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## Bradford House Opening Marks a Milestone



*Bradford House Ribbon Cutting. From left to right: The Rt. Rev. Peter Fenty Area Bishop of York-Simcoe Anglican Diocese of Toronto, Carole Chabot LOFT Board Chair, Carolyn Donaldson Bradford House Program Director, Lynnnda Zammit Bradford House resident, Terry McCullum LOFT CEO, His Worship Doug White Mayor of Bradford West Gwillimbury and Chair of the Campaign for Bradford House, Debra Walko LOFT Director of Seniors Services, Reverend Margaret Fleck major donor to Bradford House.*

On October 3, LOFT celebrated the Grand Opening of its newest program, Bradford House. Formerly a nursing home and then a boarding house, the building was purchased by LOFT in April and is being transformed into a warm and cheerful home for 54 vulnerable and at-risk seniors.

It has been a veritable beehive of activity all summer as resident rooms and common areas have been brought up to a suitable standard. Floors have been replaced, walls repaired and painted, and a couple of doors were moved to improve functionality of the space. Then one by one the rooms have been refurbished and made ready as the first residents have moved in.

In the meantime, the residents themselves have gone to work on the lawn and gardens, weeding and

raking and making everything as neat as a pin. They have also rallied around to make sure that every new resident is welcomed and made to feel at home. “When new people come in, they just get adopted by the group”, says Program Director Carolyn Donaldson.

The Bradford community has also made Bradford House feel welcome. Donations of clothing have been arriving, and the Harvest Share Program run by Carron Farms has been dropping off fresh produce nearly every week, to name just two examples.

Total Health Pharmacy thought that a small room at the back of the third floor would be the perfect place for a doctor’s office. Not only did they donate the equipment needed, they also recruited a doctor who visits every Saturday morning.

LOFT donors have also played an important role. Jim and Margaret Fleck made a significant contribution that, together with funds already on hand at LOFT, made it possible to consider the purchase in the first place. Then Don and Gretchen Ross stepped up and took a mortgage to cover the remainder of the purchase price. A major gift from Christie Bentham meant that interior work could begin, and the common areas and rooms could be made ready for the first residents to move in, and Bradford House was off and running.

“LOFT is so fortunate to have such wonderful friends!” says LOFT CEO Terry McCullum. “They really joined us in a Leap of Faith and together with the residents and staff, have brought Bradford House to life.”

The Grand Opening marked a milestone, with much of the interior cosmetic work completed. But much remains to be done. The leaking roof needs extensive repairs, drafty windows must be replaced and the electrical and plumbing systems need to be upgraded.

LOFT is undertaking a special fundraising campaign to raise the money needed for these major repairs. The Campaign for Bradford House, Chaired by Doug White, Mayor of Bradford West Gwillimbury, will be turning to LOFT supporters and the local community, to ensure that Bradford House will be a safe and secure home for area seniors in need.

# Home for the Holidays

## 23rd Annual Christmas Concert

Monday, December 2, 2013  
at 7:30pm at St. James Cathedral  
(corner of King and Church St., downtown Toronto)

Juan Chioran



Stephanie Martin



Marcus Nance



Karen Kain



### TICKETS ON SALE NOW! PLEASE JOIN US!

#### Ticket Prices:

##### Benefactor level - \$500

2 tickets, plus \$430 tax receipt and invitation to the post-concert reception

##### Patron level - \$100

1 ticket, plus \$65 tax receipt

##### General level - \$35

1 ticket

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Seating is reserved by ticket number; doors will open at 7:00pm.  
We apologize that some seats have obstructed sight lines so order early for the best seats.  
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### Team LOFT Completes the Marathon!

On October 20th, Team LOFT was 117 people strong in the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon, Half Marathon and 5K! We wore our shirts with pride and although we may have been a little sweaty and a little tired once we reached the finish line, we definitely crossed the line with huge smiles on our faces!

The final fundraising results are not yet in, but to date, we have raised over **\$43,000** with the help of over **600** donors.

Thank you to all walkers, runners, cheerers, volunteers and donors! This event would not be possible without everyone working together as a team! With your support, we help fill the gaps and lead individuals to healthier lives.



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### The LOFT Mailing Team Needs Help!

We are looking for a few new people to join the volunteer mailing team. The mailing team comes together several times a year to assemble mailings, including this very newsletter! They save LOFT literally thousands of dollars a year.

If you are free during the day and you'd like to help LOFT and meet some interesting people, please call Ted Krawchuk at 416-979-1994, ext. 244 on Wednesdays, or ext. 233 on any day.

### Looking for an interesting volunteer activity? Want to learn more about LOFT?

Join the LOFT Speakers Bureau.

Speakers Bureau volunteers spread the word about the great work LOFT does and play a key role in LOFT's communications and fundraising efforts.

You will receive a 2-hour orientation on LOFT and its work and a full speaking script. It is an easy and enjoyable way to provide essential support for people in need.

For more information or to join the Speakers Bureau, call Paul Kight at 416-979-1994, ext. 250 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or ext. 233 on any day.