



# Insights and Encounters

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# *Catholic Charities 2025: A Celebration of Education, Service, & Hope A Year of Growth & Gratitude*

This year, Catholic Charities continues to serve as a beacon of hope and opportunity. With nearly \$50,000 awarded in scholarships, community service awards, and bursaries, we reaffirm our belief that education is a pillar of Catholic Social Teaching—a sacred tool for personal growth and social transformation.

## **Honouring Our Volunteers**

At the heart of Catholic Charities Week is our Mass of Thanksgiving, a cherished tradition that celebrates the volunteers whose compassion and dedication animate our mission. This special occasion also hosts our Scholarship & Awards Reception, a joyful evening of recognition and appreciation.

## **Deepening Our Commitment to Education and Service**

Thanks to the heartfelt generosity of our private donors, Catholic Charities has been blessed with the opportunity to expand our scholarship and awards program—an initiative rooted in our belief that education is a powerful expression of dignity, equity, and hope.

This growing slate of scholarships and community service awards reflects our mission to uplift individuals and strengthen communities:

- Cardinal Collins Palliative Care & Gerontology Studies Scholarship
- Fr. Paul Lennon/Doreen Cullen Social Work Scholarship
- Indigenous Youth Community Leaders Scholarship
- Lifelong Learner Scholarship
- Sisters of Service Scholarship
- Michael Fullan Community Service Awards

In addition, last year, we were also able to establish the Pantaleo Family Bursary, created to support the educational aspirations of young families. This bursary is more than financial aid—it's an investment in resilience, opportunity, and the promise of a brighter future. Together, these offerings embody our shared commitment to Catholic Social Teaching and the transformative power of education. We are deeply grateful to our donors for making this vision a reality.

## **A Message from Our Committee Chair**

“As we continue to move through complex and uncertain times, scholarships represent a beacon of hope. Financial support in all forms—scholarships, awards, bursaries—continues to transform lives. Without that helping hand, some may never reach their potential. We are grateful to walk alongside these students as they move forward and impact the greater community.”

— Nicola Harris, Chair, Scholarship & Awards Committee

## **Celebrating Our 2025 Recipients**

Selected from a wide and impressive pool of applicants, our recipients exemplify a deep commitment to both education and community service. Their perseverance in the face of adversity is a testament to the strength of the human spirit—and a reflection of the values we hold dear. We extend our congratulations to our 2025 recipients and share in the joy of their achievements. Their stories inspire us, and their futures give us hope. We look forward to celebrating with them at a private Mass and reception with the Most Reverend Bishop Robert Kasun in October.

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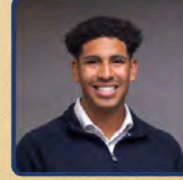
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# Faith, Heritage, and Healing: A Summer of Global Journeys

Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto



This summer, the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto (CCAS) extended its mission beyond borders, offering youth in care and former youth in care two extraordinary opportunities to explore their faith and heritage on a global stage.

The 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage led twelve youth through Portugal, France, and Italy, where they joined thousands of young pilgrims in a sacred journey of reflection, reconciliation, and renewal. From the healing waters of Lourdes to the quiet reverence of Assisi, and finally through the Holy Doors of Rome's basilicas, the pilgrimage offered a profound encounter with mercy, forgiveness, and spiritual growth. It was a chance for youth to connect with the global Church and deepen their sense of purpose and belonging.

In August, another group embarked on the Freedom Walk in Ghana, a powerful cultural journey into African ancestry, resilience, and identity. Black youth and former youth in care, accompanied by Black CCAS chaperones, explored Ghana's rich traditions—from crafting glass beads and weaving Kente cloth to visiting Elmina and Cape Coast Castles, slavery sites of deep significance and anguish. The group also attended Mass with Ghana's President and First Lady, visited the Tetteh Quarshie Cocoa Farm, and reflected on Pan-African ideals at the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park.

These journeys were more than travel—they were transformative experiences of healing, connection, and pride. They offered our youth a chance to see themselves reflected in history, faith, and community.

🙏 We extend our deepest gratitude to the Catholic Children's Aid Foundation and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Your generous support made these life-changing experiences possible. You continue to light the way for our youth to grow, thrive, and discover their place in the world.



