

# Unshippable.ca and The Dundas Living Centre

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Services Committee

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# Who are we?

- We are unshippable
- A growing provincial network of families, friends, supporters, community partners and organizations focusing on education and awareness and advocating for change in residential services for adults with developmental disabilities
- Matt, Craig, Sheila, Beth, Cheryl, Aaron, Ryan and hundreds of others in Hamilton and area who fear being 'shipped away' from their community when their families can no longer care for them

# What are we seeking, big picture?

- Public policy and legislative change in the Province of Ontario.
- Ontario's alignment with Canada's commitment through its support of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- That a commitment made, be a commitment kept, that is that individuals with disabilities actually do have the right to live where, with whom and how they wish, as do others without disabilities.

# What are we seeking, big picture?

- The option of having direct, individualized funding for residential options for adults with developmental disabilities-the opportunity of having both a voice and choice in housing
- A change from a vacancy-filling housing system to a province wide system of person-centred planning and individual choice
- Opportunities and support for local residential models that are built on public/private and community partnerships

# What are we seeking, locally?

- Support to have Hamilton, like Elmira, become a leader in piloting creative, inclusive and cost effective residential models for adults with developmental disabilities
- The realization of the Dundas Living Centre, an innovative, cost effective residential model borne of grass-roots, family and community need
- An opportunity to work in partnership with our Mayor, Councillors and others to keep our most vulnerable citizens in their home communities

# What do we need from you?

- Follow and engage with [unshippable.ca](http://unshippable.ca) and become part of the growing and active community of online supporters
- Read the stories, they are who we are and represent the over 14,000 in this province waiting for residential supports
- Commitment to work to change the current system where adults with developmental disabilities face the uncertainty of a system that may 'ship' them to live far from their communities-displaced and disconnected from their families, friends, programs, work and social lives

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# What do we need from you?

- Follow Every Canadian Counts to see the 'big picture' emerging at [www.everycanadiancounts.com](http://www.everycanadiancounts.com)
- View Every Australian Counts at [www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au) to see innovation and positive economic impact
- Follow The Dundas Living Centre at [dundaslivingcentre.ca](http://dundaslivingcentre.ca)