

LIGHTS



A LIGHT in your community

August 2019



Krystal and Laura having a great time chopping up some vegetables.

The LIGHTS program, established almost 10 years ago, is an example of what citizens and communities can do when they work together to support people in need. In partnership with Community Living Toronto and the Ontario provincial government, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS), LIGHTS leverages private philanthropic dollars to connect people who have an intellectual disability with unique cost-effective housing options that would otherwise not have been available.

The results are clear. LIGHTS changes lives at a fraction of the cost of standard interventions. On average, the LIGHTS model can support four people for the same cost as one person in a traditional support model.

Despite this cost-effective success, LIGHTS is only able to support its families for up to five years due to limited financial resources. When the program started, the Ontario government had a long-term residential housing fund into which families could potentially transition upon leaving LIGHTS. Since this is no longer available, MCCSS has accepted our LIGHTS “graduates”, one person at a time, when they needed to move on from LIGHTS after 5 years.

The actual cost of a LIGHTS home is about \$30,000 annually with approximately \$20,000 coming from LIGHTS donor dollars, and the rest coming from families and government (ODSP, Passport). A traditional group home for an individual with average needs costs between \$98,000 - \$104,000 annually per person.

With a mandate to cut red tape through finding efficiencies, the new provincial government has committed to protecting what matters most while finding opportunities to restrain spending. LIGHTS presents a perfect opportunity for government to stretch very limited public funds by building on an existing strategy that is already achieving cost-effective results while leveraging private dollars.

This year, LIGHTS 5-year funding program will end for 10 people. Without our support, or support from MCCSS, these individuals may be forced to move back home or fall into crisis.

LIGHTS has proven that its housing model can leverage family and community capacity and maximize citizen independence. Use of this program results in lower long-term costs - both for individuals participating in the program, and for our government funders - as well as an improved quality of life for both the individuals who have an intellectual disability and their families.



Maddie, Laura, and Karen cooking together in the kitchen!

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SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2019
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CELEBRATE THE KINGS
OF THE NORTH
AND HOOP WHERE OUR
CHAMPIONS PLAY!

FOOD, FUN ACTIVITIES FOR
THE KIDS, AN AMAZING SILENT
AUCTION AND MORE!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT LIGHTS.TO

\$150/PERSON or \$400/FAMILY OF FOUR

EVENT TIMING: 6:00 TO 9:00 pm

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LIGHTS and Community Living Toronto are asking the provincial government to partner with families by endorsing their annual funding after LIGHTS 5-year funding ends, so individuals can continue to thrive in their new homes and communities. This will leverage the millions of dollars of private donations that we raise, and help families who have taken the initiative to help themselves. By renewing its commitment as a full partner in supporting LIGHTS families, our government can help address the residential waitlist, avoid future crises in these families, and come a bit closer to reaching their mandate of restoring balance to Ontario's fiscal health.

More and more, families want to follow their own path, creating a future living situation for their son or daughter that is individualized and fosters their independence. They are waiting until this can happen. Uncertainty about how their government will support them after 5 years of LIGHTS funding has lengthened their wait. Supporting their independence now will mean reduced intervention and costs in the future.

To find efficiencies, we hope the government will look to LIGHTS as a strong example of how we can work together to find sensible solutions to critical issues, while also being fiscally responsible.

As a partner of LIGHTS since its inception in 2011, the government has previously recognized the importance of building an inclusive and equitable society, one that includes young Canadians of all abilities! And so did you, our faithful and generous donors and friends. Thank you for your continued support and ongoing belief in our mission.

Shoot the Six - A fundraiser for LIGHTS

Continue the Championship celebration with friends and family with the opportunity to shoot some hoops on the same court as the Toronto Raptors while enjoying great food, lots of fun for everyone and maybe a celebrity sighting or two!

Tickets are available now at [LIGHTS.to](https://lights.to)

Sponsorship opportunities are also available starting at \$3,500. Sponsorships include tickets for you and people supported by Community Living Toronto.

Need more info? Contact Dawn Mader at dmader@rogers.com

Our Mission

Through partnership with families, philanthropists, government, and established agencies, LIGHTS will make supportive housing a reality for individuals with an intellectual disability. As a result, these citizens and their families will have a greater quality of life.



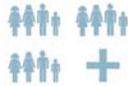
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71



People have moved into independent living after LIGHTS facilitation.

36



Families have moved on from LIGHTS.

50



Families have chosen LIGHTS funding.

295



Families have received advisory services.

185+

Presentations to date, reaching more than 3,500 attendees.

LIGHTS was founded in 2011 by a group of concerned community members and families.

2011

Partnerships

- Government of Ontario (Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services)
- Community Living Toronto
- Community donors (foundations, corporations, individuals)
- Families

Funds Raised To Date

\$7M

- **7 million** pledged to date
- Funding from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services for Facilitators

Funding to Families

\$20,000/yr

Up to a maximum of **\$20K annually** for up to 5 years per family. Some families do not need funding but still benefit from LIGHTS facilitation.

Operating Costs

\$5,000

Our only salaried positions are paid for by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and the majority of other costs are a gift-in-kind partnership with Community Living Toronto. Printing, some communications materials and brokerage fees are less than \$5,000 per year.

Result

98%

A cost effective program that enables about **98%** of our private donations to leverage our government funding for the staff who create the opportunity for person-directed living arrangements that would not otherwise exist.

Through LIGHTS, there has been increased parental job productivity and a broad increase in quality of life for both individuals with an intellectual disability and members of their family. In addition there has been an opportunity for developmental services staff to learn and build an innovative program while providing person-directed supports to individuals with an intellectual disability. Because of LIGHTS, long term societal opportunities for inclusion and a more fulfilling life are increasing for these individuals, and costs to society are decreasing.

Our Vision

Enabling citizens with an intellectual disability to live in a home of their own, thereby enriching our communities.

THANK YOU!

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Supporting the dreams of people who have intellectual disabilities is only possible through the support of many. Please use the enclosed envelope to renew your gift or help spread the word by sharing this newsletter. Donations are made payable to Community Living Toronto or donate online at LIGHTS.to. Additional copies or e-versions of this newsletter can be obtained by contacting Sylvie Labrosse, Manager, Fundraising at 647-588-9465 or sylvie.labrosse@cltoronto.ca.

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