

Links2Care Community support groups amalgamate under new name

Halton Hills Community Support and Information and Halton Helping Hands have amalgamated under the new name Links2Care.

The two organizations have come together offering multiple services for seniors and people with disabilities in Halton— which includes Home Help, Friendly Visiting, Home Maintenance and Repair, and Client Intervention and Assistance.

In addition, in Halton Hills, Meals on Wheels, Congregate Dining, Wheels to Meals and Reassurance programs are available.

There is also a supportive housing program in Acton.

In Oakville and Burlington, a new grocery shopping service is now available together with a respite program, which is being developed.

In Halton Hills Links2Care also provides programs which include early learning and development programs for parents and their children at Ontario Early Years sites, Open Door and Off the Wall youth resource centres, community support for people experi-

encing difficulties and information and referral.

Last November, Joan Barham, executive director of HHCSI, said the main reason for the merger

was to be able to offer better services to Halton Hills seniors.

Links2Care

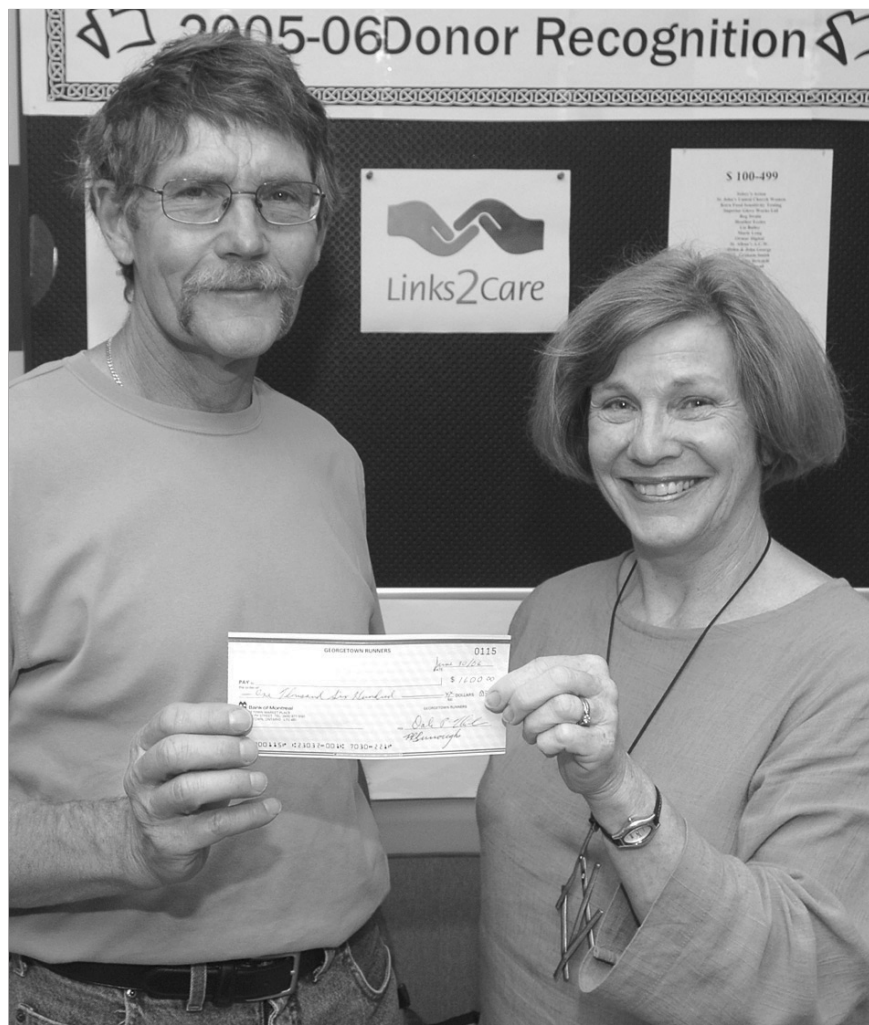
At that time she said the Halton Hills agency did not provide home help (light housekeeping) as that was provided by Halton Helping Hands, which HHCSI referred clients to. The amalgamation was to make it easier for senior and disabled clients to access the services offered by Halton Helping Hands.

It was also to bring some of HHCSI's programs into south Halton such as the Client Intervention and Assistance program.

Both agencies have been offering services in their communities for more than 30 years.

Links2Care will build on those services as the organization moves forward in supporting people of all ages in the development of caring and responsive community.

For more information about Links2Care, and the programs and services available call 905-873-6502 in Georgetown and 519-853-3310 in Acton.



Jog funds delivered

Dale Thibideau of Georgetown Runners recently visited the Links2Care office (formerly Halton Hills Community Support and Information) at 36 Armstrong Avenue to present a cheque for \$1,000 to Links2Care executive director Joan Barham. The funds were raised by the club at their annual Egg Nog Jog, held at Terra Cotta Conservation area.

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Dr. Anand, Gallery Suite Owner

Georgetown resident and former Chief Surgeon with the Georgetown Hospital, Dr. Anand, retired from the Hospital to take on a less demanding lifestyle, but is still working "small office procedures, lumps and bumps etc." and consulting with other specialists in the GTA. Meanwhile it's clear his passion and talent lies in the art world. Anyone who has seen his award-winning paintings will see the similarity to the Group of Seven works with his way of handling landscape, his strength of expression and powerful quality of design.

The whole concept of The Gallery at Bennett Village inspired from the creative life and work of the Group of Seven attracted Dr. Anand. The Gallery, a 60 plus lifestyle community, is comprised of a collection of exceptional suites and amenities designed to meet the changing needs of mature adults. Dr. Anand, one of The Gallery's most recent purchasers and soon to be Artist in Residence wants people to feel young by keeping their mind and body active and creative. He is ready to teach Art Classes to anyone interested. "Many people have talents and purposes which are unexpressed, and undiscovered!" says Dr. Anand.

Designating a studio space in the Gallery, where a centre for art education and creativity could be housed is key for Dr. Anand. "I have been preparing the last 20 years for retirement, through art education, and workshops. Painting is more than just a hobby, now it's much greater and I'm ready to share and enable others to participate in creating."

Dr. Anand is looking forward to enjoying the natural beauty without the maintenance and upkeep of his present home. "The prospect of downsizing was a revolutionary thought for my wife" says Dr. Anand. I wanted to be free to paint, we had been discussing this lifestyle opportunity, then it clicked with my wife ... she got it ... ok she said!" In every home Dr. Anand has had, he has built a studio, he is happy to report his last studio will be the "Thomson Suite" at The Gallery at Bennett Village.

THE GALLERY AT BENNETT VILLAGE

Developer: Bennett Health Care Centre
Builder: Toddglen Construction Ltd.
Price: \$201,900 to \$351,900
Square footage: 830 to 1,354
Sales centre:
Georgetown Marketplace Mall
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