

**For Immediate Release**

## **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mayors' Challenge Golf Tournament**

**BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO, April 12, 2005** – Plainfield Community Homes is anticipating a sold-out crowd at its **22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MAYORS' CHALLENGE GOLF TOURNAMENT**, being held at the Bay of Quinte Golf & Country Club on **Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**. Following on the success of the 2004 Tournament, this year's tournament will again feature a *four-way challenge*, with the confirmed participation of Belleville **Mayor Mary-Anne Sills**, Quinte West **Mayor Bob Campney**, County of Prince Edward **Mayor Leo Finnegan** and Hastings County **Warden Charles Mullett**. Registration is limited to 144 golfers, so players are urged to get their registrations in early!

Since its inception as one of the first charity tournaments in this area, the Mayors' Challenge Golf Tournament has resulted in substantial donations for the direct benefit of the many people supported by Plainfield Community Homes. The proceeds make it possible for the people supported by the organization to be an active and significant part of the community. The events and activities people attend are individually tailored to meet each person's unique needs and personal goals and the agency's fleet of accessible vehicles is their primary mode of transportation throughout the community. The tournament proceeds are used to purchase and maintain these vehicles. Although Plainfield Community Homes is mainly funded by the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services, it does not receive special transportation funding.

Plainfield Community Homes is a non-profit, multi-service organization that provides a range of supports to about 100 adults and children with complex physical and developmental disabilities. The organization employs close to 200 people. In 2001, Plainfield Community Homes celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Says **John Klassen**, Executive Director of Plainfield Community Homes, *"We are thrilled to once again have the support of all 3 Mayors and the Warden of Hastings County! Many of the people who golf in this tournament have been coming out every year since it began, to take part and show their support for our organization. As well, we have many long-time sponsors and prize donors who support us year after year because they believe in the work that we do and the difference we make in the lives of the people we support. The participation, sponsorship and donations of all of these people and organizations make this event possible and we are eternally grateful to each and every one of them."*

**Georgina Thompson**, Belleville City Council member, President of All-Care Health Services and an avid long-time supporter of the Mayors' Challenge Golf Tournament, describes it this way: *"I like to support this golf tournament because I know that the participants are going to enjoy a great day of golf and will want to come back again next year. After a fun day on the links, everyone enjoys a delicious meal and some friendly banter among the competitors – this event is also a wonderful opportunity to network with other business supporters. Most importantly, at the end of the day, we are able to raise significant funds for a worthy organization."*

Everyone is welcome to register for the tournament. Registrations received by **April 29<sup>th</sup>** will be eligible for an **Early Bird Draw**. For more information or to register, please contact Plainfield Community Homes at 969-7407.

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