



Luso Canadian  
Charitable Society

# 2024 Year Review

## Moving Forward

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Newsletter



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# Mission

Luso Canadian Charitable Society is a community-based organization that supports individuals and families living with physical and/or developmental disabilities to achieve personal growth. We work in partnership with the broader community to provide access to information and person-centered programs and services that facilitate growth, choice, independence, and community inclusion.

# Vision

We envision an inclusive community/society where people with physical and/or developmental disabilities have full access to equitable, responsive and sustainable supports and services; and where their unique gifts, differences and contributions are valued, welcomed and celebrated through their full participation in community life.

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## Message from the President



**Jack A. Prazeres**  
President and Chair  
Luso Canadian Charitable Society

In 2024, Luso Canadian Charitable Society continued to *move forward* in response to the challenges faced by our participants and their families. Luso believes in the contribution of those living with disabilities, and is an advocate for social inclusion and more investment and support throughout all stages of a families' life cycle.

In many cases, people with disabilities are outliving their aging parents, creating anxiety and stress for parents and caregivers, who worry about the future of their children. When crisis strikes, families are often separated and these individuals are placed in inappropriate long term or seniors' settings. Over the years, we have been approached by numerous families concerned about the future of their aging special-needs children.

We have listened, and acted in response, adding programs, services and committing to appropriate housing, now underway at 922 Main St., E, Hamilton. Building our Luso Residence has commenced with the interior of the heritage property cleaned-up, ready for the next stage of construction, and the site now ready for excavation and foundation. Once built, 45 individuals will have the opportunity to transition to independent living in a fully-supported environment specifically designed to meet their needs.

This is an ambitious project and we will need support from community members, corporations, and government at all levels, to meet the need and urgency of housing for adults with disabilities. There are an estimated 14,000 individuals on wait lists for supportive living with a projected 40 year wait.

There is urgent need for all, to advocate and find accessible housing solutions for people with disabilities. While housing is an urgent priority, access to quality day programs also remains at critical levels. We have and will continue to

advocate for those caregivers facing unnecessary challenges, when seeking care for their adult children. Unfortunately, some community programs turn away families with higher-needs children in wheelchairs, those requiring personal care and/or more support. Families should not feel diminished for their child's needs, and have to visit numerous agencies only to be rejected multiple times.

Luso Support Centres, serve more than 300 families annually providing program participants with extraordinary care, and access to activities that promote physical and mental well-being. With a range of high-quality services including day programs, short-term overnight respite, and our forthcoming supportive housing, Luso remains committed to be a dedicated lifeline of support for families, throughout the various stages of their lives.

Luso thanks those that have allowed us to come so far, without the support of ongoing government funding.

We are grateful for the kindness towards our participants, for the generosity of the community, our caring, professional staff, and our dedicated, hard-working Board of Directors.

Please share this Newsletter, and learn more about our participants, and the exciting journey ahead. Luso is committed to make a difference in the community, to be an advocate for those with disabilities, and ensure their unique needs are not lost from the conversations around funding, medical care, or housing. Too often, these families are not seen or heard!

*Thank you for being part of our journey and we ask for your continued support. Together, we can build a compassionate future and meet the urgent needs of our community.*





**2002**

**SPDPBF**

The Society of Portuguese Disabled Persons Building Fund (SPDPBF) was established.



**2004**

**St. Clair Ave**

Land & property purchased at 2295 St. Clair Ave W. in Toronto



**2007**

**LCCS Toronto**

Luso Support Centre Toronto opened for programming



**2008**

**SPDPBF → LCCS**

SPDPBF becomes the Luso Canadian Charitable Society (LCCS)



**2012**

**PSSQL + LCCS**

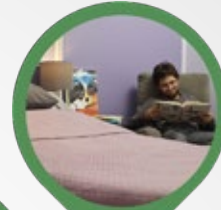
Portuguese Support Services for Quality Living (PSSQL) becomes part of the LCCS family, with the opening of Luso Support Centre Hamilton



**2012**

**Respite Care**

Overnight Respite Care Program was introduced at Luso Support Centre Toronto



**2019**

**Residential Project**

LCCS decides to embark on a supportive residential housing project for aging participants and caregivers

**2017**

**Head Office**

Luso Support Centre Mississauga opens for programming and becomes LCCS' Main Office



**2016**

**Mississauga**

Property was purchased in Mississauga



**2023**

**Announcement**

LCCS announces two upcoming Luso Residences, in Hamilton and Toronto.  
Property in Hamilton purchased in February



**2024**

**LCCSR Hamilton**

Work begins at 922 Main St. E.



**2024**

**LCCSR Hamilton**

LCCS repositions its organizational structure in compliance with the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA)



**2025**

**LCCSR Hamilton**

Luso Residence Hamilton - construction underway



**2027+**

**LCCSR Toronto**

Luso Residence Toronto - planned



## Message from the CEO



**Heather Grand**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Luso Canadian Charitable Society

Luso has always been well loved by families and participants. Caregivers find peace of mind and participants enjoy a happy and safe environment surrounded by friends at a place to be themselves. However, as families and participants age, we need to expand our services.