# A Story of Hope & Resilience

Catholic Community Services York Region



In the last newsletter, we shared how the Newcomers Autism Project grew into a lifeline for families new to Canada. Today, thanks to the continued generosity of CCAT and ShareLife, we are proud to highlight how that growth is changing lives every day.

The project has expanded into a full Autism Program. We now reach more families and provide individualized one-on-one sessions based on ABA principles, educational workshops, culturally responsive support groups, and social and cultural engagement activities. This holistic model supports children with autism in their development while reducing isolation and fostering belonging for families in York Region.

One story in particular stands out. A newcomer grandmother from Nigeria first connected with our program through her church. During her first meeting with us, it became clear that her daughter—a young mother of two children with autism—was facing overwhelming challenges. Without healthcare coverage under Ontario Health Insurance Plan, every hospital emergency visit costs the family thousands of dollars, compounding their stress and financial hardship.

Through the guidance and support of our Autism Program, the family was able to navigate services more effectively and find stability. With access to consistent programming and advocacy, they can now focus on the children’s growth, health, and future.

This story exemplifies what is possible when funders place their trust in us—working together with community support and dedicated staff to provide therapy, advocacy, and connection that help newcomer families build resilience, stability, and hope.

To CCAT and ShareLife: thank you for making this journey possible. Together, we are building stronger, more inclusive communities.



# Safe Centre of Peel Expansion

## CFS Peel-Dufferin



Safe Centre of Peel is a collaboration of 24 community partners under the leadership of Catholic Family Services Peel Dufferin, who have come together to provide necessary services for individuals and families impacted by intimate partner violence. This unique model brings together cross sector of agencies under one roof to provide wrap-around, survivor-centered services. From crisis intervention, legal supports and settlement services to counselling, housing and child protection, the Safe Centre ensures that individuals don't have to navigate complex systems alone and that they don't need to repeat their story over and over.

This funding will allow us to strengthen these multidisciplinary services, reduce barriers to access, and respond to the diverse needs of our community. On April 24, 2025, the Safe Centre of Peel proudly celebrated a transformative investment in our community. The Honourable Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, announced a \$4,088,377 commitment over three years to expand Safe Centre's vital work as an integrated services hub for survivors of gender-based violence.

"This funding will empower survivors and families in Peel Region to access coordinated, wraparound supports as they rebuild their lives with safety and dignity," said Minister Williams. "By strengthening our local response to intimate partner violence, we are taking meaningful steps to break the cycle of harm and create pathways to healing."

As part of the Ontario government's \$98 million commitment to launch up to 83 initiatives across the province, this investment marks a significant milestone for the Safe Centre. This will allow for expansion of services into Mississauga, bringing important supports closer to survivors and families who need them most. These funds will also strengthen our trauma-informed, culturally responsive services, and ensure survivors remain at the heart of every service we provide through our meaningful partnerships.



# Toronto Youth Homelessness Summit

Covenant House



## Working together to break the cycle of youth homelessness in Toronto

On August 25, over 100 youth and sector leaders filled Toronto City Hall council chambers calling for a strategy to respond to, prevent and work to end youth homelessness.

Following the recent release of the City of Toronto's Street Needs Assessment, which found that more than 1,500 young people are experiencing homelessness on any given night in Toronto, the Toronto Youth Homelessness Summit raised critical awareness on the issue of youth homelessness and evidence-based interventions that help break the cycle early.

Hosted by the Toronto Youth Cabinet, Covenant House and other sector partners, the summit highlighted opportunities to collaborate on solutions to proactively address youth homelessness and break the cycle early so these experiences are brief. The youth that attended the summit shared their voices to highlight barriers they experienced, and examples of programs and services that were helpful in their journeys.

“Youth homelessness is a growing emergency in Toronto, and we need bold action to prevent today’s youth from becoming tomorrow’s chronically homeless adults,” said Mark Aston, CEO of Covenant House Toronto. “Evidence from here in Canada and across other countries shows us that positive outcomes are very possible with the right help at the right time.”

Other cities across North America working towards addressing youth homelessness have developed strategies that are designed to work for their community locally. These youth specific strategies highlight that youth homelessness is distinct from adult homelessness, and so solutions must be tailored to the unique developmental, social, and economic realities that young people face.

