

# POINT *by* POINT

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## BuildiNg HoPe for HouSing!

### *"Let Charities Speak"* Workshop

Join us to hear about the Report of the Charities and Advocacy Dialogue

#### Learn More About...

- The law governing charities and advocacy
- Hear the latest response of government officials
- Tell us how charities engage citizens and improve democracy
- Contribute case examples that show how your charity plays a role in policy debates

Thursday November 14, 2002

9:00a.m. - 4:30p.m.  
at the  
**North Toronto Memorial  
Community Centre**

200 Eglinton Avenue West

Contact **POINT** for workshop registration 416-487-2390 or  
E-mail: [point@pointinc.org](mailto:point@pointinc.org)

The workshop is presented by the Charities and Democracy Project-Joint Initiative of IMPACS (Institute for Media, Policy and Civil Society) and the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy

On Sunday, October 6, 2002, POINT in partnership with Eglinton St. George's United Church held a housing forum. The "Building Hope for Housing: Concrete Solutions" Housing event was a follow-up to the first housing forum jointly organized by POINT and Eglinton St. George's United Church in November 2001. This housing forum focused on how different community groups can get started in building affordable housing in North Toronto.

Featured presentations included Peggy Bryne, who spoke about the City of Toronto "Let's Build" funding program, and a former homeless person who shared her personal story and how affordable housing had made a difference in her life.

Also, a Housing Information Fair was part of the forum. Participants were able to pick up current information to assist them and their groups in their efforts to benefit the process of developing local housing projects.

As part of the Housing Forum, POINT launched its new "North Toronto Housing web page". The purpose of this web page is to provide information on tenants' rights and protection with links to relevant web sites, and to offer "how to" information on the development of Second Suites (i.e. rooms or second apartments to rent) for homeowners. The housing web page will also provide updates on urban de-

velopment in North Toronto and listings of other relevant organizations that give information on specific housing issues and upcoming housing events/workshops. The new web page can be found by visiting [www.pointinc.org](http://www.pointinc.org) and clicking on North Toronto Housing.

Six workshops were also offered on different approaches to creating and maintaining safe, appropriate, and affordable housing in North Toronto. Workshops were presented by Habitat for Humanity, Trellis Gardens, Abbeyfield/Sistershare Living, St. Clare's Multi-faith Housing Society, NUC-TUCT (Newtonbrook United Church & Korean United Church), and Second Suites development by the Landlord Self-Help Centre. Each workshop focused on individual project development, governance, zoning and the Ontario Municipal Board process. Tips were given for obtaining community endorsement, financing and fund raising, and volunteer recruitment for housing projects. For brief workshop summaries visit [www.pointinc.org/housing](http://www.pointinc.org/housing).

Among the comments made at the conclusion of the event, one participant stated that 'this housing forum opened new horizons for me and showed me what can be done in the area of housing.'

PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS  
IN NORTH TORONTO



*Pointing the way.*



## North Toronto Community Fair

Hosted by POINT Inc.  
(People and Organizations in North Toronto)

Thursday October 24, 2002  
11am - 4:30pm  
Yonge-Eglinton Centre  
Concourse Level-Centre Court



**Local Non-Profit Agencies:**  
CECC  
Distress Centre Toronto  
New Directions  
Parents in Transition  
Parkdale Golden Age Foundation  
POINT  
Second Mile Club-Sheldrake  
Self-Help Resource Centre  
SPRINT

**SAINTS**  
Sunnybrook & Women's College Hospital,  
Health Information Centre  
Toronto Police Services, 53 Division  
Toronto Public Health  
Toronto Public Library, Northern District Branch  
Toronto Vegetarian Association  
Yorkminster Park - Meals on Wheels  
Youth Assisting Youth

•Healthy eating samples and recipes  
•Nightclub singer Jay Douglas  
Performing 12-12:30pm  
•Classic Martial Arts demonstration  
(karate-do, Kobudo(ancient weaponry), TaiChi)  
•Singer Melinda Cudanin performing  
songs in English & Filipino  
•Draw Prizes!

**\*\* See you at the Fair!!\*\***

**Call POINT (416) 487-2427**  
for more information  
*This event is partially sponsored by the Yonge-Eglinton Centre Merchants Association*



**NORTH TORONTO'S FREE PUBLIC COMPUTER & INTERNET ACCESS SITE**  
**October 2002**



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>September 30</b> Self-Serve 9:30-4:30	<b>1</b> Self-Serve 9:30-5:00 Internet Basics 6:00-7:00	<b>2</b> Self-Serve 9:30-2:00 & 3:30-4:30 Intro to e-mail 2:00-3:00	<b>3</b> Self-Serve 9:30-7:30	<b>4</b> Self-Serve 9:30-4:30
<b>7</b> Self-Serve 9:30-4:30	<b>8</b> Self-Serve 9:30-7:30	<b>9</b> Self-Serve 9:30-2:00 & 3:30-4:30 Internet Basics 2:00-3:00	<b>10</b> Self-Serve 9:30-5:00 Intro to Scanner 6:00-7:00	<b>11</b> Self-Serve 9:30-4:30
<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b> Self-Serve 9:30-5:00 Internet Basics 6:00-7:00	<b>16</b> Self-Serve 9:30-2:00 & 3:30-4:30 Intro to e-mail 2:00-3:00	<b>17</b> Self-Serve 9:30-7:30	<b>18</b> Self-Serve 9:30-4:30
<b>21</b> Self-Serve 9:30-4:30	<b>22</b> Self-Serve 9:30-7:30	<b>23</b> Self-Serve 9:30-2:00 & 3:30-4:30 Internet Basics 2:00-3:00	<b>24</b> Self-Serve 9:30-5:00 Intermediate Internet 6:00-7:00 <b>NEW!</b>	<b>25</b> Self-Serve 9:30-4:30
<b>28</b> Self-Serve 9:30-4:30	<b>29</b> Self-Serve 9:30-5:00 Internet Basics 6:00-7:00	<b>30</b> Self-Serve 9:30-2:00 & 3:30-4:30 Intro to e-mail 2:00-3:00	<b>31</b> Self-Serve 9:30-7:30	

Pre-registration required for all training sessions. Basic computer skills necessary. Three (3) people per session. All sessions are free. To pre-register call 416-487-2427 or visit the POINT Information Desk, 200 Eglinton Avenue West, main floor North Toronto Memorial Community Centre (1 stop light west of Eglinton subway station. Wheel-chair accessible building. Paid parking available underground. Visit [www.pointinc.org](http://www.pointinc.org) for the monthly internet schedule.

