



# O U T R E A C H

*A Newsletter for Friends of Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin*

The Mission of Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin is to enhance Individual, Family and Community life in a manner that reflects the values and traditions consistent with the Catholic Faith. Our services are available to all people who live or work in the Region of Peel & Dufferin County.

• WE SERVE PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS AND CREEDS •

## **Special Acknowledgements**

We would like to give thanks to all the individuals and businesses who kindly made donations to the agency this year. Your contributions have enabled us to continue to provide exceptional services to our clients, and to continue to meet the needs of our rapidly growing community!

**We Greatly Appreciate Your Generosity And Support!**

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

St. John Fisher Council #10402  
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Fountain of Hope, BOM Employee Foundation  
Royal Bank Financial Group, Employee Charity Trust  
Ontario Power Generation, Employee Charity Trust  
Hydro One Employee Charity Trust

## **You Helped US Reach The Moon!**

Thanks to everyone who joined us in celebration by purchasing dance tickets or donating items to our silent auction table. You helped make our 1st Annual Gala Evening a great success!

**A Special Thanks To The Parishes Who Reached Out And Supported Us!**

Ss. Salvador do Mundo Parish  
St. Mary's Parish  
St. Timothy's Parish  
St. Francis of Assisi  
St. Ignatius Loyola Parish

## **The Community We Serve**

### **POPULATION** (Source: Stats Canada)

At the time of the 2001 Census, the municipalities of Peel—Brampton, Mississauga and Caledon, experienced the second highest rate of growth among the Regions of Ontario with an average population increase of over 27,000 people each year! The combined populations of Peel and Dufferin have now reached well over 1 million. The poor, marginalized and immigrant populations are growing at an even faster rate than the general population. Using Canadian research prevalence rates we have estimated that 25% of the Peel Dufferin population could use our services at some point in time. This translates into over 266,000 people!

**We served 16,424 persons in 2002/2003 through our programs.**

### **DIVERSITY** (Source: Canada Census Data 1996)

- \* 40% of the population in Peel are immigrants
- \* Visible minorities represent 31%
- \* 100 different ethnic groups in Peel
- \* At least 67 different mother tongues
- \* Top 5 languages (exclusive of English & French): Punjabi, Chinese, Polish, Portuguese, Italian
- \* Approximately 15% of the population in Peel is non-Christian (Eastern religions)

**55% of the clients we served claimed an ethnicity other than Canadian**

**59% of the clients we served are Catholic, while 41% are non-Catholic**

### **INCOME** (Source: Stats Canada)

- \* Average family annual income in Peel is \$64,729
- \* 30,000 families in Peel are low income earners (\$32,000 or less annually)

**43% of the clients we serve earn an annual family income of \$34,000 or less, while 29% earned \$22,000 or less per year**



With the phenomenal rate of growth in Peel Dufferin over the past 3 decades comes the increasing demand for services. Funding inequity on the part of the provincial government has seriously compromised the regions resources and ability to effectively meet the social service needs of the community. Catholic Family Services continues to advocate on behalf of their clients. The impact of chronic under-funding affects the health, prosperity and future well being of Peel, a community on the edge of crisis.

## From The Board

It's been a busy last quarter for members of CFSPD's Board of Directors! Members have been actively involved in working to raise the profile of the Fair Share for Peel Task Force whose objectives are to build a better understanding of the chronic funding shortfall and its implications for Peel, and to persuade the provincial government to find a way to rectify the inequity!

The Fair Share for Peel Steering Committee members recently met with the Peel Region Chair and Council members, the region's Chief of Police, Rotary Clubs, Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga Council members, MPP's, Liberal and NDP candidates, Ernie Eves executive assistant, and the Brampton and Mississauga Boards of Trade to discuss the \$138 + million dollar funding shortfall in Peel and the role of the Task Force in addressing this pressing issue.

Key business leaders throughout the Region are being approached by Fair Share for Peel Committee members in a campaign to mobilize them to speak with the Premier directly about the funding inequity that exists in our community.

The Fair Share for Peel program has increased its letter writing campaign to Premier Ernie Eves as well as to the leaders of the opposition parties. Meetings have also taken place with Brenda Elliot, the Minister of Community, Family & Children's Services to highlight the devastating effects of chronic under-funding to the Region.

Fair Share for Peel activities have also included increased media visibility. Newspaper articles have appeared in the Mississauga News, Brampton Guardian and the Toronto Star. Members of Fair Share have also appeared on Roger Cable to discuss the provincial funding inequity on the *Dufferin Peel Living Program*.

The Board of Directors will continue its efforts to advocate for the community by working with the Fair Share for Peel Task Force to ensure that the funding shortfall in the region is addressed by the provincial government.

*Jan Nevins*  
Board of Directors

### We Welcome!

Brendan Meagher to our **Board of Directors**  
Arthur Peters to the **Fundraising Committee**

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Samantha Brown joins the **HEAL Network** in the role of Admin/Intake for the collaborative.

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### Hello Students & Interns!

