITAS TELETHON CLOSES AT \$258,888

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Toronto... April 26, 2009 was certainly the day Caritas stood on the shoulders of its volunteers and supporters. The day successfully closed at \$258,888, exceeding the original target of \$250,000.

Caritas, also known as *a school of life*, is a registered charity, well known for its long-term residential rehabilitation program. The type of program offered by Caritas is unique in Canada due to its 25-month duration, and the multidimensional approach, known as the Therapeutic Community. Caritas residents join the program with literally no hope for tomorrow, but upon completion of the program they have a new appreciation for life, a total change in lifestyle, and the ability to overcome its obstacles.

The most touching moments were the real testimonials and stories provided by parents, families, Caritas residents, and graduates. The Telethon featured many special guests and contributors – Archbishop Thomas Collins, Bishop Nicola De Angelis, Caritas Family Association, Monsignor Robert Nusca, Julian Fantino, Laura Albanese, Caritas Alumni Association, and Mario Sergio – who praised Caritas' efforts and pledged their own support.

Sunday programming featured a special live broadcast on CHIN TV's "Festival Italiano Di Johnny Lombardi." Masses of friends and volunteers participated on location at the CHIN building at 622 College Street to show their support.

The Telethon Grand Finale was aired on TLN Telelatino at 6:00 pm. The show concluded a month long fundraising campaign in partnership with TLN to benefit Caritas Project's programs and services.

Caritas would like to extend its endless gratitude to all of those who volunteered, participated, and donated to make this year's telethon a tremendous success.

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