

Mary Centre FACT SHEET

- Founded in 1988, Mary Centre delivers integrated support services and creates new opportunities for the benefit of people with a developmental disability, their families and the community in which we live.
- Mary Centre operates three residences in Scarborough, two in Brampton as well as an independent living program with apartments in Brampton, the former City of York and Woodbridge.
- Residents come from many different cultures, religions and genders
- Mary Centre receives its primary funding from The Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS). Funding is also received from the Ministry of Housing, ShareLife, Catholic Charities and foundations, as well as private donations and its own fundraising activities.
- Mary Centre is 1 of 32 agencies in Toronto and 1 of 6 agencies in Peel providing support to individuals with a developmental disability
- Programs and services are centered on the individual
- Mary Centre supports people who have a developmental disability through residential and community support programs:
 - **Residential support programs**
 - Group homes for seniors in Scarborough and adults in Brampton
 - Supported Independent Living in Brampton, York and Woodbridge
 - **Integrated Seniors Program** - helps people aged 50 years and older, choose leisure, education, and/or volunteer opportunities that encourage integration with others.
 - **Respite Program** - provides relief to caregivers and families in the York, Peel and Toronto region
 - **Community Support Program** - matches a support worker to the individual for life and social skills training
 - **Volunteer Program** - Mary Centre is proud to have a direct service volunteer base to assist residents in their day to day activities and support service volunteers who assist in with various projects.
 - **Parish Outreach Program** - works with Catholic parishes and other religious denominations to connect individuals to the faith community of their choice as well as educates and supports faith communities to welcome people with a developmental disability into their spiritual community

| Facts and Figures

- 3 out of 100 people have some type of developmental challenge
- A significant number require support with daily living
- People with developmental challenges are living a lot longer than they did generations ago
- By outliving their parent and sibling caregivers they require more care as they age
- Older adults with a developmental challenge are under-served and often marginalized
- Mary Centre serves an increasing number of elder seniors
 - 70% are over 50 years of age
 - several have been living in Mary Centre residences since they opened in 1988
- Three of the province's original 16 residential institutions for adults with developmental disability remain
- By spring 2009, Ontario will close the three remaining facilities, completing the move from an institution-based service system to a community-based system that promotes independence, inclusion and choice
- Nearly 1000 adults will be moved back into their communities