Research shows that the most effective way to prevent youth homelessness is by helping youth stay in school, remain in their community and build or repair bridges to family and caring adults in their lives. Supporting youth with much needed access to health care, mental health resources, and education and employment services also helps make experiences with homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring. Youth and sector partners shared that interventions like providing more peer mentorship and supporting youth to build life skills go a long way to support a youth’s journey out of homelessness. Summit recommendations will be shared with local government at a later date for their consideration.



# Trade Secrets Donation



Rose of Sharon

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## Thank You to Trade Secrets for Your Generous and Thoughtful Donation!

We were truly delighted to receive the call that Trade Secrets wished to make a donation, so kindly referred to us through the Archdiocese of Toronto and then Catholic Charities. In our conversation with the Trade Secrets team, we shared our hope to ensure that this generous gift would reach the most vulnerable in our community, beyond the pregnant and parenting young mothers we currently support.

With that in mind, we partnered with Abuse Hurts, an organization that assists individuals who have experienced trauma. They are currently helping displaced Indigenous families affected by the recent fires, many of whom are living in temporary housing while hoping their homes are spared. Abuse Hurts was deeply grateful to receive this support. We also connected with Blue Door, a shelter serving marginalized individuals in our community, and Belinda's Place, which supports women at risk of homelessness as they work toward stability. The impact of this donation is already being felt among those who need it most. In addition, we received a meaningful gift of wigs, hair pieces, and hair caps, which we are coordinating to distribute through Southlake Hospital's Oncology Unit.

This is especially close to my heart, when our daughter was undergoing treatment for breast cancer (she is now a 10-year survivor), she lost all her beautiful hair. Southlake offered her a free wig, and that small act made a world of difference. It helped her avoid the need to constantly explain and gave her a sense of normalcy and confidence during a very difficult time. Your donation has brought comfort, dignity, and even joy to many who are facing significant challenges. We are incredibly grateful to Trade Secrets for this extraordinarily thoughtful and generous gift. Thank you for helping to lift the spirits of those who need it most.





# Saint Elizabeth Foundation Centre for Equity in End-of-Life Care

SEHC



## Saint Elizabeth Foundation Launches Centre to Reach Those Too Often Left Behind, Transforming Care when it Matters Most

We're thrilled to announce the launch of the Saint Elizabeth Foundation Centre for Equity in End-of-Life Care. This bold initiative is the product of extensive strategic planning, reflection, and discussion – marking a significant milestone in our mission to transform end-of-life care.

This virtual Centre will bring together people with lived experience, clinicians, researchers, and partners to amplify our impact across Canada and beyond. Since 2018, we've been revolutionizing end-of-life care for structurally vulnerable populations—including those experiencing homelessness, living in Indigenous communities, and navigating poverty, trauma, or systemic exclusion.

The Centre's work will focus on four key priorities:

- **Improving Access to Care** through sharing expertise, co-designing programs with community partners, and empowering non-healthcare workers to support people wherever they call home.
- **Advancing Health Equity** by changing the narrative, eliminating systemic barriers, and affirming the dignity and worth of every person.
- **Innovating and Specializing Care** to meet the diverse and complex needs of structurally vulnerable populations.
- **Ensuring a Sustainable Future** with partnerships, scaling what works, and enabling others to replicate our models—without the high cost or limitations of traditional infrastructure.

Our journey began with Journey Home Hospice Toronto and grew through a successful pilot in Windsor. Now, we're taking our knowledge national, leading the way as a connector, collaborator, and catalyst for change in how and where care is delivered.

Together, we're ensuring people receive the compassionate, personalized support they need, now. To learn more, please visit <https://foundation.sehc.com/charitable-programs/centre/>



# A Summer of Transformation

St. Felix Centre

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## **A Summer of Transformation at St. Felix Centre**

This summer has been truly transformational for St. Felix Centre, as we opened two long-awaited programs that will expand our support for those most in need—continuing the legacy of compassion entrusted to us by the Felician Sisters, who this year celebrate the 150th anniversary of their mission in North America.

The first milestone was the launch of Hope House, our very first deeply affordable, supportive housing program for women—and women with children—experiencing homelessness and/or intimate partner violence. The 31-unit building, with at least five units dedicated to Indigenous women, offers not just safe housing but also wraparound supports to help residents rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.

We also opened a new shelter at 629 Adelaide Street West, providing life-saving support for 50 guests in the midst of Toronto's housing crisis. With private bathrooms, two-person pods for greater privacy, and three nutritious meals daily—catered by Working for Change, an organization employing people with lived experience—the shelter is designed to help guests prepare for permanent housing.

