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Jean and Howard Caine Apartments



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ANNUAL REPORT | 2014-2015



March of Dimes Canada Non-Profit Housing Corporation (NPHC), created in 1992, offers consumers with physical disabilities a single solution for support care, and accessible, affordable accommodation. NPHC supports March of Dimes Canada’s vision of **“creating an inclusive society”**, recognizing that people are happiest living in their own home.

Once again, the organization and especially its tenants have been very fortunate in this past year to have so many generous supporters, many of whom have supported us for several years. Our engagement with local donors and volunteers has been the key to providing a quality home for our tenants. We acknowledge that we would not have been able to provide critical improvements without the ongoing generosity of spirit and financial assistance, and we thank our donors.

Annual turnover remained relatively low for all properties. Low turnover rates each year reflect the great stability of March of Dimes Canada’s consumer population as compared to the tenant population at large. In Oakville, 2 people moved out, providing an opportunity to renovate their units for new tenants. In Sarnia, sadly Jessica Hodgins passed away, and we had a new tenant right away, reflecting the high demand for our type of accommodation and care.

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MEYNELL HOUSE

RESIDENCE TYPE | 2-Story Building
CAPACITY | 4-bedrooms

YEAR BUILT | 1994-1995
ADDRESS | 30 St. Lawrence Street, *TORONTO*



Holiday Celebration 2014

We saw many significant improvements to this property and they were all made possible by the generosity of our donors, and the great work of our volunteer Property Management Committee members. In 2014-2015, donations from the Meighen Foundation, Cadillac Fairview, Adrock Capital, the D.H. Gordon Foundation and the Home Depot allowed for the following upgrades in each unit: countertop, lighting upgrade, a TV, chairs, dining table, music system, window blinds, fridge, freezer, artwork and small appliances for the kitchens. In the past two years, Meynell House has been transformed by our donors' generosity which is much appreciated by the tenants and staff.



Holiday Celebration 2014

Since the residents barely have sufficient financial resources for adequate food, the generous donations of staff, volunteers and others have made an immeasurable difference to the comfort and quality of life for the residents. The donation from Adrock Capital has assisted with the quality of social life in the building as has the "hot meal fund" from the Meighen Foundation. The Dovercourt Boys and Girls Club of Toronto have become quite involved with the tenants- delivering Christmas and Easter baskets to all.

Dixon Hall Neighbourhood Homes is the owner of the building for which we have a long term headlease. They have been unfailingly helpful in addressing tenant needs. Their partnership is fabulous.



Meynell House Consumers and Santa Claus - Holiday Celebration 2014

Historically, the waterfront area has been a neighbourhood with fewer services and less access to transportation than most areas of the city. The 2015 PanAm/ ParaPanAm Village has changed the neighbourhood and full accessibility and inclusiveness is envisioned. We will continue to work on opportunities within this new development after the games conclude.

JASON'S HOUSE

RESIDENCE TYPE | Single-family Home
CAPACITY | 4-bedrooms

YEAR BUILT | 1991
ADDRESS | 66 West 28th Street, *HAMILTON*

NPHC owns and operates a four-bedroom home in a single family residential neighbourhood in Hamilton. Named “Jason’s House” in honour of its first tenant, it accommodates long-term residents who need a high level of assistance to optimize their independence.

The Malloch Foundation provided a generous grant which enabled us to complete the bathroom renovation. Cadillac Fairview, as well as the Gear and Meighen Foundations, also continued to support us with generous grants which will enable us to replace the kitchen and basement floors. The home continues to benefit from the active engagement and contributions of neighbours and volunteers. The Jason’s House Property Management Committee was very active and once again had great success in their fundraising endeavours. This year we will continue to evaluate the opportunities for a new facility given the age of the property and its ongoing capital needs.

For many years, the local Garden Society has supported the maintenance and improvement of the Jason’s House gardens. This year was no exception and the garden was enjoyed by tenants and neighbours alike. It is a perfect model of engagement with the community, and inclusiveness in a lovely residential community.



Tenants at Jason's House



Entry at Jason's House



Jason's House

JEAN AND HOWARD CAINE APARTMENTS

RESIDENCE TYPE | 5-Story Building
CAPACITY | 59 apartments

YEAR BUILT | 1994-1995
ADDRESS | 259 Robinson Street, *Oakville*

The largest facility owned and operated by NPHC is a 59-unit apartment building in Oakville, built with support from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in 1994-95, and maintained with operating funding from the Regional Municipality of Halton.

The building has one- and two-bedroom apartments, and includes 24 apartments in which tenants receive round-the-clock scheduled and on-call attendant care services from March of Dimes Canada. The entire building has general accessibility and a mix of market and subsidized rental units.