## SENIORS' HEALTH CARE FORUM

**Wednesday, November 13, 2002**

at the

North Toronto Memorial Community Centre  
200 Eglinton Avenue West

9:45am – 12:00 pm

(preceding the Seniors' Community Dining Lunch)



- Learn more about the Health Care System
- Share your concerns about the Health Care System
- Government Representatives have been invited to answer your questions

**Register with POINT by November 5<sup>th</sup> by calling (416) 487-2390**

**Brought to you by POINT, SPRINT,  
Anne Johnston Health Station, and SAINTS**



### United Way Celebrates



Dust off your runners and put on your party hats! This fall, Torontonians will run, walk and climb for United Way while celebrating two landmark anniversaries.

Where were you in 1982? As Madonna was hitting the charts, a group of 300 people from the Chinese community, headed by Dr. Joseph Wong, hit the streets of downtown Toronto in United Way's first-ever walkathon, which raised \$17,457.

Twenty years have passed and it's time to celebrate this community milestone. Dig out your retro 80s garb, come in groups of 20, sing songs from 20 years ago....you get the picture! Get into the anniversary theme and bring your friends and family to walk or run this fall for United Way in the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Procter & Gamble Leaps and Bounds on Sunday, September 29. Last year, 15,000 runners and walkers participated, raising over \$400,000 for the charity. The event is a day for the whole family with activities, entertainment and prizes.

It's the silver anniversary of Toronto's tallest, and perhaps oldest, special event – The Enbridge CN Tower Stair Climb for United Way. Join us for the exciting celebration of this challenging, fun-filled event. You are only 1,776 steps away from the top of the tower and a picture-perfect view of Toronto. Mark October 25 (Student Challenge), 26 (Public Climb) and 27 (Team Challenge) in your calendar and participate in the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a truly unique fitness event. Raise pledges, help your community and be eligible for great incentive prizes.

For further information about either event, please call (416) 761-STEP. and for the Stair Climb, visit [www.stairclimb.org](http://www.stairclimb.org).

## Community Resources

As your neighbourhood information service, we can POINT you in the right direction.

**Q.** *I am a 78 years-old and living alone in a house, in the Eglinton and Bayview area. I am starting to find it difficult to cope with raking leaves and other outside jobs. Where can I get help?*

**A.** You can call SAINTS for home help. SAINTS (Student Assistance in North Toronto for Seniors) has high school students who are available after school and on weekends. SAINTS serves seniors and adults with disabilities, living in the area between Bloor Street, Highway 401, Bathurst Street and Bayview Avenue. SAINTS can help you with: leaf raking, gardening including grass cutting, eaves trough cleaning (bungalows only), small painting jobs, snow shoveling. Also SAINTS can assist with shopping, light housekeeping, letter writing and other odd jobs.

There are tasks that SAINTS cannot do: personal hygiene care and car transportation to doctors' appointments, shopping trips, etc. Students are paid directly by clients at the time of service, at \$8.00 per hour with a 1 hour minimum. For seniors and adults with disabilities who live outside the SAINTS service area, SAINTS can refer you to an affiliated agency. *Call SAINTS at 416 481-6284*

**POINT Community Information Service (CIS)** (416) 487-2427, North Toronto Memorial Community Centre, 200 Eglinton Avenue West, first floor.

## Seniors' Community Dining Program

Made possible through partnerships with: SPRINT, Parkdale Golden Age Foundation, POINT, The Departments of Parks and Recreation, and Public Health.

Location: North Toronto Memorial Community Centre, 200 Eglinton Ave. West. Tickets (\$5.00) can be purchased at the POINT kiosk desk in the Community Centre. To make a reservation call POINT at 487-2390.

Wednesday Lunch	Friday Dinner	Sunday Brunch
<b>October</b> 2 Birthday Lunch & Bingo 9 Thanksgiving Special 16 Lunch & Learn 23 Mini Festival 30 Halloween Special	<b>October</b> 18 Harvest Dinner Dance	October 27
<b>November</b> 6 Birthday Lunch & Bingo 13 Lunch & Learn 20 Lunch & Learn 27 Lunch & Learn	<b>November</b> 15 Dinner & Entertainment	November 10, 24
<b>December</b> 4 Birthday Lunch & Bingo 11 Lunch & Learn 18 Holiday Lunch Special	<b>December</b> 13 Holiday Dinner Dance	December 8

### POINT Mission Statement

To serve the people who live, work and study in North Toronto by improving availability and increasing awareness of the social and health services in the community through information, education, and advocacy.

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### POINT Membership Form

☐ Yes! I would like to **become a member** of POINT. My membership fee is enclosed. Please add my name to your mailing list. As a member, I will receive the POINT quarterly newsletter, voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting, and other information bulletins. A charitable tax receipt will also be issued.

☐ Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### Membership Fee:

Individual \$10.00  
 Agency/Organization/Business \$25.00

#### Method of Payment:

Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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