



MARCH
OF DIMES
CANADA

One Stop: Opportunities for Independence



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Vision & Mission Statements

Our Vision:

To create a society inclusive of people with disabilities.

Our Mission:

Maximize the independence, personal empowerment, and community participation of people with disabilities.

Programs & Services



March of Dimes delivers a variety of programs and services to children and adults who live with a wide range of disabilities.



Government Relations & Information

The Government Relations department:

- analyzes impact of government policies on people with disabilities; consults with community, caregivers and other stakeholders; recommends improvements
- Contributes to policy discussions and disseminates information via our website, *The Advocate* newsletter, policy briefs, presentations to committees, and new releases

York-Durham Aphasia Centre

- Locations in Richmond Hill, Stouffville, Markham, Newmarket, Maple, Whitby, and Peterborough
- Offers services and programs for people affected by aphasia, apraxia, dysarthria and other social communication disabilities due to stroke, traumatic brain injury or neurological diseases
- Volunteers, staff, speech-language and social work professionals work with consumers to improve communication, life participation and independence
- Aphasia camps and social / recreational programs

Conductive Education[®] Program

- Conductive Education[®] or CE is an innovative learning system based on the principles of neuroplasticity, that merges elements of education with physical rehabilitation
- Services children and adults with neurologically-based movement difficulties, such as CP, stroke, and Parkinson's, to increase physical mobility, balance, coordination and self-esteem to achieve greater independence
- Offers pre-school, week day and weekend programs, and summer camps

Employment Services

- Job preparation and placement for people with disabilities, including assessment and coaching
- Offers recruiting solutions for employers
- Available in Ontario to clients of Veterans Affairs Canada, Ontario Disability Support Program, Workplace Safety & Insurance Board, Ontario Works, Service Canada, or other referral sources
- CanVet services in Ontario, Quebec and Maritimes

Independent Living Services

- Available across Ontario, under contract with Local Health Integration Networks
- Attendant Care Services via outreach or supportive housing
 - Non-medical assistance with activities of daily living in the home, work place or school
- Acquired Brain Injury Services
 - Focused rehabilitation services to maximize functional abilities in the home and community
- BeFriending[®] Program
 - Volunteers are matched with individuals and/or groups to help adults with disabilities with social activities and integration

Northern Medical Clinics

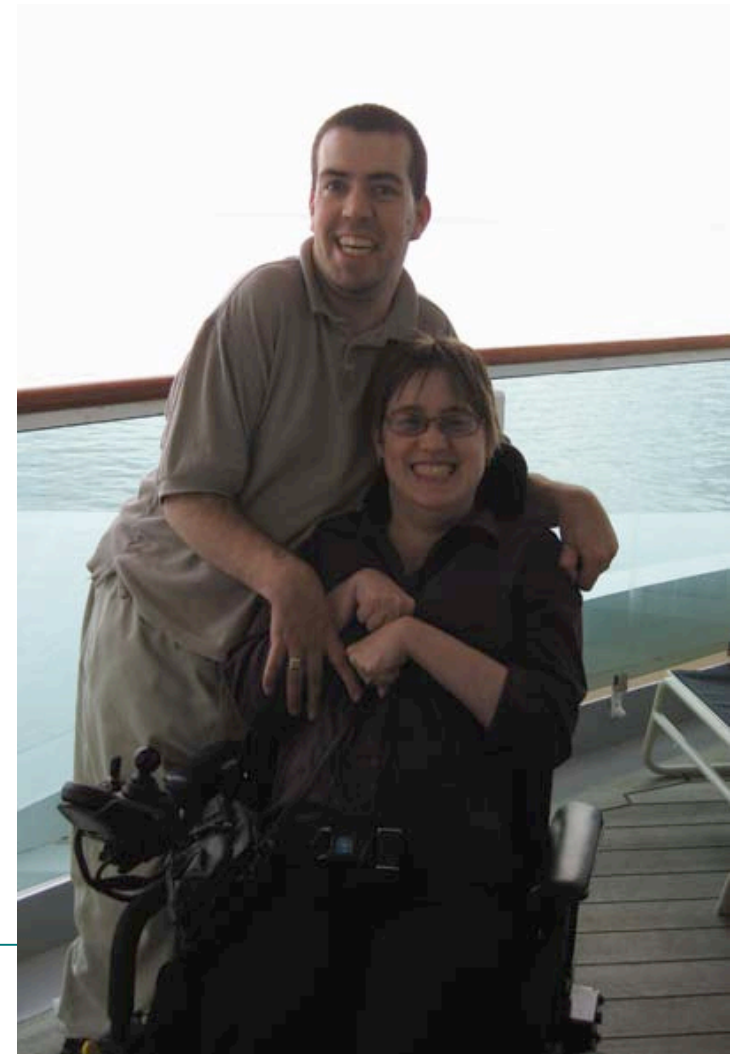
- Medical specialists volunteer their time and fees to serve northern Ontario communities such as Cochrane, Hearst and Kirkland Lake
- Saves northern Ontarians the time and expense of traveling to see medical specialists and receive treatment
- Supported by our staff, volunteers, host hospitals and various local organizations, the clinics have also received funding from the Porcupine United Way and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Peer Support Programs

