



Plainfield Community Homes

A Non-Profit, Charitable Organization



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PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY HOMES AND QUINTE VOCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES BECOME OACL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO, April 9, 2002 – Plainfield Community Homes and Quinte Vocational Support Services are pleased to announce that they have received Associate Membership status from the Ontario Association for Community Living (OACL).

Says John Klassen, Executive Director of Plainfield Community Homes, “Associate membership with OACL will give Plainfield a link to a provincial federation that is known to advance further advocacy efforts, so that people with disabilities can enjoy full citizenship in community.” “The purpose and goals of the OACL closely reflect those of both Plainfield Community Homes and Quinte Vocational Support Services,” says Patrick Connor, Executive Director of QVSS. We are proud to acknowledge that our organizations are committed to providing personal supports to individuals with disabilities, so as to create a lifestyle that promotes well being and encourages personal growth. We believe the OACL will provide representation on our behalf to government, other organizations and the public.

A celebration of Plainfield Community Homes’ membership will take place with a small joint reception on Thursday, April 11, 2002 at 3:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, 11 Bay Bridge Road, Belleville. Receiving the certificate for Plainfield will be Bill Lavery, President and John Klassen, Executive Director of Plainfield Community Homes. Receiving for QVSS will be Richard Herrington, QVSS Board Chair and Patrick Connor, Executive Director. OACL President, David Barber and OACL Executive Director, Keith Powell will officially present the Certificates of Associate Membership at this reception.

Plainfield Community Homes is a non-profit, charitable organization founded in 1951 as the "Babies Convalescent Home". It has since grown into a multi-service organization that now provides a range of supports to over 80 children and adults with complex and challenging needs. Plainfield Community Homes employs 194 people and is funded by the Ministry of Community & Social Services.

QVSS acknowledges and appreciates the collaborative efforts of Plainfield Community Homes, and its Board in supporting this event and including QVSS in celebrations.

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