

EFL - Housing For People with Developmental Disabilities

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Who we are?

Events for Life (EFL) is a not for profit registered charity that offers a variety of educational, recreational and social day programs geared towards lifelong learning for adults with special needs

EFL - Our Vision

Events for Life will be recognized as a leading organization supporting individuals with special needs allowing them to live, learn and work in an integrated, inclusive community

VISION





What is our ask?

- That the TBM includes individuals with developmental disabilities as one of the key groups in the Attainable Housing program
- **A commitment of 10% of the TBM attainable housing units to be earmarked for individuals with developmental disabilities**
- That the town collaborate with EFL and other community organizations to achieve this commitment
- EFL and others would support selection of potential residents, transition planning with families, determining support needs etc.



The Reality

- Many people with developmental disabilities live with aging parents and caregivers
 - As this generation continues to age many adult children will be at risk of being institutionalised or made homeless creating a crisis for families and the community to address
 - Their home is the core of their social network and an essential element of mental health and well being
 - See next slide for current EFL cohort



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General Principles

- Housing must be affordable, available and accessible to everyone
- Housing must be inclusive of all people in the community
- Different housing opportunities should be integrated within all residential areas of our community
 - e.g. single family dwellings, semi-independent living homes, co-operative housing and apartment complexes



The Benefits of Attainable Housing

- Increases in...
 - Independence
 - Quality of life
 - Employment opportunities
 - Health, positive emotions and self-esteem
- Other benefits...
 - Affordability
 - Partnerships (e.g. support workers, active seniors)
 - Inclusive community
 - Socialization
 - Proactive approach

BENEFITS





Research into inclusive housing models...

- Models & Alliances...

- L'Arche (Richmond Hill and Stratford)
- Camp Hill (Barrie & Angus)
- South East Grey Support Services (Flesherton)
- Community living Collingwood, Meaford, Kincardine, Owen Sound, Elmira

- Cribwolf (Multi unit Residential Building with active seniors -MURB)
- Participation House (London)
- REACH (Owen Sound)
- REENA (North York)
- Centre for Independent Living
- Intentional Community Consortium



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