Thanks for accepting or continuing your placements with us this summer. We hope your experience at CFSPD continues to be challenging and fruitful.

### Farewell!

The Fundraising Committee says goodbye to Larry Dooley and Lou Dodaro. Their contributions over the last 4 years have been invaluable!

## Fundraising

This has been an exciting year for the Fundraising Committee. We have been diligent in trying to meet the ever increasing fiscal needs of the agency. The creative enthusiasm of the committee has been fruitful!

A special thanks to Larry Dooley! He has tirelessly served for many years by liaising with the Knights of Columbus Councils whose generous donations have helped us reduce our waiting list for services.

In February we hosted our 1st Annual Gala Fundraiser/Silent Auction Dinner Dance! *How High The Moon*. It was an outstanding evening of dinner, dancing and bidding on many wonderful auction items, including a week in Collingwood! The Toronto Mega City Swing Band graciously donated their time, energy and talent to make the evening extra special! We are so thrilled that we reached our goal of \$10,000! Thanks to everyone who supported our event and congratulations to the Dance Committee: Sandy Faux, Mary Jane Coughlin, Daphne Lok and Lyne Eaves!

Be sure to mark your calendars now for next year's Gala, *How High The Moon 2*, scheduled for Saturday February 21, 2004! We hope to see you there!

We would like to thank everyone for their contribution and support. In partnership we create a stronger and more caring community!

*Sandy Faux*  
Chair, Fundraising Committee

Catholic Family Services Peel Dufferin

## Annual General Meeting

June 19, 2003

5:30-7:30

389 Main Street North, Ste. 207, Brampton, ON L6X 3P1

### Funding Provided By:

ShareLife

United Way of Peel Region

Ministry of Community, Family & Children's Services

Ministry of the Attorney General

The Ontario Trillium Foundation

## *The Fair Share For Peel Task Force*

When 6 year old children need mental health counselling in Peel, they are forced to wait 1 1/2 years. Survivors of woman abuse will wait for 12 weeks for ongoing counselling. Hundreds of families wait decades for residential care for their developmentally disabled children, even though close to one hundred of them have been identified as living in crisis.

Peel residents received \$117.9 million for social service funding in 2000/2001.

If the region was funded at provincial per capita funding, it would have received \$138.9 million MORE (for a total of \$256.8 million) for social services in 2000/2001!

Inequitable funding of social services is hurting Peel. It severely affects the level and wait for services. It leads to crises that add increased cost and pressure on the health, justice and educational systems. The provincial government has decided that residents of Peel deserve 55% less funding for social services than others!

The residents and businesses in Peel have paid their full share of taxes but they are not getting their fair share of social service funding. The region's population increases by 27,000 people each year and the provincial government has benefited from this tremendous growth. But the provincial government does not return sufficient tax revenues to families in Peel to provide adequate services for this rapidly growing community.

For 12 years business and community leaders have been condemning this funding inequity and telling successive provincial governments about the discrimination against Peel. The Fair Share for Peel Task Force is a broadly based coalition whose sole purpose is to resolve this chronic funding shortfall and to persuade the Provincial government to find a way to rectify the inequity. Established over 12 years ago, the Task Force represents 70 businesses and community agencies, three boards of trade, school boards, hospitals, the Peel Regional Police, the United Way and many community committees serving the region.

The Task force has been collecting data for the last 10 years that indicates that agencies in Peel receive far less per capita funding than their counterparts in other parts of Ontario, for a variety of human services:

Service Category	Peel Funding Per Capita	Provincial Average	Durham Funding	Halton Funding	Toronto Funding	York Funding
Developmental Services	<b>\$37.89</b>	<b>\$70.92</b>	\$59.92	\$52.65	\$52.38	\$37.99
Adult Services ***	<b>\$7.92</b>	<b>\$22.17</b>	\$7.19	\$10.58	\$26.85	\$11.91
Child Care Services *	<b>\$168.38</b>	<b>\$351.24</b>	\$200.69	\$268.33	\$586.96	\$225.00
Children's Services **	<b>\$48.81</b>	<b>\$130.94</b>	\$73.23	\$77.22	\$124.97	\$64.58

Provided by the Ministry of Community, Family & Children's Services

\* Includes Children's Aid

\*\* Includes Autism Programs, Family Services, Respite Care

\*\*\* Includes Violence Against Women Services

The Fair Share For Peel Task Force has proposed a solution to rectify the funding shortfall over time. The Task force suggests that the provincial government devote 1/2 of 1% (13.5 million) of the current \$2.7 billion annual budget of the Ministry of Community, Family & Children's Services to close the gap. By using this formula, it would take 8-10 years to close the funding gap in Peel.