Of additional significance, 2015 marks the 20th anniversary of this first NPHC project. Plans are underway to celebrate this significant milestone in the summer of 2015.

This year Mattamy Homes provided an extraordinary gift to our tenants. The activity room was in a state of much needed upgrading and enhancement. Mattamy Homes and its wonderful team designed and managed a complete renovation of the space. The scope of the project included: new flooring, lighting, paint, window treatments, doors, artwork, storage, new kitchen design, appliances, counters, cabinets, and appliances. Many parties have been held in the newly named “Mattamy Room”. Our staff offices and lounge area were also totally renovated and upgraded with fans from the Halton Regional Local Health Integration Network.

The May Club made a very generous donation for the kitchen and activity room funding new chairs, tables and accessories. These are all wonderful and inspiring examples of engagement with our local Oakville community.

The May Club, the Walmley Foundation and Rotary Foundation provided significant financial assistance which enabled NPHC to replace the lobby flooring, install new appliances for many tenants and install mandatory safety cages on top of the elevators.

On September 10, 2014 we hosted a Donor recognition event which was well attended by our donors, local dignitaries, tenants, volunteers and staff. We unveiled our very original hand-made “Tree of Thanks” commemorating our very special donors. This work of art was donated by Noel Yousie, an exceptional craftsman, who also built our library shelving.

The Property Management Committee is very active and meets regularly in support of the tenants’ needs.

Halton Region Housing Authority continues to provide financial and administrative support and expertise, without which we could not run the building. We are proud to work in partnership with them in the community. *(continue next page)*



Donor Recognition Tree unveiled

Jean and Howard Caine Apartments continued



Cameron Whale, Ted and Joyce Gittings, Andria Spindel, and tenant at Jean and Howard Caine Apartments

In order to continue to build a community atmosphere, the Oakville tenants help with the gardening and organization of social events. The gardens are simply stunning as a result of their diligent efforts.

The Christmas party was a wonderful event as usual with the generous contribution from the parents and family of the late and beloved former tenant, Greg Gittings. The Gittings family also continue to contribute to a Better Living Fund in memory of their son.

The Adrock Foundation also gave generously to the Social Activities Fund of each property in the portfolio. This is greatly appreciated by the tenants and their families.



Jean and Howard Caine Apartment staff and tenants

STANDING OAKS

RESIDENCE TYPE | Single-family Home
CAPACITY | 6-bedrooms

YEAR BUILT | 2003
ADDRESS | 1212 Michigan Avenue, *SARNIA*

This six-bedroom home was built in 2003 on land granted through a ground lease from the Rotary Foundation to Concerned Citizens of the Medically Fragile in partnership with NPHC. In addition, an accessible respite unit was included and was in use 96% of the last year.

Sadly this year marked the passing of Jessica Hodgins, a long-time resident who was a delight and loved by all. She will be remembered fondly and missed by everyone.

Standing Oaks is an example of the success that can be achieved by local engagement and it is the product of March of Dimes working with parents, local friends and the province. Standing Oaks demonstrates what is possible with proper planning and commitment to create quality of life for even the most medically fragile people.



Consumers at Standing Oaks



Consumer at Standing Oaks

WADE HAMPTON HOUSE

RESIDENCE TYPE | Single-family Home YEAR BUILT | 2011
CAPACITY | 8-bedrooms & 2 apartments ADDRESS | 2915 Bancroft Street, *Sudbury*



Wade Hampton House resources



Wade Hampton House resources

In early fall 2011 NPHC opened its latest property, an eight-bedroom congregate care home with two rental apartments. The property has been well-received by the tenants and their families, and we have begun to make improvements as needed. The Bishop Alexander Carter Foundation provided a generous grant to improve the landscaping enabling our clients to more easily access and enjoy the lovely surroundings this property affords. Our ten residents have developed a great sense of community as we have had no turnover since the inception of this building.

A first for this corporation, we have launched a capital campaign with the goal of \$1 million to support the expansion of our services in Sudbury by building another state of the art accessible building on the same property. We have secured tentative project support from some of our past major funders, and have been building the Campaign Cabinet which will be announced in the Fall of 2015.

The Sudbury Credit Union provided a very generous donation to the Capital campaign. The Bishop Carter Foundation continues to provide support to programming for the tenants.

THANK YOU!

We thank March of Dimes Canada staff, Marcey Leggett–Housing Consultant, Eugene Miller–Building Superintendent, Property Management Committees members, NPHC Board of Directors, Donors and Funders for their tireless, passionate dedication and support.

The Board appreciates the financial support and assistance of the Regional Municipality of Halton, and thanks the donors and friends who help make each of our properties a home.



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