

How the funds have helped other families:

• Matthew •

Matthew used Life on Campus to take a sign language course. Matthew passed the course with the help of his tutor and now volunteers by teaching individuals how to sign. Matthew has also been helping an individual with a hearing impairment to communicate with his staff and peers.

• Jessica •

Jessica used her LOC funding to hire a tutor to help her with the initial orientation of the campus, locker, washrooms, library, and all of her classes. As well, it helped her to be organized with her assignments and exams. Jessica's hope is to have independent study skills.



• Laura •

Laura used her LOC money to learn how to use the bus to get to college and to navigate around college before school started. During the year, it provided Laura with extra tutoring.



• Stephen •

The Life on Campus program provided support to Stephen. Over the past two years he has moved into post - secondary education at Durham College. During Stephen's first year at college, he required some additional tutoring in order to stay current with his courses. During Stephen's second year at college, he decided that he wanted to live on campus. In order to live in residence, it would take some extra support

for Stephen to get the most out of his new living arrangements. Once again, LOC was there to provide the additional funds needed to hire a support person that helped Stephen get involved in campus life, as well as checking in on him from time to time. It was that support that allowed him to be independent from his parents and experience college life as all other students do.

Purpose

The Life on Campus (LOC) funding is to allocate resources to adults who have an intellectual disability, and are between the ages of 18 and 28, as they transition into community life. Focus is on those who have well thought out and documented transitional plans that involve adult or post secondary education where assistance is needed to bridge and support the person in achieving their goals.

Criteria for Funding

- For adults, with intellectual disability, who are between the ages of 18 - 28 and reside in Durham Region
- Applications are reviewed on an individual basis through an existing agency
- Increase participation in developing transitional skills and the participation in continuing education

Individual meets the profile of the Foundation criteria if:

- Age requirement is met
- Able and willing to transition to day or work setting appropriate to needs and abilities upon completion of the program
- In need of assistance for the transition from school to the next phase of their lives
- Open to those not currently receiving residential or day support from a MCSS transfer payment agency

If you would like further information on the application process, please feel free to contact one of the local agencies involved:

Community Living - Oshawa/Clarington
905-576-3261

Community Living - Durham North
905-985-8511

Community Living - Ajax/Pickering/Whitby
905-427-3300

Durham Association for Family Respite Services
905 436-2500

Kerry's Place Autism Services
905 579-2720



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