

# POINT *by* POINT

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## *Second Suites Housing Forum*

**February 15th  
1:00-4:00 pm  
North Toronto Memorial  
Community Centre  
200 Eglinton Avenue West**

**HELPING HOMEOWNERS  
CREATE OR UPGRADE  
RENTAL UNITS  
IN THEIR HOMES**

**Avoid disappointment  
PLEASE pre-register  
Suggested \$5  
Contribution for lunch  
Served at 12:30pm**



**To Register or for more  
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## *POINT Student Volunteer Resource Guide*

POINT has just published the second edition of its popular "Student Volunteer Resource Guide".

The new guide has been expanded and updated with the latest information on volunteer opportunities for youth in local North Toronto-based organizations, and a number of organizations across the City of Toronto. In addition to information on youth volunteer opportunities, the guide also offers a list of eligible and ineligible activities for students to complete their 40 hours of community involvement

in order to receive an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

The guide also discusses student volunteer responsibilities and rights, having a volunteer interview, statistics about youth volunteers, and online volunteer opportunities.

The resource guide has been delivered to 22 high schools in the local area, including the public, private, and separate school systems.

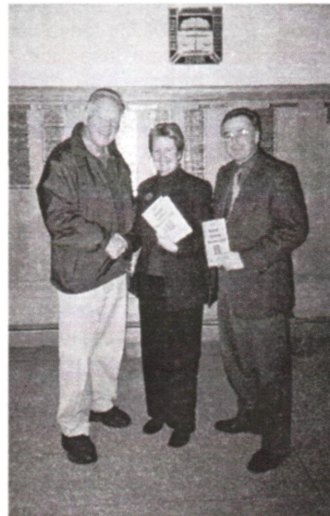
POINT would like to gratefully acknowledge the continued generous financial support of The

Stratton Fund, part of the portfolio of the Toronto Community Foundation, toward the development of the 2nd edition of this guide. POINT would also like to thank the following POINT volunteers who assisted in the review of "The Student Volunteer Resource Guide": Jane Bunting, Nancy Graham,

Nancy Grant, Doug and Margaret Ann Lougheed, and Mary Ouchterlony.

The resource

guide was revised by Zarvan Riahi, a POINT summer student & Diane Werner, Executive Director, with administrative support from Carolyn Seager, Administrative Assistant.



*I, to, r. Doug Lougheed, POINT Volunteer with Mary Ouchterlony, POINT Board Member and Head of Guidance at Northern Secondary School and Robert Milne, Principal of Northern Secondary School*

PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS  
IN NORTH TORONTO



*Pointing the way.*



### **SECOND SUITES: Getting an Electrical Safety Inspection**

If you are planning to set up a second suite rental unit in your house, then complying with electrical safety regulations is of prime importance. After a second suite has been created, homeowners should call the Electrical Safety Authority and arrange for an inspection. Ensure you specifically request a General Inspection for Fire Code compliance of Two Unit Residential Dwelling. The inspection requires that both the homeowner unit and the rental unit be inspected. Fees for this will be \$79/unit totaling \$169.06 including tax. Electrical inspections can be arranged and paid for over the phone if you use a credit card, simply call 1-877-esa-safe.

In general, the inspector will check to ensure that the electrical service you have is safe and useable. A visual inspection will be done to see if the existing wiring and electrical service meets the requirements of the Ontario Electrical Safety Code. Inspections are based on the requirements defined in the Code that existed when the work was done.

Following an inspection, a homeowner is required to correct any electrical defects in the units that do not meet safety requirements defined by the Ontario Electrical Safety Code. Prior to making these corrections, you will be required to file an application for electrical inspection to ensure that any electrical wiring work that is done meets Code requirements. Once all electrical safety standards and requirements have been met you will receive a certificate of inspection. For more information or general inquiries call the Electrical Safety Authority 905 507-4949 or <<http://www.esainspection.net/>>.

Learn more about electrical safety, and many other important aspects of having a second suite, such as financial benefits, by attending the **Second Suites Housing Forum** on Sunday, February 15, 2004 from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. The forum will be held in the North Toronto Memorial Community Centre, 200 Eglinton Avenue West, and is being organized by POINT and Landlord's Self-Help Centre.

### **United Way "Days of Caring" and POINT**

POINT was delighted to participate once again in the 10th annual United Way "Days of Caring" program. During "Days of Caring", United Way member agencies like POINT, are matched with volunteers who are recruited from workplaces that run United Way fundraising campaigns. The volunteers are



l. to r.: Sylvie Boivin, Caroline Storace, Barbara Fleming (POINT Board Member) Jacqueline Chen, and Eric Sapinoso

given time off by their employers and spend the day working on the projects or activities under the supervision of agency staff or volunteers.

This year, POINT hosted four employees from Procter and Gamble Co. who assisted with the Seniors' Dining Program on Wednesday, October 29th. The Procter and Gamble employees did a great job in decorating the dining room with a Halloween theme, selling tickets, greeting clients, and serving meals to over 60 seniors that day!