Both programs are fully pet-friendly, keeping families together—including beloved pets—and already, moving stories are emerging. One mother, after years in shelters with her young son, wept as she watched him explore their new home with joy, calling this moment the beginning of a safe and blessed new chapter. We know that God is present in these projects. Just as He guided us through their creation, we know He will remain with us, ensuring St. Felix Centre continues to be a channel of His love and compassion for our residents and guests.

## **150 Years of the Felician Sisters in North America: A Living Legacy of Compassion at St. Felix Centre**

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Felician Sisters' arrival in North America. Guided by faith and a deep commitment to serving those most in need, the first five Sisters crossed the Atlantic to begin their mission. In 1938, their spirit of compassion took root in Toronto. From the back of their convent at 25 Augusta Avenue, they began serving meals to people in need—planting the seeds of what would later become St. Felix Centre.

As the need for services grew, so too did their vision. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the Sisters donated the property to St. Felix Centre, transforming the convent into transitional housing and the small building at the back into a hub for programming—a place where lives could be transformed and compassion put into action. Today, while the former convent still stands, that back building has been reborn as Hope House, a supportive housing program for women and women with children. This new chapter stands as a powerful reminder that St. Felix Centre was founded by strong, caring, and visionary women who answered God's call.

The Felician Sisters remain deeply involved in guiding our steps. Their mission lives on in every meal served, every shelter bed offered, and every new beginning made possible at St. Felix Centre—a legacy of love, dignity, and hope for all. As we celebrate this milestone, we give thanks for their courage and vision, and we remain committed to walking in their footsteps, carrying their mission into the future of our city.



## IN OUR OWN WORDS

**Dr. Nicola Harris, EdD**

*“The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.” -Sydney J. Harris*

### **Scholarships: A Personal Story**

As a young person, I grew up loving education and learning. However, becoming a young single mother at 20 years old posed barriers that I did not even anticipate. I was resolute to overcome it. However, society had placed me in a box that it would not easily allow me to be free of. Feeling these challenges and barriers at an intimate level, I vowed not to allow others to be thwarted. I realized then that I wanted to become a social worker and a strong advocate for the marginalized and the voiceless. I was able to tap into several scholarships as a youth that allowed both myself and my son to get an education, have safe and reliable childcare, food, and shelter. If it were not for the hearts and support of people I did not know, who provided financial support for the scholarships, I would not be a PhD holder today. Those scholarships I received during my bachelor’s degree allowed the mirrors I saw to turn into windows, through which I could dream of a future that I could not yet fathom. If anyone had told me at 21 years old with a young child that I would go on to achieve my doctorate, I would have told them that that was a very funny joke. Over the course of my 20 years as a social worker and social justice warrior, I have helped over 1000 people. I was able to help individuals see a future that they could not see for themselves, as people had done for me in the past. Supporting people in having windows to dream is important to me as a social worker and now the chair of the Scholarship & Awards Committee. As part of a team of amazing individuals, we get to read firsthand the stories of people like me who just need a hand up to reach a future that often seems far away. It is an honour to be a part of the journey of these individuals who, like me, will have their lives transformed through the acquisition of a scholarship. The true impact of scholarships is not limited to one person, but it will have an impact on generations, as seen in my family, where I was the first child to attend university, and my son followed suit as the second. As our world continues to be complex and uncertain, we need individuals who will also strive for social justice and support their fellow communities to build a better and brighter future for generations. Scholarships today allow us to build much-needed windows into our future. A future that is bright and a future that is just. How many windows do you want to build?

# PAUSE & REFLECT

## LESSONS FROM MY FATHER'S TABLE

Dr. Agnes S. Thomas

Lately, I often find myself reminiscing about growing up in our small town, surrounded by neighbours, friends, and schoolmates from diverse backgrounds, belief systems, and religions, where even during tough times, celebrations played a central role in our lives. Gatherings brought people together and reminded us of the value of community, family, and relationships, and most importantly, that in one way or another, we all belong to each other beyond blood ties. Now, when I observe the roots of communal violence, war, and division in the world, I recall those days with fondness and warmth. It wasn't perfect—there were flaws and tensions—but the focus on community and neighbourhood often took precedence over personal beliefs and choices.