- **Post-Polio Canada and Stroke Recovery Canada[®]**
- Serves approximately 5,000 each year
- Utilizes a Community based Peer Support model where survivors assist survivors and their caregivers
- Provides information and support on health, risk awareness, and caregiving through conferences, seminars, our website, forums, and newsletters
- Toll free Warmline[®] for survivors and their caregivers
- Provides social and integration events

Recreation & Integration Services

- Provides recreational activities with attendant care support and accessibility features
- Accessible holidays, day trips and tours, social clubs, camping, adapted sports and leisure activities
- Life skills and transition services for youth
- Group and individual travel



Business Services

- Fee-based Acquired Brain Injury Services
- TravelAbility®
- Payroll Services
- Mediation Services
- MODmobility®
- eSSENTIAL Accessibility™
- AccessAbility Advantage



AccessAbility Advantage

- Fee-based joint venture between Quadrangle Architects Ltd. and March of Dimes Canada
- One-stop shop for accessibility and AODA consulting services
- AODA web-based training
- Provides accessibility audits, support with policy and procedure, accessible customer service training and more



AccessAbility[®] Services

- Barrier-Free Design Services
- DesignAbility[®]
- Assistive Devices Program (ADP)
- Home & Vehicle Modification[®] Program (HVMP)



Barrier-Free Design Services

- Provides design expertise in accommodating the needs of people with a wide range of disabilities during the development or redesign of residential or commercial buildings
- Drawing review, assessments of new/renovation projects, on-site consultations and budget estimates, construction recommendations
- Assessments of the work environment, including ergonomic assessments with an occupational therapist

DesignAbility® Program

- DesignAbility® uses the ingenuity of skilled volunteers – such as metal and wood workers, engineers, occupational therapists – to develop and build solutions to everyday challenges presented to individuals
- Program matches volunteers to consumers in need to provide individualized solutions or device modifications
- Chapters across Ontario and expanding across Canada
- Volunteers create more than 100 individualized solutions every year!

DesignAbility® Project Example

Arm Stabilizer

Problem

- Consumer in wheelchair had difficulty stabilizing arm

Solution

- DesignAbility® volunteer created a fixed post to attach to work surface

Method

- A padded support post was designed and attached to work table creating fixed point to rest arm against

Benefit

- Consumer increased coordination of arm and hand



DesignAbility® Project Example

Wheelchair “Shopping Box & Tray”

Problem

- Consumer in motorized wheelchair was unable to go shopping without assistance

Solution

- DesignAbility® volunteer developed a covered shopping basket that can be mounted on the front of the wheelchair

Method

- A metal box was designed and mounted to the wheelchair using copper tubing. Plastic edging was used to create a tray as well

Benefit

- Consumer is able to now shop and use box as a tray



Assistive Devices Program (ADP)

- Available in Ontario for adults only
- Qualified applicants may receive funding for purchase and/or repairs of equipment
- Provides basic funding for equipment
- Staff search for alternate cost sharing resources such as government departments, agencies, service clubs, churches, and family may contribute.
- Last year, ADP provided over 1100 consumers with 2400 devices. \$2 million worth of equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, and bath aids were provided.



ADP Eligibility Criteria

The Applicant must..

