

## Helping People with Developmental Disabilities Find Supportive Housing

*Province Partners with Community Living Toronto in Toronto*

### NEWS

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Ontario is helping people with developmental disabilities find supportive housing through a program that matches them with families in their communities.

LifeShare — or the Host Family program — is an innovative residential program that provides a family setting for people with a developmental disability, where they are supported and can enjoy inclusion, independence and community belonging.

Ontario recently partnered with nine community agencies, including Community Living Toronto in Toronto, to launch an awareness campaign, [\*LifeShare: a place in your heart, a place in your home\*](#). The campaign aims to find new potential home providers, as well as raise awareness of the Host Family program.

Supporting adults with developmental disabilities through inclusive, community-based supports is part of the province's plan to help people in their everyday lives.

### QUOTES

"We know there is no one-size-fits-all housing solution for adults with developmental disabilities. The Host Family program provides an opportunity to go beyond traditional residential supports and gives these individuals the opportunity to live in supportive family environments and feel more included in their communities. The LifeShare campaign will make sure that more Ontarians are aware of the great benefit of this program."

— Dr. Helena Jaczek, Minister of Community and Social Services

"Host Family is an important cornerstone of our government's developmental services programming that matches an adult in need with a nurturing home environment. Paired with an innovative, grass roots campaign such as LifeShare, Host Family is bound to see increased enrolment and future success in Toronto"

— Michael Coteau, MPP Don Valley East

"We are so pleased to see this collaborative approach being launched under the new brand LifeShare. At Community Living Toronto, this program, formerly known as Supportive Home Share has always been an important option for people we support. Having choices that fit with an individual's lifestyle, while being supported, is important to us. And, it's important to families. We look forward to seeing LifeShare grow as an option across the Province so that more people with an intellectual disability can benefit."

— Brad Saunders, Chief Executive Officer, Community Living Toronto

## QUICK FACTS

- There are currently more than 70,000 adults in Ontario with developmental disabilities.
- In 2016, approximately 18,000 people with developmental disabilities received government funded residential supports.
- At the end of fiscal year 2015/16 there were 1,715 individuals with development disabilities receiving service under Host Family program in more than 90 communities across the province.

## LEARN MORE

- Read about [LifeShare](#) and access our marketing materials
- Watch our [LifeShare video](#)
- Learn more about [developmental services](#) in Ontario

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