This piece focuses not on what has been lost but on what has been passed down—and how those lessons can help us rebuild belonging. What shaped me most wasn't just what happened in the wider community but also what occurred at home, and how that shaped my understanding of hospitality, welcome, and respect for differences.

Some of the most valuable lessons about welcoming others and showing respect came not from books but from how my family opened its door. My late father was an ordinary man with flaws, but his remarkable way of offering hospitality to anyone who entered our home stood out. There was always room at the table for one more, whether a friend or a stranger. My mother, equally gracious, welcomed relatives, our friends, their friends, and even friends of friends who arrived unannounced.

The lesson from those scenes went beyond just an open door. It's about the behind-the-scenes gestures—those simple acts of respect—that shaped my understanding of what a genuine welcome looks like. Many of my father's close friends belonged to different religions. During those times, whenever visitors arrived, it was customary to serve a meal or at least some tea. When his friends came to visit, my father would ask my mother to remove any foods forbidden in their faith, such as pork, and to ensure all utensils and dishes were clean and separate. If she was in the middle of cooking, she would pause and make adjustments. To me, as a child, this seemed unnecessary—our guests never demanded it. But for my father, it was a sign of respect.

Looking back, I now understand the wisdom in those actions. They weren't about show but about making sure guests felt valued and respected. His hospitality had no conditions; it was simply how he showed friendship. And it was mutual—our neighbours never insisted we abandon our practices either. Respect flowed both ways. Today, when I hear conversations about “tolerance,” tolerance sounds like endurance. What my father modelled was acceptance and reciprocity. Disagreements or conflicts were not reasons to divide but opportunities for dialogue. Elders stepped in not to punish but to guide, showing us how to live together as a community. Back then, few homes had compound walls. We weren't separated by bricks or by hearts.

From a workplace perspective, I have spent years developing and refining diversity and inclusion policies, as well as organizational practices designed to foster a sense of belonging. Yet, time and again, it becomes clear that something is missing. Policies exist, programs are rolled out, but the heart of genuine welcome often feels absent. Which raises the more complex questions: What broke? When did it break? And by whom? The lessons I return to from my father's house suggest that belonging cannot be enforced by policy. It begins in the small, intentional acts of respect we show one another—acts that ripple outward into the cultures we build at work, in schools, and in communities. Now, as a parent, educator, and community builder, I reflect on those lessons with the understanding that home is the first book children read. Parents serve as the mirror through which they see the world — whether that reflection is narrow and fearful or wide and generous, determines whether they love or fear their neighbour, and whether they keep an open door or a closed door in their home.

So let's ask: What story does your 'book' tell your children about neighbors and friends? Are you building walls or making room at the table? And most of all—who do you call your “neighbour”?

*“The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God” ( Leviticus 19: 34)*

# AGENCY NEWS

## CFSD Has A New Look!

One Agency. Three Divisions. Stronger Together.

CFSD (Catholic Family Services of Durham) is thrilled to present you with our new brand that showcases our new identity as one agency with three distinct divisions.

### Our Story

1981

CFSD has been supporting the Durham Community with evidence-based psychotherapy since 1981. We have been a trusted source of professional support to some of the most vulnerable people in our community.

2022

CFSD merged with The Rose of Durham Young Parent Support Services. Under the new combined agency, Rose of Durham became a division of CFSD. The services provided by both organizations remained the same coming out of the merger.

2023

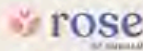
CFSD merged with Safety Network Durham, making the hub of services for those impacted by gender-based violence another division of CFSD. This move has strengthened the operations of the hub, creating access to back office supports and a sustainable funding model.

### Who Are We Now?



CFSD

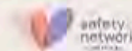
HELP TO HEAL.  
MOVE FORWARD.  
DON'T THROW.



Rose of Durham helps create stronger families and brighter futures, by supporting young parents and their children through holistic programs and services that focus on a strengths-based approach. By nurturing each parent's strengths and building their skills, we help families stay connected and provide safe places for their children to grow.



Renewal Psychotherapy Durham helps individuals, couples, and families find pathways to healing through evidence-based, trauma-informed, client-centred psychotherapy programs and groups. Our team of caring, highly skilled professionals use a range of approaches to help clients address the challenges they are facing.



Safety Network Durham helps women impacted by abuse or violence feel heard, find hope, and get help by providing coordinated access to 30 community supports from one location, starting with just one confidential conversation with a caring community coordinator. Creating safer individuals, families and communities is why we exist.


