

# Trustee Times



## Support & Trustee Advisory Services receives generous support from the Region of Peel



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As the New Year begins, Support & Trustee Advisory Services (STAS) looks forward to a busy and formative year thanks in large part to the **Region of Peel**. The **Region of Peel** has provided funding to Sup-

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## Thank you!

Support & Trustee Advisory Services has completed the "Circles of Support" Project thanks to the generous support of the **Region of Peel!** This 3 year project provided

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STAS the opportunity to develop a resource document about "Circles of Support", as well as preparing and filming a tutorial to be added to the STAS website and having

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both the resource document and tutorial translated into several languages. Check out the results on [www.mystas.ca!](http://www.mystas.ca)  
Thank you, **Region of Peel** for this honour.



Visit the STAS website at [www.mystas.ca](http://www.mystas.ca)

## Upcoming presentations:

1. **February 27, 2014 — RDSP— Pooran Law**  
— 19 Rutherford Rd. S. **BRAMPTON**  
— 7:00 pm —9:00 pm
2. **April 10, 2014 —Wills and Trusts — Pallett Valo LLP**  
—19 Rutherford Rd. S **BRAMPTON**  
— 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
3. **May 15, 2014 —Wills and Trusts—Pallett Valo LLP**  
— 150 Queen Street South (upstairs)  
**BOLTON (Albion/Bolton Community Centre)**  
— 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

For more information or to register  
for these sessions contact  
**Clare Clout at 905-453-8841 ext. 1239**

# *PRESIDENT'S REPORT – STAS AGM Sept. 10*

The mandate of Support & Trustee Advisory Services is to assist families in setting up workable trust funds on behalf of their sons and/or daughters who have a disability by:

Providing current information on wills, trusts and government benefits, as well as offering public education to families;

Providing names of appropriate professionals who can provide legal and financial advice on these matters;

Informing financial and estate-planning professionals about the unique challenges facing individuals who have a disability and their families; and

Encouraging individuals and families to develop networks of support.

Since my last report we have accomplished the following:

\*Host free information sessions in Peel Region where parents are able to listen to a lawyer or financial planner speak about estate planning for an individual who has a disability and learn more about the services that Support & Trustee Advisory Services offers; professionals volunteered their time for these sessions.

\*Staff liaisons met with families and answered telephone and email enquiries from agency staff and parents;

\*Maintain 18 Trust agreements between Royal Trust, STAS and families including one new Participation Agreement signed this year; in these agreements, STAS acts as the conduit between the beneficiary and Royal Trust who is designated as the Trustee;

\*Distribute copies of the "Parent Planning Guide"; a free resource to assist families with planning for the future. This workbook offers families pertinent information on such topics such as wills and estates, day options and living arrangements;

\*Host family information sessions to provide families with an overview of the various considerations they must make when planning for the future;

\*Continue to expand and update the Support & Trustee Advisory Services website to provide families information and resources to assist them as they plan. These free resources are available in French, Polish, Spanish, Chinese and Punjabi.

\*Complete the requirements for the 3 year grant from the Region of Peel assisted STAS in preparing a resource document and video tutorial about Circles of Support in English and translating the document and video tutorial into FRENCH, POLISH, SPANISH, CHINESE AND PUNJABI. An application has been submitted to the Region to utilize left over

funds from Year 3 to translate resource material into URDU.

STAS was started originally in Brampton Caledon by parents who realized that that they must take the lead when it came to future planning for their children who have disabilities. STAS expanded to include all of the Region of Peel and is still directed by volunteers including parents of children who have disabilities.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of two long standing Board members, **Dave Killins** and **Art Cyr** both of whom stepped down from the STAS Board this year. Their ongoing commitment and support of the work of STAS has been instrumental in our efforts to educate and support families in Peel Region with children who have a disability. Thank you both.

I would like to encourage you to show your continued support of STAS by becoming members. The yearly membership is a charitable donation for tax purposes.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Board of STAS for their commitment and support in helping STAS reach its goals.

Thank - you.

**Interested in learning more about Support & Trustee Advisory Services (STAS)? Interested in getting involved with a dynamic organization which works to educate families about the importance of planning for the future of their family member who has a disability? Then become a member *today*!! Members are entitled to also join the Board of Directors, so if you are interested in committing to moving forward with STAS get involved today!**

**Simply complete the form below and send it to:**

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**Attn. Sue Taggart**

I want to be a member of STAS! My \$10.00 membership fee is included.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make cheque payable to Support & Trustee Advisory Services.