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STRONG SERVICES FOR A STRONG COMMUNITY

McGuinty Government Invests in Barrie's Community Services and Economy

Barrie, July 4, 2008 – Ontario is giving two community service agencies in Barrie \$110,000 to keep their buildings in good condition for the people who depend on them. This money is part of a \$5 million investment that will improve services across the province and create jobs in local communities.

Barrie's community service agencies help people with developmental disabilities lead active, fulfilling lives. They also give shelter and support to people escaping domestic abuse.

Ontario's investment will let Simcoe Community Services and the Women & Children's Shelter make important repairs to their buildings, so they can continue serving people in need. This funding will pay for necessary repairs and replacements of the roofs on these buildings. Making these repairs/upgrades will create local jobs and improve services in the community.

Simcoe Community Services - \$50,000
Women & Children's Shelter - \$60,000

"The best way to improve our economy is to invest in our people. Investing in community services creates jobs – and most importantly – hope," said Aileen Carroll, MPP. "Both these agencies provide exceptional service in our community."

"Ontario's most vulnerable rely on community service agencies to help them through difficult times," said Minister of Community and Social Services Madeleine Meilleur. "We can't let something like a leaky roof keep people from the services and help they need."

QUICK FACTS

In 2007, more than 14,000 women and children fleeing domestic abuse used emergency shelters in Ontario.

Nearly 40 per cent of the people in Canada with a developmental disability live in Ontario.

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