



DOWN SYNDROME
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*"People with Down syndrome dream
exactly the way you do."*



DREAM A LITTLE DREAM WITH US

Since last year's annual meeting of the Board, we have been considering the possibility of building a Centre of Excellence to provide education, programming and residential space for our clients and support for families. This would be a first of its kind facility that would provide an exemplary model and an opportunity to develop and implement best practices in programs and support for Down syndrome.

A business plan has been completed thanks to generous funding from Greater Peterborough Community Futures Development Corporation. A copy of this is available in the office if you are interested reviewing it.

We are very pleased to announce that we have also been approved for funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to carry out a Feasibility Study to determine the potential for success in achieving our dream of building this facility in Peterborough. Pat Hooper, a local fundraiser, has been hired to carry out this study. It will include identification of potential properties in the City of Peterborough, cost of development, building and ongoing sustainability from an operational perspective. It will also identify potential volunteers and donors who would be willing to support our fundraising efforts.

Your ideas are important to us and we will be organizing focus groups to obtain your input. If you would like a personal interview with Pat, please contact her at 742-4255 or pat.hooper@sympatico.ca.

This is an exciting new beginning for the Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough. We know you will want to be a part of this. As in the well-known song from South Pacific, "if you don't have a dream, how are you going to make a dream come true".