Together, our team of compassionate, highly skilled professionals provide help, hope and healing through inclusive, evidence-based psychotherapy and counselling, education programs and support services that help individuals, young parents, gender-based violence survivors, couples and families move forward and thrive. While each division has a unique role to play, we truly believe we are stronger together.

# ON THE HORIZON

Inspired to Serve:  
A Mary Centre and Catholic Charities Collaborative Lunch  
& Learn on Servant Leadership

Register Now:

<https://karis-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/bCJrtOCYTiOB-emdDTrPYA#/registration>




## LUNCHTIME WEBINAR

The Faith and Culture Network is hosting a series of lunchtime webinars. These sessions are designed to raise awareness and share knowledge on how we can better support faith and culture within the Developmental Services sector.

**September 30, 2025**  
**12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

**SERVANT LEADERSHIP**

Beth was the President and CEO for Catholic Health Sponsors of Ontario and the Catholic Congregational Legacy Charity from October 2020 to March 2024. Before Beth joined CHSO and CCLC, she was the Executive Director of Mission Integration, Volunteer and Visitor Services at Unity Health Toronto. Prior to her role in mission leadership, Beth was the Chief Communications Officer at Providence Healthcare, Toronto, at the time of its integration with St. Joseph's Health Centre and St. Michael's Hospital into Unity Health in 2017. Beth worked in communications and PR for 10 years in the private sector before transitioning to health care in 2002. Beth has a B.A. in History and French from the University of Toronto, a certificate in Public Relations from Humber College, and a Diploma in Catholic Bioethics from St. Paul University.



**Beth Johnson**  
Catholic Health Care Consultant

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Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto provides leadership, supports social services, and facilitates advocacy for its member agencies and the people they serve. At its core is Catholic Social Teaching that focuses on the poor and marginalized, urging us all to build a just society and safeguard the dignity of every person.

# Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto

How you can contact member agencies of Catholic Charities

## MEMBER AGENCIES

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Catholic Family Services of Durham  
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[www.cfsdurham.com](http://www.cfsdurham.com)

Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin  
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### PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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Saint Elizabeth Health Care  
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St. Bernadette's Family Resource Centre  
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### SENIORS

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[www.caheritage.org](http://www.caheritage.org)

LA Centre for Active Seniors  
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[www.lacentreforseniors.ca](http://www.lacentreforseniors.ca)

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(Unity Health Toronto)  
416-285-3666  
[www.providence.on.ca](http://www.providence.on.ca)

Society of Sharing  
416-413-0380  
[www.societyofsharing.org](http://www.societyofsharing.org)

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto  
416-395-1500  
[www.torontoccas.ca](http://www.torontoccas.ca)

Covenant House of Toronto  
1-800-435-7308  
[www.covenanthouseoftoronto.com](http://www.covenanthouseoftoronto.com)

### YOUNG PARENTS

Rosalie Hall  
416-438-6880  
[www.rosaliehall.com](http://www.rosaliehall.com)

Rose of Durham  
(Young Parents Division of CFS Durham)  
905-432-3622  
[www.roseofdurham.com](http://www.roseofdurham.com)

Rose of Sharon  
905-853-5514  
[www.roseofsharon.com](http://www.roseofsharon.com)

Vita Centre  
905-502-7933  
[www.vitacentre.org](http://www.vitacentre.org)

## AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

Camp Ozanam  
(Society of St. Vincent de Paul)  
416-364-5577  
[info@ssvptoronto.ca](mailto:info@ssvptoronto.ca)

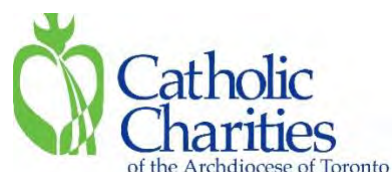
Good Shepherd Ministries  
416-869-3619  
[www.goodshepherd.ca](http://www.goodshepherd.ca)

Birthright International  
1-800-550-4900  
[www.birthright.org](http://www.birthright.org)

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys  
FertilityCare Toronto  
416-465-2868  
[www.fertilitycare.ca](http://www.fertilitycare.ca)

Natural Family Planning Association  
437-600-9333  
[www.toronto.naturalfamilyplanning.ca](http://www.toronto.naturalfamilyplanning.ca)

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