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**SUNBEAM COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES RECEIVES \$25,000  
DONATION FROM THE ABUNDANCE FUND**

*DONATION WILL SUPPORT SUNBEAM'S INNOVATIVE HOSPITAL CARE PROGRAM*

**KITCHENER, ON | March 16, 2026** — Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services is thrilled to announce it is the recipient of a \$25,000 charitable donation from **The Abundance Fund**. This donation will support Sunbeam's innovative *Hospital Care Program*.

Hospitalization often presents unique challenges for individuals in Sunbeam's inclusive living programs. Many individuals supported by Sunbeam communicate in non-traditional ways, which can make it difficult for medical professionals to fully understand their needs and emotions.

Sunbeam's *Hospital Care Program* supports our clients' communication, emotional and care needs by providing trained staff to accompany individuals throughout their hospital stays, offering consistent emotional support and improving communication with healthcare providers.

The familiar presence of Sunbeam staff during a hospital stay ensures better care, reduces stress for the individual and their family alike, improves understanding, facilitates the proper recognition of their accessibility needs and rights and gives individuals the support they need during such a vulnerable time.

*"Sunbeam is a person-centred organization where people of all abilities are valued,"*  
says Brian Swainson, CEO, Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services.

*"We are incredibly grateful to **The Abundance Fund**, and its supportive donor, for this meaningful and deeply compassionate gift."*

In 2025, individuals supported by Sunbeam's inclusive living programs experienced 314 hospital stay days, enhanced by the compassionate presence and dedicated support of staff through our *Hospital Care Program*.

More information about the *Hospital Care Program* can be found [here](#).

**ABOUT SUNBEAM COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services creates inclusive communities where people of all abilities are valued. This year, Sunbeam proudly celebrates 70 years of service, delivering life-enhancing programs and supports to more than 16,000 individuals and families across

Waterloo Region, Wellington County, Dufferin Country, Peel Region, Halton Region, York Region and Simcoe County. The organization offers specialized programming through its various service divisions:

- *Brightside ABA Services* – offers ABA therapy and other clinical services to children and adults who may benefit from skills development and/or behavioural goals;
- *Community Living Services* - inclusive living homes, children’s overnight respite, day program, passport options, specialized clinics and other therapeutic amenities;
- *Developmental Resource Centre* - assists individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities and/or an autism spectrum disorder and their caregivers in accessing and connecting with a wide range of community services and supports; also serves as the single point of access for children and youth under 18 years of age to developmental services in Waterloo Region;
- *Developmental Services Ontario Central West Region* - the access point for adult government-funded developmental services, and providing services in the areas of intake, eligibility, assessment, resource matching and service navigation.

Sunbeam serves and supports individuals of all ages living with a developmental disability and/or autism spectrum disorder.

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