

4th Annual Inspiring Hope Awards

Members of the Surrey Place Centre community were honoured for their outstanding contributions in support of people with developmental disabilities and recognized for their achievements.

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Recipient of the 2011 Surrey Place Centre Outstanding Volunteer Award; Shakin Lakhani.

Surrey Place Centre Volunteers: Passion. Action. Impact.

This year marks ten years since the International Year of the Volunteer (IYV+10). Once again, the United Nations is celebrating volunteering as an expression of our common humanity and a means of building mutual respect, understanding, trust, solidarity and reciprocity.

At Surrey Place Centre, we share this outlook, and are extremely grateful for the help of all our wonderful volunteers. The theme for this year's National Volunteer Week on April 10th - 16th was *Passion. Action. Impact.* This statement referred to the volunteer super-hero's across Canada who dedicate themselves to

making their communities better, and our country a great place to live. During this week, we recognized each of the 300 volunteers who have helped Surrey Place Centre since April 1st, 2010, with an e-card thanking them for their support.

The duties that these individuals fulfill are wide-reaching. Volunteers can be found at the Centre doing things such as: fundraising for events, supporting clinicians, being classroom assistants for TPAS, sitting on our Board of Directors, participating in workshops and support groups and helping to prepare materials which will be used in our clients' homes.

Last year, Alena Marshall was awarded our inaugural Surrey Place Centre Outstanding Volunteer Award for her tireless and uplifting support of the Surrey Place Centre Symphonic Passion Choir. This year's recipient is Shakin Lakhani, who has been volunteering with the North IBI Surrey Place Centre TPAS teams as a classroom assistant for the past 3 years.

Thank you to all our volunteers who graciously donate their time and energy to make vital contributions to the work of Surrey Place Centre.

Inspiring Hope and Recognition Event Honours Achievements Made In Support of People Living With Developmental Disabilities

On Thursday June 9th, Surrey Place Centre was proud to host its 4th Annual Inspiring Hope Event in recognition of outstanding contributions made in support of people living with developmental disabilities.

The evening was filled with an array of speakers and accomplished performers. Musical guest Sherry Garner performed the song *You Raise Me Up* to a packed audience at The National Ballet School, Currie Hall, followed by a speech from Melvin, a client of Surrey Place Centre.

Next, Shelly took to the stage, and spoke about the support she and her son Daniel, who has autism received from Surrey Place Centre Toronto Partnership for Autism Services.

Over 200 people attended the event whereby Surrey Place Centre recognized the tremendous support it receives from its sponsors and funders and together acknowledge the staff who reached significant milestones as Surrey Place Centre employees by presenting over 20 Long Term Service Awards.

Awards were also handed out to Ms. Shahin Lakhani for her outstanding volunteer work with the North IBI Surrey Place Centre Toronto Partnership for Autism Services for the last 3 years and to Dr. Alvin Loh for his exceptional spirit.

The evening concluded with the Surrey Place Centre June Callwood Award recipients. This year Surrey Place Centre recognized and celebrated the contributions made by the following people:

Aldene Hussett – Self-advocacy, Volunteerism, Fundraising, Public Speaking and Board Membership

Aldene who lives with a developmental disability demonstrates that through caring, commitment and kindness, great things can be achieved. Aldene in her many roles as a volunteer at Surrey Place Centre has inspired, educated, created, supported and called others to action in support of people living with developmental disabilities.

Dr. Joseph Berg – Education, Service and Research

Dr. Berg has contributed significantly to the field of developmental disabilities in a wide range of areas including clinical service development, research and education. He has contributed a great deal in the area of Down syndrome research and genetic counseling for families. His contributions have led to the advancements in the field of developmental disabilities in all areas including knowledge, integration, acceptance, understanding and clinical practice.

Paul, Mark, and Sean Etherington – Volunteerism and Philanthropy

In the fall of 2001; Paul, Mark and Sean deliberated as to how they could make a greater impact on Special Olympics Canada, a charity they had supported since childhood. What grew out of the brothers' first meeting was "motionball" a charitable organization that is designed to introduce a new generation of supporters, sponsors, and volunteers to the Special Olympics movement through integrated sporting and social events.

