

PRESS RELEASE

GRAY ACADEMY AND SAFEWAY SUCCESSFULLY RAISE FUNDS FOR DISABILITY AWARENESS PROGRAM

June 6, 2008 – Rory Paul, Head of School and CEO and Lori Binder, Vice-Principal of Gray Academy of Jewish Education are proud to announce a successful partnership with Safeway Canada. Through Safeway's **We Care Campaign**, over \$20 million has been raised since 1998 to benefit local communities across the country, and this year, Gray Academy was chosen as Tuxedo Safeway's charity of choice.

According to their website, the 2008 focus of the Safeway We Care program "is to raise money and awareness for children and families living with disabilities - helping those facing challenges live their life to its full potential."

The goal of this partnership is to raise money for Gray Academy's **Learning Centre, Life Skills Program and Disability Awareness Program**, which impacts all students at the school.

"We are very thankful to have been chosen as Tuxedo Safeway's charity of choice for their 'We Care Program'. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of many students, parents and staff we have been able to **raise over \$7,000** to go towards equipment for our Learning Centre as well as resources for our Life Skills program. We appreciate everyone who gave of their time to make this community effort a success," said Lori Binder.

The Life Skills Program allows a variety of students with individualized learning needs to learn and practice skills that are needed to live independent productive lives. This includes skills of daily living such as money management, food preparation, and community awareness. Additionally, Gray Academy's "Disability Awareness Days" educates all students about persons with varying abilities. The school's "Learning Centre" is the home of this program.

Please join us for a cheque presentation at Gray Academy:

123 Doncaster Street
Multi-Purpose Room
Wednesday, June 11
3:15 p.m.

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