

TLC Needs You

Your opinion, that is. Work on our Ontario Trillium Foundation grant continues, as our contractor, Horizonshift Consulting Services (Phil Godon and Cathy Lyons), looks at the feasibility of a mobile learning lab to make TLC's programs more accessible outside Eganville, Pikwakanagan and Barry's Bay. We've met with local Councils across the county and travelled to the following towns and villages, leaving information wherever we can: Foymount, Lake Clear, Cormac, Quadeville, Jewellville, Golden Lake, Wilno, Killaloe, Deacon, Palmers Rapids, Round Lake and, of course, Eganville, Pikwakanagan and Barry's Bay.

We've asked via our column in the Eganville Leader, for you to contact us with your thoughts and opinions. As a reminder, here's a quick snapshot of the project: TLC wants to determine whether or not there is a need for its services to go "on the road". A mobile learning lab (a vehicle equipped with computer workstations, an instructor and high speed internet access) would bring TLC programs far closer to clients who live away from our three locations. Such a vehicle could serve other purposes as well: job search and resume-writing services, library outreach, after-school programs, health service delivery, arts and culture activities, etc.

Here is where your opinion matters. We have a few very basic questions that we need answers for:

- 1) Do you need to improve your ability to read, write, work with numbers or use a computer?
- 2) Do you know anybody who may need to read, write, work with numbers or use a computer better?

If you answer "yes" to either of those questions, we'll have two more for you:

- 3) What would prevent you or someone you know from deciding to fill gaps in your skills?
- 4) Where do you live?

How do you get your opinion to us? First of all, you have our guarantee that your answers will be anonymous, if that is what you would prefer. Watch for the survey up on TLC's website and Facebook page. We know that many of you don't have easy access to a computer, so we will have copies of the survey together with drop boxes, available at our three TLC locations and at other places in the communities we serve. You can answer the questions over the telephone by calling Cathy or Phil at 613-757-0166. We will respect your confidentiality.

What will the survey tell us? It will help us answer a very important question: are there enough potential clients who would make use of a mobile learning lab? TLC needs your opinion: please share it!