- Be a permanent Ontario resident
- Be a person with a substantial impairment caused by bodily injury, birth defect or illness that is expected to last one year or more
- Have an impairment that impedes mobility, resulting in substantial restriction in activities of daily living
- Require financial support in accordance with program guidelines

Home & Vehicle Modification[®] Program

- Available in Ontario for children and adult needs
- Funded by Ministry of Community & Social Services
- Program offers structural modifications to home owners. Renters can apply for transferable installed equipment (e.g. Ceiling tracks, stair glides etc.)
- Up to \$15,000 per lifetime for a home modification
- Up to \$15,000 per 10 years for a vehicle modification
- Total funds available: \$9.2 Million annually
- Over 1,100 people served each year

HVMP Eligibility Criteria

The Applicant must..

- Be a permanent Ontario resident
- Be a person with a substantial impairment caused by bodily injury, birth defect or illness that is expected to last one year or more
- Have an impairment that impedes mobility and results in substantial restriction in activities of daily living (e.g. personal care, functioning in the community)

ADP and HVMP Applications

- Applications available online: download/print the application or apply online!
- Determine eligibility first with an online assessment
- One Stop: ability to apply simultaneously to both ADP and HVMP programs
- One Stop: for ADP applications, choice to apply to March of Dimes (>19 yrs) or Easter Seals (<19 yrs) when completing online application

www.marchofdimes.ca/adp **or** www.marchofdimes.ca/hvmp

ADP Success Stories

ADP assisted Erma with the purchase of a new power wheel chair.

“If it wasn’t for the help of Ontario March of Dimes, I would not be able to leave my home. They really helped me in getting my mobility back,” says Erma.



HVMP Success Stories

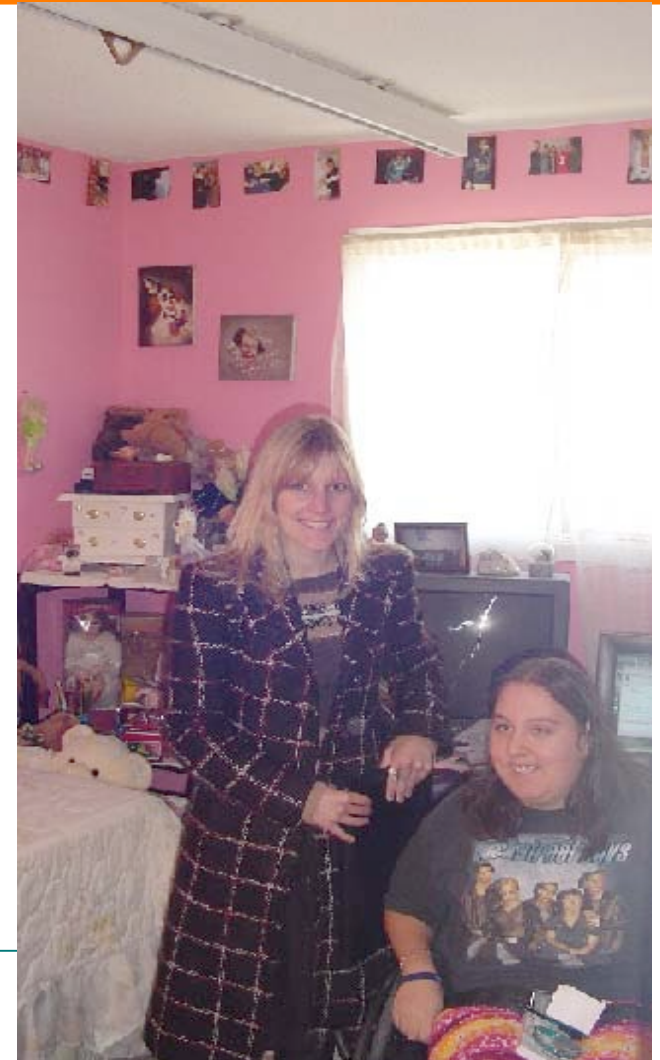
“Your kindness and caring play such a big part in lifting the spirit and touching the heart. The warmest of thank-you’s can’t even begin to express what a wonderful blessing you’ve been. Thank you so very much!”

~ John, recipient of HVMP funding for vehicle hand controls



HVMP Success Stories

- 14-year-old Hazel was born with Cerebral Palsy causing Spastic Quadriplegia
- Hazel and her parents have difficulty getting her in and out of her home, as well as difficulty with transfers inside the home
- In this photo, you can see the ceiling track that assists with lifting Hazel into bed



Thank you, CADA members

Thank you to all the members of CADA with whom we work on a daily basis to deliver access, support and care to people with disabilities!

