



ROSE Buddies

FWIO's ROSE Program has been approved for the Community Participation and Leadership funding from the New Horizons for Seniors Program. The funding is for an exciting new initiative under the ROSE Program called ROSE Buddies. On March 19, Wellington-Halton MP, Michael Chong announced the funding at the FWIO Provincial Office.

The ROSE Buddies Memoir Project is a new Women's Institute project that will bring seniors and youth together through an innovative memoir writing activity. WI Seniors will be trained to deliver ROSE Buddies across the province creating positive relationships between the generations and opening doors for future intergenerational opportunities. We are pleased to be in partnership with Storylines to bring this project to communities across Ontario.



ROSE Buddies provides:

- ✿ A structured and fully developed intergenerational memoir-writing program that WI Members can implement, maintain and expand within their own communities.
- ✿ An opportunity for local seniors and youth/young people to be viewed as contributing to the community
- ✿ Trained and certified WI ROSE Buddies facilitators across Ontario

How will ROSE Buddies make a difference in communities across Ontario?

ROSE Buddies will result in improved understanding and increased respect among the generations.

Students will get a first-hand glimpse and appreciation of their Senior ROSE Buddies personal, community, WI and historical experiences.

Seniors will have the opportunity to participate in an activity that builds confidence, self worth and respect. ROSE Buddies provides an opportunity for seniors to be engaged in an activity that serves a greater purpose to the community.



Above – Guelph Eramosa Mayor, Chris White, shares his support of the ROSE Buddies Program.



Left – MP Michael Chong and local student Zack were both on hand to talk about the benefits of ROSE Buddies.



Above – FWIO President Joy Trimble did a fantastic job as emcee for the day!

We are looking for Branches and Members that want to be trained to implement this program locally. If you are interested, please contact Patty Pizziola, ROSE Program Manager at the FWIO Office.

To learn more about ROSE Buddies, visit the FWIO website.

