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developmental disabilities
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ADDITIONS

Fall 2022

Giving Thanks to YOU! From All Of Us At Addus!

Thanks to our families, participants, staff and community friends and donors that helped support and continue to help support Addus during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Together, we kept things going and had the ability to offer our programs in both virtual and in-person capacities. In hard times, it's incredible to see the community coming together.

With your help we made a difference in the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities at Addus.

We are now conducting in-person support full time! We are able to once again open up our doors to begin engaging in person with the community and our partnerships—continuing to practice health and safety precautions of course.

It continues to be a challenging pandemic year; especially going into the winter months where respiratory illness remains challenging. The triple threat it is called; COVID, Influenza and RSV. With the opening up of the community and your continued support,

we have faith that we can move forward in 2023 to fulfil our vision for the participants and the communities we live in.

A heartfelt thank you to you all!

*Each one of us
can make a
difference.*

*Together we can
make change.*

*thank
you*

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A registered charitable organization that enables people with **developmental disabilities** actively participate in their community.

**Registered Charity Number
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Smashing Good Inside and Out!

Smashing Good Pinatas is one of Addus's newest social enterprise initiatives, spearheaded by Addus Creative Designer, Steve Evans, that launched in April 2022 with a grant from the **TEFF United Way Fund**. It has since received certified social enterprise status with **Buy Social Canada**.

Their purpose is to remove barriers to employment for people with developmental disabilities, connect these artists with the community, and nurture artistic skills.

Every pinata is handmade with non-toxic materials. Their custom and seasonal options make them an exciting and unique touch for any party or event: gender reveals, business events & promotions, birthdays, holidays, and more!

With the holidays upon us, time with loved ones is more important than ever, so why not make it a "smashing" good time?

E-Gift cards are also available - treat your friends, coworkers and family to a gift that keeps giving!



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Piñatas
aren't just
for
birthdays
anymore!

Gift Card



SMASHING GOOD
Piñatas



Partial funding provided by a grant from the
Toronto Enterprise Fund.

New Addus Art Studio!

Launched in September 2022, the Addus Art Studio facilitates a thoughtful and high-quality art-based curriculum that prepares adults with developmental disabilities at Addus to contribute to the community through their art. The environment fosters personal growth and self-confidence, providing opportunities to build relationships and learn life skills in a fun and social environment. Our artists have a voice through their artwork and have the opportunity to showcase their talents at galleries, events and online as paid artists.

We are currently working to grow the studio from a two-day to a five-day program. Spearheading the way, we have our creative leads, Supervisor Raymond D. and, Monica S. our Art Director (pictured). To join our program, please contact our Program Manager Ann Beatty: ann@addus.org + (416) 544-8847 Ext. 223. Check out our webpage at addus.org, art programs and click on Art Studio.



Raymond D.

Monica S.

While drawing I discover what I really want to say. — Dario Fo



Happy Anniversary!

Our very own Hannah O. celebrated her 15-year work anniversary at Starbucks, supported by our Addus staff. Congrats to Hannah on this outstanding achievement! Special thanks to the Addus vocational staff Amy S. and the rest of the Addus support staff team, whose ongoing support helps Hannah achieve her goals!

Hats off to Starbucks who support inclusive communities! Special thanks to store Manager Christina F. and the Starbucks team!





Keeping the Spirit Alive One Step At A Time!



We wanted to give our sincere and heartfelt thanks to our supporters and donors who have made what we do possible. The Addus Walk for Dreams held on September 11, 2022, is one of our most significant annual events - and this year, we raised \$9,400! Thank you to the staff, families and donors who helped make it a big success.

Our donors are the cornerstone of sustaining what we currently have achieved and helping continue to grow what is needed for better lives and the ability to help more individuals.



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Who We Are

Established in 1997, Addus is a registered charitable organization enabling people with developmental disabilities to actively participate in their community. Three separate program sites in the North and West ends of Toronto offer essential supports and services to more than 55 participants by providing a series of engaging and dynamic programs and activities that are community based. Our vision is to enable adults with developmental disabilities to have valued social roles within the community.

Participants, along with input from families and staff, choose from a wide variety of programs and activities that allow them to further develop their own personal goals, interests and objectives. By encouraging and fostering individual development, Addus enables participants to achieve self-fulfillment and independence.

Addus receives partial funding from the Ministry of Community and Social Services, but relies heavily on fee for service programs and fundraising endeavours to ensure the continued success and sustainability of these integral programs and services.

Our Philosophy

Vision: Adults with developmental disabilities are included in their community and hold valued social roles.

Mission: To foster the dignity and respect of adults with developmental disabilities, in partnership with our communities, by facilitating choice, creating community based opportunities and promoting independent living skills.

Values: Personal Choice, Individuality, Empowerment, Continuous Learning, Meaningful Activity, Friendships and Fun.