

COMMUNITY LIVING ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH SIMCOE

ASSOCIATION HISTORY

- 1962** - Four mothers of school-age children with developmental handicaps recognized a need for services and became affiliated with the Ontario Association for Retarded Children (OAMR). This was the start of the Alliston and District Association for Retarded Children.
- 1963** - The class for Trainable Mentally Retarded (TMR) was opened at the Knox Presbyterian Church, Alliston - site of Pat's Sewing Centre.
- 1965** - Ministry of Education assumed responsibility for operating facilities to train children with developmental handicaps and a new impetus was felt throughout the province.
- 1968** - The school-aged children were then relocated to the Willa Ireland School property, where the local School Board took over operating the program. – Willa Ireland
- 1970** - It became apparent there was a need for services for preschool children and the Victoria Nursery School was opened with three children in attendance. - Beth Brogan
- 1971** - As services expanded to include preschool, young adults, and other handicapped people, the Association became the Alliston and District Association for the Mentally Retarded (ADAMR), and received its charter. At this time, the Association became a member of the Ontario Association for the Mentally Retarded (OAMR).
- 1973** - An adult vocational training program, the Alliston and District Training and Employment Centre (ADTEC), was started at the Burns Public School in Essa Township.
- 1978** - Community integration received a further boost with the opening of Cumberland House residence at 108 Queen Street by Kaera Homes Inc. of Barrie, allowing the Association to provide a residence for adults with handicaps in Alliston.
- 1980** - To assist families in the area, a Parent Relief Program was started which provided respite services and quality care for handicapped youths and their families.
- 1981** - The opening of the Association's Alliston and District Training and Employment Centre (ADTEC), followed by the Alliston and District Children's Centre (ADCC) which were located on adjacent properties at 125 Dufferin Street South, Alliston.
- 1982** - Victoria House, a residence for seniors, was opened and operated by Kaera Homes Inc. of Barrie at 97 Victoria Street East, Alliston.
- 1983** - King Street, Unit #1, a townhouse residence for adults, was opened by the Association.
- 1985** - The Association, along with three provincial ministries (Tri-Ministry Program), initiated the Adult Developmental Program (ADP) at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home.
- 1986** - Residential Services secured funding for the Supported Independent Living Program (SIL). This program supports individuals who were living and working independently in the community.

- 1987** - A separate adult training centre, the Bradford Training and Employment Centre (BRADTEC), was opened in Bradford.
- The Adult Developmental Program became part of CLASS' operations and provides day programming, assessment, and care for individuals with multi-handicaps. In addition, the program moved from the Good Samaritan Nursing Home to a new location on Highway `89' West.
 - Residential Services opened another townhouse residence, King Street, Unit #4.
- 1988** - Services at Victoria House and Cumberland House became the responsibility of CLASS.
- King Street #4 was closed due to fire damage and the residents were moved into other lodgings.
 - Residential Services began construction on the Downey Street residence for people with multi-handicaps and opened Oak Street residence for people with multi-handicaps.
 - Following the guidelines set by the Ministry of Community and Social Services publication, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES, Vocational Services began the Supported Employment Program in the Alliston and Bradford areas.
- 1989** - The name of the Association changed from the Alliston and District Association for the Mentally Retarded (ADAMR) to the Community Living Association for South Simcoe (CLASS).
- Services were divided into three separate areas:
 - 1) Residential Life Services (residential homes and Supported Independent Living);
 - 2) Community Resource Services (vocational programs, Supported Employment Program, Life Skills, the Adult Developmental Program, Seniors' Day Program, Life Skills, Preschool Resource, and Respite Care); and
 - 3) Support Services (Finance, Human Resources, property, and Administration).
 - The Bradford Training and Employment Centre (BRADTEC) were closed and the program changed from a sheltered workshop to Supported Employment and Lifeskills. The program moved to storefront office on Holland Street and became known as the Bradford Supported Employment/Lifeskills program.
- 1990** - The relocation of programs took place. The Adult Developmental Program moved from the Highway `89' location to 169 Dufferin Street South, Units 7 and 8, Alliston, and the Supported Employment, Supported Independent Living, and the Life Skills programs joined them. Everyone enjoyed the improvement of their environment.
- The Administration office moved from 146 Victoria Street West to Units 25 and 26, 169 Dufferin Street South, Alliston, making support services wheelchair accessible, in one area, and on one floor.

- 1991** - The goal of integrating the nursery school program into the community was accomplished on April 1, 1992, when the Alliston and District Children's Centre (Nursery School Program) integrated with a community-based operation, the Alliston and District Children's Resource Centre.
- 1 Saunders Street, Cookstown, a seniors' home, was opened in March 1991. Seniors moved in from Victoria House.
 - Previn Court, 209 Bowerman Boulevard, Alliston, a home for people with multi-handicaps, was opened in June. Four women from the Good Samaritan Nursing Home became residents in the new home.
- 1992** - Bradford Supported Employment/Lifeskills began to utilize Christian Horizon facilities to jointly provide service to people in the Bradford area.
- 1993** - Original Printables, a screen print operation, was closed in March in accordance with Ministry of Community and Social Services' guidelines.
- Service delivery management positions were eliminated in March in response to pressures of the Social Contract, the Expenditure Control Plan, and the move to restructuring guidelines from the Ministry of Community and Social Services. Programs were amalgamated and managed by the Supervisors and Executive Director.
 - A storefront office at 119 Victoria Street West, Alliston, was opened in May to provide Supported Employment and Lifeskills services in the community.
 - The residents of Victoria House moved into a new home at 172 Bowerman Boulevard, Alliston. At the same time, extensive renovations were taking place at the Alliston and District Training and Employment Centre. The Adult Developmental Program/Lifeskills moved from 169 Dufferin Street, Units 7 and 8, into the renovated area. ADTEC had now become the Resource Centre.
- 1994** - Unit #2, King Street opened in May for people ready for semi-independent living.
- In June, three people moved into a home on Beattie Avenue, Alliston, where they receive Supported Independent Living supports.
 - Due to Ministry of Community and Social Services' directions, the Respite Care Program and the Special Services at Home Program (SSAH) were divested to Catulpa Tamarac Inc. Major renovations were completed to the ADTEC Building. The focus and name was changed to the Resource Centre. At the same time, an addition for Administration was added.
- 1995** - On December 1, 1995, CLASS moved into the new Head Office added to the Resource Centre. The Preschool Resource Service, as well as the Infant Development Program and Catulpa Tamarac, moved to the new facilities.

- 1996** - Cumberland House, 108 Queen Street East, Alliston, was sold, and a residence at 133 Albert Street, Alliston, was opened.
- 1997** - The Association purchased a house in Bradford (2 Imperial Crescent), and also purchased a residence on the 6th line of Essa, which was named Cumberland House.
- 2001** -
 - A new day program for adults began in Bradford.
 - the FYI After-School Programs and Summer Camps for teenagers are started at both Alliston and Bradford locations.
 - CLASS launched the Foundations Program to provide transitional support for young adults in both the Alliston and Bradford areas.
- 2005** - CLASS built a home on Church Street to serve multi-handicapped people and individuals from Oak Street moved in the month of June. Residents from the former McMulkin home relocated to Oak Street after renovations were completed. A house on East Avenue, Alliston, was purchased and three E-SIL individuals moved into their new home in July.
- 2006** -
 - In January 2006, CLASS purchased a house on Barrie Street, Bradford, to house the Bradford Community Program. In July, the program moved locations.
 - Also in July, CLASS purchased a new house in Colgan for individuals transitioning from HRC.