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THE PARTICIPATION HOUSE PROJECT (DURHAM REGION) RECOGNIZES GRANT AT THEIR 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Oshawa, Ontario – The Participation House Project (Durham Region) invited special guests and the general public to attend their 34th Annual General Meeting.

MPP for Whitby- Oshawa Riding, Christine Elliott, joined Participation House Board President, Bob Biffin in a recognition ceremony to thank the Ontario Trillium Foundation for the foundation's generous grant of \$146,100. "This grant will provide the agency with the support to offer enhanced services in our community," said Ms. Elliott.

Established in 1975, The Participation House (Durham Region) is a non-profit, community-based organization providing needs-specific assistance to people with physical and/or developmental disabilities within the community. The agency provides Life Readiness programs and Activities of Daily Living to prepare individuals for a more independent lifestyle. Services offered to families include various respite options, support with planning and navigating through social service funding opportunities, including newly implemented direct funding support.

"We are grateful to the OTF to provide us with this opportunity," said Board President Bob Biffin. "Funds received will increase our capacity to be responsive to community needs."

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario. The Foundation allocates grants to eligible charitable and not-for-profit organizations in the arts and culture, environment, human and social services and sports and recreation sectors.

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