



## **for immediate release**

# **\$62,596 grant from Status of Women Canada awarded to Community Living Peterborough for leadership program involving young women living with intellectual disabilities**

*A 2 year project aimed to empower young women to engage all levels of community & government - messaging the importance of inclusion and self-determination for women living with intellectual disabilities*

Peterborough ON, Friday, August 13th, 2010 - At the main office of Community Living Peterborough (CLP), Peterborough MP Dean Del Mastro made the official announcement that Community Living Peterborough is one of the many organizations\* to have been awarded funding from Status of Women Canada, Women's Community Fund for \$62,596 over a two year project period.

[Status of Women Canada](#) (SWC) is a federal government organization that promotes the full participation of women in the economic, social and democratic life of Canada. SWC works to advance equality for women and to remove the barriers to women's participation in society, putting particular emphasis on increasing women's economic security and eliminating violence against women.

Overseeing Community Living Peterborough's Status of Women Canada Young Women's Leadership Group will be CLP's Director of Operations, Barb Hiland.

"We are thrilled to be granted this funding", comments Hiland. "With training and education, we expect to empower ten young women to be the Ambassadors and Leaders for messaging peers, our Board of Directors and staff, the community (including schools) and the provincial government of the importance of inclusion and self-determination for women who are living with an intellectual disability."

"With the facilitation and coaching of part-time facilitator, Krista Brailey, they will design their own presentations, acquire the skills necessary for public presentations and lead this Agency (CLP) and community towards the fruition of fuller lives for women as rightful citizens in community. They will speak to, and promote, the recent ratification of the 2007 United Nations Convention for the Rights of People with Learning Disabilities.", adds Hiland.

At this time, ten young women have been invited to be Ambassadors for the Community Living Peterborough Status of Women Canada Young Women's Leadership Group and, over the summer, will receive training to acquire the necessary skills to begin their Ambassador role and increase the awareness of women's issues facing women who are living with an intellectual disability.

Ambassadors: Meagan Glaeser, Katie Eastbrook, Kristin Laine, Katie Galloro, Laura Challice, Laura Viscardis, Krista Embury, Jessica Coull, Colleen Hickey, Christa Lee Bath.

As a result of the Community Living Peterborough Status of Women Canada Young Women's Leadership Group, the Agency's planned outcomes include:

- 10 young women living with an intellectual disability will have developed leadership skills and be able to mentor 20 other women with similar abilities;
- These 10 young women will have contributed to the development of a model of inclusion which will have been presented in the community, schools and workplaces;
- An inclusive model for integrating young women with an intellectual disability will have been used to promote awareness to other stakeholders, schools and community resource services in the region.

### **About Community Living Peterborough:**

*Building Inclusive Communities Since 1953...* Community Living Peterborough is a not for profit organization that brings people with intellectual disabilities and their community together. The agency supports people to live, learn, work and participate in all aspects of their community. Community Living Peterborough supports approximately 300 children, youth and adults with intellectual disabilities and their families in the city and county of Peterborough, while employing 155 staff with an operating budget of 6.0 million dollars. Community Living Peterborough is a member agency of: United Way of Peterborough & District, and Community Living Ontario.

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\*Peterborough's COIN was granted \$72,954 from Status of Women Canada for Women Leading, Women Learning, Women Working Project: empowering women who have encountered domestic abuse.

*Opening doors to equal opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities.*

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