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PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY HOMES ANNOUNCES THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW ASSOCIATE FAMILY LIVING PROGRAM

BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO –JULY 21, 2005 Plainfield Community Homes is excited to announce the creation of a new Family Home Share Service, an associate living program that assists people who have intellectual and physical disabilities to live within a family environment.

The Family Home Share Service will enhance the quality of life for all people, by encouraging friendships, natural connections, and community participation, while allowing for the individual's needs to be met in a flexible and personal manner through the support of a Family Home Provider.

Family Home Providers are ordinary families within the community who share their lives and their home with a child or an adult with a disability providing them with support through their daily activities. Plainfield Community Homes provides support to these families and the people being supported.

During a presentation introducing this service, community member Wayne Gillman stated: "This arrangement will benefit the person with the disability, and enrich the lives of the associate families through shared experiences, the learning of new skills, training, professional support, and financial reimbursement."

Michele Macfarlane, Manager of Child & Family Services at Plainfield Community Homes, says "when people with disabilities are a true part of ordinary community settings, at the same time and in the same fashion as other people, the quality of life for all members of the community will improve."

Plainfield Community Homes is presently looking for families interested in making a difference in the life of someone who has a disability and creating lifelong memories by becoming an Associate Family.

Plainfield Community Homes is a non-profit, charitable organization providing multi-services and a range of supports to over 90 children and adults with complex physical and developmental disabilities. Plainfield Community Homes employs more than 200 people and is funded by the Ministry of Community & Social Services and the Ministry for Children and Youth.

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