

Who supports Markham centre?

Dr. Ed Meade is a registered psychologist and director of the Markham Stouffville Family Life Centre. In this column, he answers questions from readers who remain anonymous.

Q: I have a friend who says she is seeing a counsellor at the Family Life Centre. Could you tell me more about the centre and who funds it?

A: The Markham Stouffville Family Life Centre was founded by people within the community of Markham in 1968. It was incorporated as a charitable institution two years later.

The purpose of the centre is to enrich the quality of life in Markham by providing counselling and education for the people of this community.

The agency provides family, marital, individual and group counselling on a wide variety of issues, and it carries out an extensive community-based education program.

Nearly 50 per cent of the centre's revenue comes from the fees paid by people using the services.

A friend in Meade

Dr. Ed Meade



It is a United Way agency and about 20 per cent of its budget comes from the United Way of York Region. Another 20 per cent comes from the Region of York which provides funds for those people who use our services but are not in a position to pay the regular fee.

The final 10 per cent is provided by people in the community, especially our service organizations. The Unionville/South Markham Rotary Club, for instance, provides funds for the rent of our Milliken office at 1151 Denison St. These men have, through their fundraising efforts, provided this generous assistance from

the beginning of the Milliken operation.

Other major funders include the Rotary Club of Markham and the Lions Club of Markham which support youth groups helping young people adjust to the many difficulties of adolescence and young adulthood.

The Family Life Centre is also assisted by the United, Presbyterian and Catholic Churches in the community, especially St. Andrew's United.

Several individuals also donate money on a regular basis.

The recent expansion into Stouffville is being aided by

the Stouffville Lions Club which is funding a youth group in the area.

The Family Life Centre strives to keep in touch with the social and psychological needs of the community. For instance, it was instrumental in the development of Information Markham, the Social Planning Council of Mar-

kham and the Markham Duty Council. Dr. Meade welcomes your questions. If your response is published, name and identity will be withheld. Questions may be directed to the Markham Stouffville Family Life Centre, 113 Main St. Markham.

Kiwanis seeks new members

Markham Kiwanis fall season is underway with dinner meetings at the old Markham Arena Tuesday nights at 6 p.m.

Long-time member Lloyd Barthau invites new members to join. "We have good fellowship and we welcome newcomers," he said. Kiwanis needs manpower to keep up the projects it does for the community.

Kiwanis Peanut Day is Saturday. At Markham Fair Oct. 1, 2, 3 and 4, members sell sausage on a bun to raise funds for other projects such as a December seniors Christmas party and an annual fireworks display. In November the group mans kettles for Salvation Army.

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