### **Community Resources**

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

**Q.** Are there any ecological/nature walks occurring in North Toronto during the winter?

**A.** A very good resource to refer you to is the North Toronto Green Community. The NTGC is our local environmental organization. They co-ordinate projects and activities that conserve resources, prevent pollution, and protect greenspace and natural ecological processes, as well as promote alternative sources of energy and transportation. The NTGC focuses on action at the level of the household and local community.

The North Toronto Green Community is committed to restoring the Don River watershed to the state of a healthy vibrant living habitat. The NTGC got involved in the Lost River Walks project to help people appreciate their intimate connections to the water systems that form an essential part of their lives. Lost River Walks is a joint project of the NTGC, the Toronto Field Naturalists and community partners including Hike Ontario. Since 1995, over 5000 people have participated in the Lost River Walks, which are now a part of the Ontario Legacy Trail Program—a designation that recognizes us as one of the 24 best walking programs or trail systems in the province.

The NTGC was the recent recipient of the 2003 Heritage Toronto Award of Excellence for their work promoting natural heritage, and linking human and natural heritage through both the Lost River Walks and the Eglinton Park Heritage Community Garden.

They conduct walks during the winter; dates set are December 20, 2003 and January 18 and February 15, 2004. Visit their website for more information at <[www.ntgc.ca](http://www.ntgc.ca)>



**Top:** Minaz Asani-Kanji, North Toronto Green Community, informing visitors about their project.

**Centre:** Melanie Saunders (left) receives her draw prize from Janice Webster, POINT CIS Coordinator.

**Bottom:** Joyce Pinnock, Gertrude Girard and Gerry Durette, Parkdale Golden Age Foundation, provided tasty food samples.



### New POINT North Toronto Child Care Directory

Lists almost 50 daycare programs, moms and tots programs, and activities at libraries in North Toronto.

Available in January/2004.

Cost: \$2.00

Get your copy by visiting the POINT Kiosk

## North Toronto Community Fair: 2003 Highlights

The 6th annual North Toronto Community Fair, organized and hosted by POINT, was held on Thursday, October 23rd at the Yonge Eglinton Centre. People of all ages and interests had an opportunity to learn about the broad range of social, recreational and health services being provided in the North Toronto area. Nineteen North Toronto-serving agencies and organizations took part in this year's very successful event. Staff and volunteers were on hand with great interactive displays, a variety of printed materials, and were eager to inform people about their programs and services.

Participating agencies and organizations included: Amnesty International - Group 65; Anne Johnston Health Station; Central Eglinton Community Centre; Delisle Youth Services; Distress Centre Toronto; New Directions; North Toronto Green Community; Parents in Transition; Parkdale Golden Age Foundation; POINT; SAINTS; Self-Help Resource Centre; SPRINT; Sunnybrook & Women's College Hospital - Health Information Centre; Toronto Police Services - Division 53; Toronto Public Library - Northern District Branch; Toronto Vegetarian Association; Yorkminster Meals on Wheels; Youth Assisting Youth.

Many thanks to all of the following entertainers and demonstrators: Singers, Jay Douglas and Melinda Cudanin; Parkdale Golden Age Foundation for its great healthy eating demonstration and food samples; and the Centre for Classical Martial Arts for its impressive martial arts show.

Also, special thanks to the following Yonge Eglinton Mall merchants who donated items and gift vouchers for the fair draw:

Cotton  
Ginny, HMV  
Canada Inc.,  
Pharma  
Plus, Indigo,  
Allure Hair  
Group and  
Spa, and  
Legs  
Beautiful.



Janice Fisher, a POINT Volunteer, assisting a visitor at the Fall Fair.

## Mark Your Calendar !

### ♦ Second Suites Housing Forum

Sunday, February 15, 2004 - 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m - North Toronto Memorial Community Centre - 200 Eglinton Avenue W, 1st floor - Multi-Purpose Room

### ♦ Jazz Concert - Spring 2004 Fundraiser

Date and Time to be Confirmed - Watch our Website for details

### Seniors' Community Dining Program

Made possible through partnerships with: SPRINT, Parkdale Golden Age Foundation, POINT, The Departments of Parks and Recreation, and City of Toronto 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 416-487-2390.

Wednesday Lunch	Friday Dinner	Sunday Brunch
<b>December</b> 3 Birthday Lunch & Bingo 10 Lunch & Learn 17 Holiday Lunch Special	<b>December</b> 19 Holiday Dinner Dance	<b>December 14</b>
<b>January</b> 7 Birthday Lunch & Bingo 14 Lunch & Learn 21 Lunch & Fun (Trivia) 28 Lunch & Learn	<b>January</b> 16 Dinner & Movie	<b>January 11 &amp; 25</b>
<b>February</b> 4 Birthday Lunch & Bingo 11 Lunch & Learn 18 Lunch & Fun (Trivia) 25 Lunch & Learn	<b>February</b> 20 Dinner & Dance	<b>February 8 &amp; 22</b>

### 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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- ☐ 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.

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