**Plainfield Community Homes**

A Non-Profit, Charitable Organization

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## PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY HOMES RECEIVES GRANT FROM ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION

**BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO, July 25, 2002 –** Plainfield Community Homes has been awarded a substantial one-year grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation for the implementation of a new initiative that will match interested volunteers to individuals with complex physical and developmental disabilities.

This grant will fund the newly created contract position of Facilitator/Connector at Plainfield Community Homes to establish and coordinate recruiting, training, orientation and support for volunteers to provide friendship and support and to implement person-centered planning to over 80 group home residents, the majority of whom have lived in group homes and institutions for most of their lives.

John Klassen, Executive Director of Plainfield Community Homes, says "This generous grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation comes at an excellent time for our organization. It will enable us to increase social support networks for particularly vulnerable people with disabilities, which will result in greater community involvement and overall enrichment of the quality of their lives. Plainfield Community Homes is committed to providing personal supports to individuals with disabilities so as to create a life style that promotes well being and encourages personal growth and this grant will most definitely increase our ability to provide those supports."

Candy Davidson, member of the Plainfield Community Homes Board of Governors, says "I am pleased that the Ontario Trillium Foundation has awarded this grant to this important initiative. Many people who are socially disadvantaged will benefit from this work."

*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 physical and developmental disabilities. Plainfield Community Homes employs 194 people and is funded by the Ministry of Community, Family and Children's Services.*

The Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Culture, receives annually $100 million of government funding generated through Ontario's Charity Casino Initiative. The Foundation provides grants to eligible charitable and not-for-profit organizations in the arts, culture, sports, recreation, environment and social service sectors.

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