

THE BRAIDWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECT



“Building Community for
Belonging, Acceptance and Growth”

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BUILDING BRAIDWOOD



Alternatives Community Program Services has been passionate about improving the quality of life for people living with developmental disabilities for over 30 years. Supporting over 250 individuals and their families annually, Alternatives provides opportunities and outcomes for learning and skill development in the areas of employment, volunteerism, recreation and community involvement. We foster a sense of belonging for people of all abilities. We open doors to help people realize their full potential.

Community building is the cornerstone of the work we do. However, since 1986 we have moved four times offering programs and services at segregated locations. As demand grew and our client base increased fourfold, the Alternatives Board decided that we should move to a central location to make accessing our programs and services easier for our clients as well as build capacity for the support we provide. Ultimately, our decision to move was driven by a desire to enhance the quality of care for people with disabilities while promoting inclusivity and accessibility throughout Peterborough.

Alternatives has sold its two properties. We purchased St. George's Church at 270 Braidwood Avenue with the proceeds of the sale. We are excited to call the Braidwood neighbourhood our new home.

The **Braidwood Neighbourhood Project** is more than a capital project. It is a revitalization initiative for the south end of Peterborough, bringing together various groups such as social service agencies, citizens and community organizations in a communal gathering place. It is a restoration project of a 105 year old church, which is being repurposed into a multipurpose, fully-accessible community space.

We have invested **\$1,009,000** to date in the Braidwood neighbourhood project. To finish renovating and repairing our new home we need to raise **\$430,828**. This includes the transformation of the former Chapel into a Community Hub, the installation of an accessible kitchen, the construction of an open studio for our day programs, the construction of accessibility ramps and elevators and the beautification of the exterior landscape. Collectively, a successful capital campaign will produce a fully inclusive and accessible community hub enabling people with disabilities to acquire the skills and supports to thrive and live a healthy, independent life.

Please help build Braidwood. Your gift will not only transform a building but it will build community and impact the lives of people living with disabilities.

Vikki Etchells
Executive Director

ACCEPTANCE BUILDS COMMUNITY

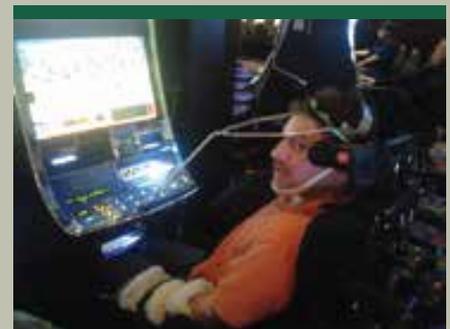
The ABC's of Alternatives

Alternatives Community Program Services provides opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities and other exceptionalities to develop and learn skills in the areas of employment, volunteerism, recreation and community involvement within the Peterborough area. Today, our organization provides services to over 250 people each year.

At Alternatives we believe that all individuals have a place in the community, therefore all programs, supports, and services are respectful, inclusive and community-based. The organization's role is to support adult education, promote interaction within the community, facilitate access to vocational endeavors, enhance quality of life through age-appropriate activities in the community and develop programs to build skills that support independence.

Located in the south end of Peterborough on Braidwood Avenue., the Alternatives Community Hub will provide programs, accessible space and specialized staff tailored for people with disabilities. Our philosophy is that **acceptance builds community.**

Please join us as we renovate a community building that accepts everyone.



COMMUNITY PROGRAM SERVICES

By services and supports we mean things like opportunities to learn or improve skills, get and keep a job, learn to volunteer and give back to the community, get involved in recreational interests, join sports teams, sign up for fitness programs, learn about nutrition, cook healthy meals, find like-minded friends, learn about relationships, meet neighbours, get involved in fun and productive activities and develop a purposeful life.

The following Community Program Services will operate out of the Alternatives Community Hub:

Building Bridges

Building Bridges connects with high school students living with developmental challenges. While still in high school we assist them to plan for their futures, with a focus on accessing services they will need as adults, discovering post-secondary and employment opportunities, connecting to social groups and recreational activities.

Fundamental Skills

Fundamental Skills is a fee for service program that provides basic day-to-day living skills while promoting personal independence and community involvement. With the help of staff and caregivers, participants create an Individual Support Plan based on their personal needs and their desired service outcomes. We enjoy partnerships with other community agencies such as; The Peterborough Art Gallery, Peterborough Green Up and the YMCA. New opportunities are created for program participants every 12 weeks.