Congratulations to all the award winners and thank you to everyone who attended the event. If you would like to view pictures from the evening please visit www.surreyplace.on.ca.



From Left to Right: Recipients of the 2011 Surrey Place Centre June Callwood Award; Mark Etherington, Aldene Hussett, Dr. Joseph Berg, Sean Etherington and Paul Etherington.



From Left to Right: Peter Wright Past Board President and Current Treasurer of Surrey Place Centre Board of Directors, Helen and Antonio Psarologos, Kirk Poppe Surrey Place Centre Charitable Foundation Board President, and John Flannery CEO of Surrey Place Centre.

Toy Treasury 2011

Let's start thinking about the holidays, now!

The weather may still be warm, but at Surrey Place Centre we are already thinking about the holiday season. The reason – preparations are underway for our 2011 Toy Treasury in support of the Centre. Last year, this toy drive collected 75 toys to help the children of 52 families who visit Surrey Place Centre. In the final days of December 2010, our staff wrapped every one of the toys and delivered them to young people we help and their siblings. And this year, our goal is to collect 200 toys for 75 families.

The Toy Treasury is a collaborative effort between

Surrey Place Centre, RBC and the Psarologos family. This year, these groups will be working together to collect donated toys all year round, and hand them out to Surrey Place Centre families at the end of December 2011. Cash donations will also be accepted throughout the year and used to purchase additional age-appropriate toys for children.

The Psarologos family has collected toys for needy families for the past several years, but after welcoming their son Antonio last year, they decided that from here on, all their efforts would go to benefit the families at

Surrey Place Centre. Antonio has Down syndrome and his parents were immediately connected with the Centre following his birth.

“Surrey Place Centre is like our extended family,” says Helen Psarologos. “Everyone who works here and the families we have met along the way have touched us so much that we want to do something in return for them.”

For the last two years, account executives at RBC have also collected toys for the families at Surrey Place Centre. Staff members bought toys for one another, and then donated all the toys to the Centre. This generous initiative will continue this year, and huge gratitude goes out to the following key RBC staff who have been involved with the drive: Marcelle McKarris, Emmanuel Binaday, Michael Gray and Kathy Ireland.

“We’re extremely proud to partner and support Surrey Place Centre with their annual toy drive,” says Marcelle McKarris. “They are a leader that enables individuals with developmental disabilities to maximize abilities and enhance health and well being. Surrey Place Centre shares our goal of working together to ensure our children - and our country - have a brighter, healthier future.”

If you, or someone you know, are interested in contributing a toy or cash gift to this year’s Toy Treasury, please contact Surrey Place Centre at webmaster@SurreyPlace.on.ca.

Developmental Services Ontario Toronto Region



On July 4th, 2011 Surrey Place Centre opened its doors as the DSO Toronto Region (formerly called the application entity). This announcement means that the Centre will now serve as a regional access point for adult developmental services.

Surrey Place Centre has been chosen as one of the 9 DSOs in the province. These regional access points are part of our province's plan to modernize Ontario's developmental services system. Surrey Place Centre has hired new staff members to carry-out the duties of this new service, including Application Assessors and Service Navigators.

This new application process will make it easier for adults with developmental disabilities and their families to apply for services and supports. The service is designed to help people live with more independence and choice by identifying what supports they need to achieve their goals.

There will be no need for people who currently receive developmental services to apply again

through the DSO Toronto Region, but for those who have not, the DSO Toronto Region will offer a single point of access for the system. This means that adults with developmental disabilities coming to the Adult Sector for the first time will have:

- The ability to access information, confirm eligibility for services and support needs, and link to services and supports.
- An easy way to apply for developmental services in their community – one place to go to find information, have eligibility confirmed and be assessed for service needs.
- Less duplication and a fairer, more consistent and transparent application process for everyone.

For more information about the DSO Toronto Region at Surrey Place Centre, please contact Terri Hewitt, Vice President Community Programs at Terri.Hewitt@surreyplace.on.ca.



1 in 33

Hi I'm Sherry.
Did you know? 1 in 33 Torontonians are living with a developmental disability. 1 in 33 - like my daughter Maggie.



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Surrey Place Centre is an interdisciplinary community based agency that delivers a broad range of specialized clinical services and programs to enhance the health and well being of people living with a developmental disability.

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