

Group eyeing Milton as location to open transitional housing

Not everyone is lucky enough to have family to turn to in times of need.

That's why Jim Snyder is trying to establish a transitional housing unit for individuals who have just come out of or are going into drug or alcohol rehabilitation.

Mr. Snyder, co-founder and secretary of Discovery Support Services Foundation Inc., said the group is looking at several locations throughout Halton and Peel regions — including Milton — to establish the housing unit.

"In Peel and Halton there is a shortage of this type of housing. There is no where for these people to go and they end up back on the street," he said.

"If you don't have family to turn to, a lot of people coming out of treatment have nothing and no place to go."

Although Discovery was established about two years ago, he said the non-prof-

it organization is still in the beginning stages of its planning.

"We're trying to raise funds through barbecues, golf tournaments and raffles. We're looking for more people to take on a role with the organization."

Mr. Snyder said the home would house three to five residents, including one 'den mother'.

The residents would have regular household responsibilities and must live by a set of house rules.

"The main thing is, when people come out of treatment they feel isolated. They feel like they are not part of the community. If you don't have support or something to turn to, the odds of your success is almost zero."

For more information, call Jim Snyder at (905) 693-0716 or e-mail to jrsphd@cogeco.ca.

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