Advanced Skills

Advanced Skills is a program where people are paired with a support worker and participate in an assessment to determine personal goals. Support workers help each individual work towards achieving their goals. Individual goals might mean getting a driver's license, finding an apartment, learning to manage money, understand personal relationships or any other of life's daily needs.

Employment Supports

Employment Supports are available to any person with a barrier to employment who is ready, willing and able to secure competitive employment in the community. There are no program fees to access this service. Under contract with Ontario Disability Support Program we are available to connect people with the right job and the right employer. Services include pre-employment coaching, resume and cover letter writing, job readiness courses and job development.

Individualized Support Services

Individualized Support Services is a fee for service program for people 18 years and older. Qualified support workers provide assistance to help people learn skills and coping mechanisms in areas of social and recreational pursuits, daily living skills, personal responsibilities and personal safety.

ABOUT THE BRAIDWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECT



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The capital campaign is for \$430,828, which is the funding amount required to introduce the Alternatives Community Hub to the people of Peterborough.

Phase 1: Purchase of St. George Church – *Completed*

Phase 2: Renovations and Repairs of New Facility – *June 2017 to December 2017*

Phase 3: Increase in Programming Support – *January 2018 to December 2019*

PHASE 1

Purchase of St. George Church – *Completed*

Alternatives sold its two properties on Stewart Street over the past two years. The sale of these assets enabled the organization to purchase 270 Braidwood Street for \$335,934. Since then, Alternatives has invested \$971,000 in repurposing the former church into a community hub for people with disabilities.



PHASE 2

Renovations and Repairs of New Facility – *June 2017 to December 2017*

The first phase of construction has helped us to build the infrastructure for an unique and extraordinary gathering space for Alternatives clients, their families and the community in which we serve. However, we still have significant renovations and repairs to complete, including the installation of an accessible kitchen, transforming the former Chapel into a Community Hub, designing an open studio for our day programs, and beautifying the exterior of the building. The total amount required to complete the project is \$430,828.



\$129,607

To finish the construction costs based on a 12,000 square foot space.

\$101,182

To renovate the former Chapel into a public gathering space.

\$74,439

To pay for architectural fees, soft costs and building contingencies.

\$46,000

To complete exterior landscaping including the construction of an accessible parking lot.

\$42,000

To renovate and purchase equipment for an accessible community kitchen.

\$13,300

To renovate the front north-west foyer into a publicly accessible entrance.

\$8,300

To transform the lower area in the south end into a multipurpose studio for day programming.

\$9,400

To complete plumbing throughout the building.

\$3,600

To complete electrical work in order to bring the building up to code.

\$3,000

To make the small kitchen on the upper level in the north end accessible and client friendly.

\$430,828

PHASE 2 PROJECT TOTAL

PHASE 3

Increase in Programming Support –

January 2018 to December 2019

With the expansion of our services, the Alternatives Community Hub will incorporate additional auxiliary costs, including hiring new staff, site coordination and enhanced programming and service delivery. Our new home on Braidwood Avenue will transform our operations and the people we support, enabling us to build capacity and enhance services for people living with disabilities and their families.

In this new fully accessible community space Alternatives will be offering:

- Day programming for over 40 adults
- Employment training and skills development for over 50 individuals
- Transition planning for over 70 high school students
- Community Connections for over 200 families
- Volunteer opportunities for over 15 people

PROJECT INFORMATION

Our goal is to provide a year round multipurpose facility for our clients and community members.



The new Alternatives Community Hub on Braidwood will include:

A MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES (up to 200 people)

AN OPEN STUDIO SPACE FOR OUR DAY PROGRAMS (up to 50 people)

MEETING ROOMS (up to 30 people)

14 OFFICES

Additional spaces to include:

FOYER

ACCESSIBLE KITCHEN

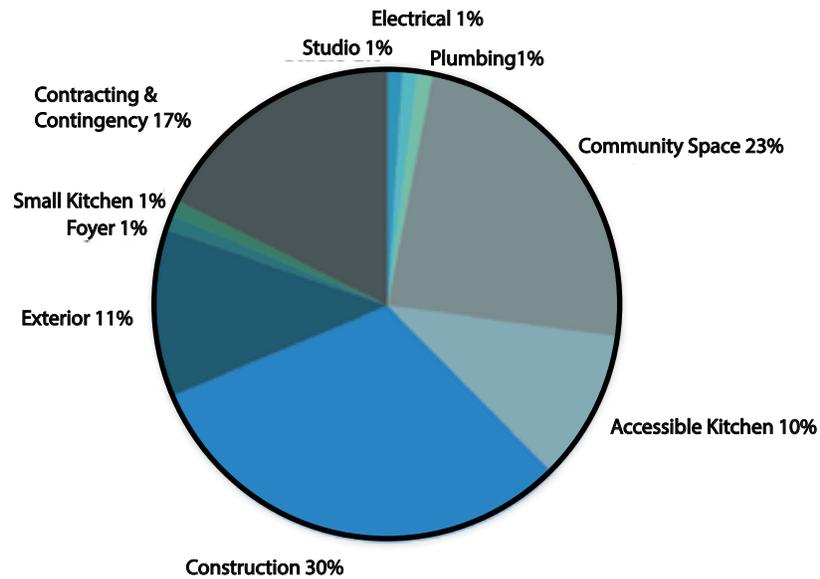
PARENT LOUNGE AREA WITH FREE WIFI

TWO ACCESSIBLE WASHROOMS



WHERE YOUR GIFTS WILL GO

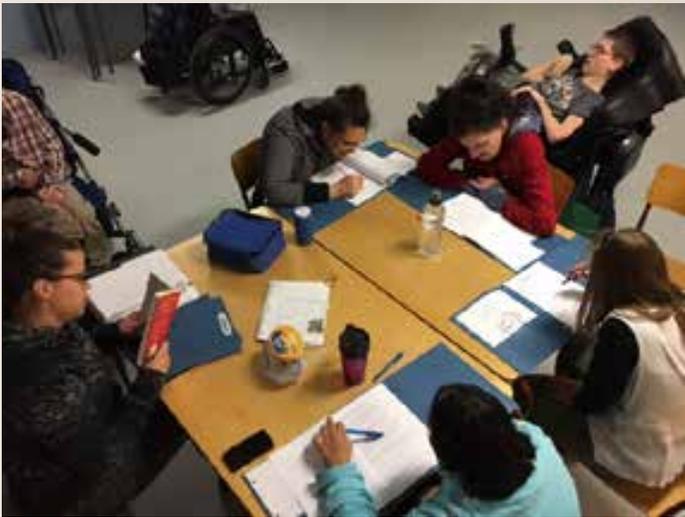
By making a gift to the Braidwood Neighbourhood Project you will be supporting a person-first organization. You will help strengthen our programs and services, ensuring people living with disabilities have a central point of access and support. Your donation will also build community, inspiring a vibrant space in the heart of Peterborough for all to use and enjoy.



NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

The Braidwood Neighbourhood Project is a collaborative endeavor. Each gift resembles a brick in our new home, a part of a community where everyone belongs. Below is an offering of physical naming opportunities to recognize your generous donation to our campaign.

NAMING OPPORTUNITY	DONATION AMOUNT
COMMUNITY SPACE (former Chapel)	\$75,000
ACCESSIBLE KITCHEN	\$50,000
PARKING LOT	\$25,000
COMMUNITY ROOM	\$25,000
LOUNGE AREA	\$10,000
LOBBY	\$10,000
SMALL KITCHEN	\$ 5,000
OFFICES (x14)	\$ 2,500



HOW YOU CAN GIVE



Making a charitable gift to the Braidwood Neighbourhood Project will help build a brighter future for our clients and the Peterborough community as a whole.



The following information may be helpful as you consider various ways to support the Alternatives Community Hub.

A multi-year pledge – gifts pledged over 3 to 5 years may be made to the capital campaign, to be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually.

One-time gifts – donations can be made by cash, cheque or online.

Gifts of Stock, Securities or Share – receive a charitable tax receipt for the fair market value of the donated security and don't pay tax on any capital gain.

Tribute gifts – donations made in memory or in honour of a special person or loved one is a meaningful way to establish a lasting legacy.

Help us build Braidwood and create an inclusive, accessible community hub for people with disabilities.

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