### **YOU CAN HELP!**

Visit the Fair Share For Peel website at [www.fairshareforpeel.ca](http://www.fairshareforpeel.ca) for more information on who to write to about the funding inequity in Peel or call 905.602.3627

#### **Task Force Endorsed By:**

905 Faith Community Leaders  
 Brampton/Caledon Community Living  
 Brampton Board of Trade  
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel  
 Boys and Girls Club of Peel  
 Brampton Neighbourhood Resource Centre  
 Caledon Chamber of Commerce  
 Caledon Parent-Child Centre  
 Caledon Community Services  
 Canadian Mental Health Association/Peel  
 Catholic Cross-Cultural Services, Peel Region  
 Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin  
 Charlestown Residential School  
 Child Development Resource Connection  
 Church of St. Hilary's & Day Care Centre  
 Community Living Mississauga  
 Community Leadership Alliance of Peel  
 Council for Adolescent Suicide Prevention  
 The Credit Valley Hospital  
 Distress Centre Peel  
 Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre  
 Dufferin-Peel OECTA  
 Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board  
 Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel-Halton  
 Erinoak  
 Family Education Centre  
 Family Services of Peel  
 Foodpath  
 Hospice of Peel  
 John Howard Society of Peel  
 India Rainbow Community Services  
 Learning Disabilities Association North Peel  
 Malton Neighbourhood Services  
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 Mississauga Board of Trade  
 Mississauga Board of Chinese Professionals and Businesses  
 Mississauga Community Legal Services  
 Multi-Cultural Interagency Group of Peel  
 Nexus Youth Services  
 OPTIONS Mississauga  
 OSSTF District 10  
 Our Place (Peel)  
 Peel Children's Aid Society  
 Peel Children's Centre  
 Peel Committee Against Woman Abuse  
 Peel Coalition for Shelter  
 Peel Collaborative Child & Adolescent Sexual Abuse Treatment Program  
 Peel Committee on Sexual Assault  
 Peel Community Action Program for Children  
 Peel District School Board  
 Peel Educators' Association  
 Peel Literacy Guild  
 Peel Multicultural Council  
 Peel Poverty Action Group  
 Peel Regional Police  
 Peel Sisters of Colour in Action  
 PLASP Child Care Services  
 Rapport Youth and Family Counselling  
 Regional Municipality of Peel  
 Salvation Army Family Life Resource Centre  
 Social Planning Council of Peel  
 St. Hilary's Day Care Centre  
 YMCA Mississauga  
 Trillium Health Centre  
 Telecare Distress Centre Brampton  
 United Achievers  
 United Way of Peel Region  
 Victim Services of Peel  
 Vita Manor  
 William Osler Health Centre

## Counselling Programs

### INDIVIDUAL, COUPLE AND FAMILY PROGRAM

Through individual, couple or family work, this program strives to improve relationships, reduce emotional distress and enhance personal well-being by providing assistance to the following:

- Individuals experiencing loneliness, low self-esteem, anxiety, episodic depression, work concerns, bereavement and other life stressors.
- Couples experiencing relationship difficulties including poor communication, lack of intimacy, affairs, extended family pressures, or contemplating separation/divorce.
- Families coping with developmental transitions, cultural adjustment, parenting, step-family concerns, separation, divorce or other issues.

### WOMAN ABUSE

Comprehensive services to families experiencing woman abuse:

- Support groups for women who have been assaulted by their partners.
- Psycho educational groups for men who have assaulted their partners.
- Individual and family counselling.

### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN EXPOSED TO WOMAN ABUSE

Catholic Family Services is the lead agency for the HEAL Network. Services include:

- A group program for mothers and their children (newborn to age 12).
- In-School groups for children.
- Workshops and groups for adolescents.
- Public Education and outreach workshops for parents.

### ADULTS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED CHILDHOOD ABUSE

Counselling services to adults who have experienced trauma through childhood abuse:

- Support groups for women who have experienced sexual abuse in childhood and adolescence.
- Individual counselling for women and men to explore the impacts of childhood abuse.
- Couple and family work to support the healing process.

### SISTERING PROGRAM

Sistering is a volunteer program for women who, having participated in our family violence programs, are at a stage in their own healing process whereby they wish to give back by offering support to other women in crisis.

### PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Parish Social Ministry is the empowerment of the parish to respond in an organized way to societal and individual human needs. Its mission of love, justice, freedom and peace calls forth the gifts of the parish community in service and celebration. Parish Social Ministry is involved with other churches/congregations, agencies, community groups, and in community development programs. Agency staff assists the parish with organization, training and formation programs and ongoing resources and support.



## Women Supporting Women

### An Opportunity For Emotional Support And Healing

WSW is a closed group for all women 18 years of age and older who have experienced abuse in some form by their intimate partners present or past. This group is dedicated to providing women with information and support around the issues of abuse, power and control.

**FREE**

**GROUP BEGINS MAY 2003**

**CALL NOW FOR REFERRAL**

*Friendly and Safe Environment*

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*Understand The Complexity of Abuse*

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*Interested Women Will Need To Be Interviewed For Group*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:**

**905.450.1608 X115**

**Free Childcare Services Available**

## Donations

**Invest In Your Community!  
Make A Donation To Catholic Family Services**

**TAX RECEIPTS ISSUED!**

**CALL 905.450.1608 X114**

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