



# SPEAK OUT

A Newsletter for Our Community

## Vision

A leader in community inclusion of individuals with developmental and complex physical needs.

## Mission

Participation House supports individuals with developmental disabilities and/or complex physical needs to live in their own homes, participate in community and enjoy life with family and friends.

Check out our social media!



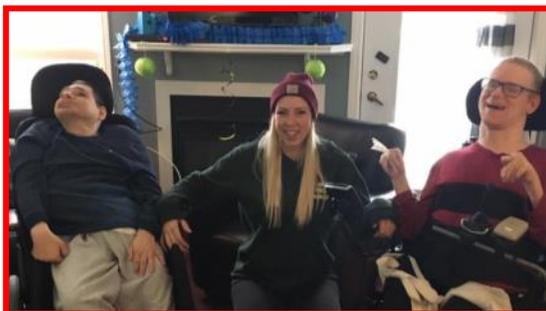
## Respecting the Past Living the Present Shaping the Future

December 18th held a special place in our hearts this year—the official opening of our first location 30 years ago.

So much has changed in that time, but the spirit of the organization has remained the same: provide high quality supports for the people we serve, and help them participate in the community and live a full, meaningful life.

To celebrate this milestone, we had special celebrations throughout the year:

- Using social media, we revisited our history and how we have evolved with the hashtag #PHTurns30.
- Many people connected to the organization recorded well wishes and we posted them throughout the year. The original plan was to gather 30 videos, but we had such



an amazing response that we received a lot more! Want to check them out? We have a video album of “30 Wishes for 30 Years” on our Facebook page!

We had special activities at the Annual General Meeting and Christmas Party, and hosted two events in November:

An agency-wide party that, although in separate locations, united everyone in celebration.

An anniversary open house at our Clarke Rd. location with our supporters and share our vision of a supportive community.

Our 30 year celebrations will carry on in 2019—stay tuned for more information!

Special thanks to all our staff, families, donors, funders, community partners, volunteers, and everyone who has believed in our mission for the last 30 years. Your support has made all the difference!



# Agency Wide Party—November 16

What better way to spend a Friday than celebrating with friends! We celebrated as an agency with the theme of "Cheers to 30 Years!"

To ensure that everyone could celebrate with us at the same time, Kim delivered decoration kits in her **Celebration Station (Wagon)** to all locations!

To get everyone in the spirit of celebration, both Leslie and Jessica visited people to drop off 30 year cookies and take pictures with everyone celebrating!

Thank you to everyone for celebrating with us!

CHEERS TO 30+ MORE YEARS!



# Open House—November 19

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF  
FAMILIES & PEOPLE SUPPORTED



We hosted a 30th anniversary open house at our Clarke Road location and had a variety of attendees—board members, tenants of the building, Laudable Londoners, community partners, and people from the neighbourhood!

The celebration included formal remarks, guided tours, the premiere of our 30th anniversary video, a collaborative art activity, and sharing our vision of a supportive community.

The collaborative art activity brought together people from all walks of life who are contributing to one overall artistic mosaic, symbolic of everyone who contributes to our mission.

Thank you to Joe Duby at GNOSH DINING + COCKTAILS for catering our event!



# AGM & Christmas Party



Each year, we host events that bring together the entire organization: people we support, families, staff, community partners, and friends of Participation House.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in a special new location this year: the Watson Porter Pavilion in Fanshawe Conservation Area. What a beautiful site! We had a photo backdrop, a special 30 year milestone video, guest speaker Leroy Innanen (an original board member) and drink koozies with the 30 year logo.

Like the Open House, everyone participated in a collaborative art activity at the Christmas Party, all contributing to a larger artistic vision. People enjoyed an evening with friends and family, our 30 year anniversary video, guest speakers Wendy McBride and Sandra Regalo, and a display dedicated to celebrating 30 years of families and people supported, amazing staff, and community.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to PHSS—you are truly the heart of our organization!

