

2009

LITE's 13th Annual Wild Blueberry Pancake Breakfast

December 2009

We are pleased to report that this year's [Breakfast](#) was another huge success, with over **800 attendees** and more than **\$20,000** raised in ticket sales and donations!



Throughout the morning, the **Indian and Metis Friendship Centre** was bustling with hundreds of people who came out to mingle with old and new friends, to do some early Christmas shopping at our local **Crafter's Market**, to enjoy the **locally sourced** blueberry pancakes catered by **LITE Partners**, and to take in performances by **The Dusty Roads Band, Fred Penner, Troy Westwood, and Niji Mahkwa School Choir**.

The staff and Board at LITE would like to thank our sponsors: **Assinbione Credit Union, MGEU, The Thomas Sill Foundation, and CKUW**, our dedicated **volunteers**, and everyone who attended to support LITE and CED in Winnipeg! We can't wait to see you all again next year!

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Fall 2009



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[Breakfast Poster](#)

Get Creative with LITE Fundraising Campaigns!

Fall 2009

This summer, LITE board member, Jenn Bogoch, came up with a great idea for a LITE fundraiser: a **traveling used book sale**. The book sale began at SEED Winnipeg and continues to raise money for LITE as it travels on to other workplaces!

At the end of the summer, Brad Franck, a past LITE board member, thought of another fun way to raise money for LITE: a **beard growing contest!**



In September, participants posed for a photograph to document their clean shaven faces for comparison at the end of the contest.

The beards will be judged on **Friday, November 27th** at LITE's [Wild Blueberry Pancake Breakfast](#) and the money raised will be donated to LITE in honour of the winners!

If you are interested in multiplying your donation by leading a school, church, or workplace campaign for LITE, please [contact us](#) for more information.

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If you're interested in **volunteering** at the Breakfast, please [contact us](#).

8th Annual Run for Rights a Huge Success!

Summer 2009

On Saturday June 6th, hundreds of people came out to Kildonan Park to **Run for Rights**. Each year the Run gets bigger as more people participate to help raise awareness about **social justice** and **human rights issues**.



This year, nearly **40 runners** ran on behalf of LITE, helping raise over **\$2,500!** All funds raised at the Run for Rights help LITE support local initiatives that train, employ, and mentor underemployed residents in Winnipeg's inner-city.

Thank you to everyone who ran and volunteered on behalf of LITE!

The [2009 Run For Rights](#) is hosted by the cooperative effort of 17 Winnipeg organizations promoting **social justice causes**. The 2009 Run is sponsored by [Assiniboine Credit Union](#), [MGEU](#), [CUPE](#), and [CKUW](#)

Get Ready for Summer and Run for Rights!

April 2009

Spring is in the air...a sign that it's time to get ready to [Run for Rights!](#) Come join LITE on **Saturday, June 6** to run, walk, cycle, or blade the 5 or 10 km route, beginning at Kildonan Park.

Whether you are looking to exercise, to spend time together as a family, or to **rally your friends and family** to support inner city CED, Run for Rights is a can't-miss event.



Volunteer runners are gearing up for the Run by collecting pledges that will be invested in **CED** in Winnipeg's inner city!

Current LITE supporters will receive sign-up pledge sheets for the Run in our May newsletter. But anyone is welcome to participate: **Download** our Run 4 Rights [Info-Pledge form](#) or [contact us](#) to find out about other ways to volunteer at the Run.



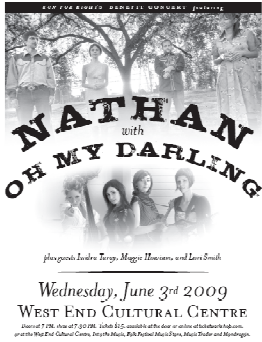
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Find out about other Run for Rights participating organizations at runforrights.org

A Musical 'Warm up' for the Run!

April 2009



Come out and support Run for Rights while enjoying great local music! **Nathan** and **Oh My Darling** are headlining the **Run for Rights Benefit Concert** Wednesday, **June 3** at the **West End Cultural Centre**, with additional musical guests Issidra Turay, Maggie Howison, and Lori Smith.

Doors open at 7:30 pm. Tickets are just \$15, available at the door, online at www.ticketworkshop.com, or by visiting the West End Cultural Centre, Into the Music, Music Trader, or Mondragon.

A Record-Breaking Breakfast, What's Next?

February 2009

The Wild Blueberry Pancake Breakfast in November turned out to be LITE's most successful fundraising event ever! An attendance of over 800 celebrated CED in the inner city by singing with **Fred Penner**, enjoying the delicious pancakes, shopping from local crafters, and supporting LITE's *Working Solution Fund*. Our net income this year was **\$15,850** (compared with \$7,200 in 2007). Thank you so much to the dozens of dedicated volunteers, our sponsors (ACU, KAIROS, Thomas Sill, CBC Radio One, CKUW), and everyone who promoted the breakfast and made it a success! Check out our upcoming spring newsletter for details.

Like other charities, we too are weathering the effects of the economic downturn, but we are nearing our end-of-March donations target of \$120,000 for our *Working Solution Fund*. Less than **\$5000 still to raise!** Would your church or workplace be interested in a presentation about LITE? Or just more info? Let us know, and thank you for helping us support our partners, who, after all, are the most vulnerable to recession! Please [contact us](#), or [donate now...](#)

This winter will pass, believe it or not, and if you are dreaming about that possibility, now's the time to mark your calendars to Run for LITE in the [2009 Run for Rights](#), June 6th. Watch for more info to come in the spring.