### So... Why residential? Why Now?

- Families feel unsupported and face an uncertain future for their special needs children. Aging families and participants need 24/7 supportive residential care designed to meet their unique needs.
- Wait time for housing for adults with disabilities, is 10x longer than for the general public.
- Regretfully, people with disabilities are admitted to seniors' or long-term care 25 years earlier, due to the lack of housing.

### Our answer...

- A modern residential facility, with 30 fully accessible residential units , designed to address the needs of 45 individuals with physical and/or developmental disabilities.
- An inclusive community where every individual, regardless of ability, is embraced and celebrated.
- Facilities that will be more than buildings; they will be havens of belonging and acceptance.
- State-of-the-art facilities designed to ensure each resident's physical needs are accommodated, in a safe and supportive environment; with areas for social engagement, physical and mental wellness, accessible recreational areas, and integrated support services tailored to resident's unique needs.

Luso's residence will be more than just living spaces; but a vibrant community that promotes independence, socialization, and personal growth through structured programs and round-the-clock care.

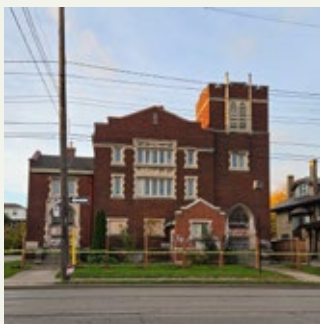
**Please be part of this transformative journey!**  
**Your generosity will make a lasting impact on the lives**  
**of individuals with disabilities and their families.**

**Thank you!**

**Donate at [www.lusoccs.org](http://www.lusoccs.org), or 905-858-8197,**  
**or scan the QR-Code!**



# Luso's Residential Building Project



Before



Construction Underway



Upon Completion (est.)

## Upcoming Residence - 922 Main Street East, Hamilton.

Construction is underway at 922 Main Street East, Hamilton, at the former Trinity Baptist Church. The church is being renovated to include a Day Support Centre and a new six-storey building with 30 fully accessible, 24/7 supportive housing units for 45 individuals. The centennial church was built in 1924 and has been closed since 2009. Once known as “The Church with a Future”, the space will soon gain new life, offering immense opportunities for social inclusion of individuals living with disabilities within a safe and supportive environment, thus giving families and caregivers peace of mind.



3D renderings courtesy of Cianfrone Architect Inc. These images may not represent the final outcome of the project.

For inquiries, reach out to Cristina Marques, Residential Project Lead, at [c.marques@lusoccs.org](mailto:c.marques@lusoccs.org)



Support Luso's Residential Building Project today!

Scan the QR-Code to access our dedicated online donation form.

## Toronto - 290 Old Weston Road

With the support of the City of Toronto, Luso is purchasing space in a new high-rise condominium, being built by I-Squared Developments Inc. These residential floors will accommodate up to 35 individuals in a self-contained secure environment. The project offers aging parents the opportunity to live in the building as well, thus providing continued connection with their child!

The building will be part of an inclusive community, with access to services, transit and park land in close proximity to Luso Support Centre Toronto.





# Federal Support for Luso's New Residence

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, Luso Support Centre Peel received the Hon. Kamal Khera (Minister of Diversity, Inclusion & Persons with Disabilities), together with the Hon. Rechie Valdez (Minister of Small Business), MP Charles Sousa and MP Peter Fonseca for a visit and an announcement! Luso received a \$2.7 million grant in support of the construction of the Luso Residence in the City of Hamilton.

These funds will facilitate the construction of accessible spaces and the installation of necessary features and equipment at the new facility, including ramps, drop-off areas, an elevator, accessible doors and washrooms, multi-sensory “Snoezelen®” rooms, ceiling lifts, an accessible gym, and offices, along with associated construction costs. We sincerely thank the Federal Government for investing in Luso's vision!



## LiUNA! Local 183 Donates \$165,000 for Luso Programs

Luso is grateful to LiUNA! Local 183, one of our longest-standing and most generous donors for presenting Luso, in December, with two cheques totaling \$165,000 in support of our programs and services.

Our sincere thanks to LiUNA! Local 183 for building stronger, more inclusive communities.



## Playing Bocce and Making a Difference!

Last August, Luso was honoured to be again a designated charity at the 31<sup>st</sup> Nick Barbieri Charity Bocce Ball Tournament! Our sincere thanks to LiUNA! Local 506 and the General Contractors' Association of Toronto for an unforgettable day in Richmond Hill. Our participants Sebastian, Chris and Richard, had a fantastic time meeting new friends, playing Bocce, and sampling the many delicious BBQ treats. Luso received proceeds of \$75,000, which will be used for the upcoming new Luso Residences.

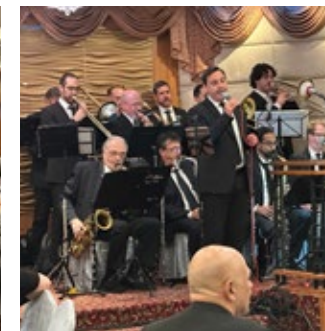
Thank you, LiUNA! Local 506 and GCAT for your outstanding community support and for helping to raise awareness about the needs of those living with disabilities. Your generosity and dedication are truly inspiring.



## Summit Garden's "a Life of Purpose" Dinner

Our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Kenneth Choi of Summit Garden Restaurant for hosting the "A Life of Purpose" Dinner, celebrating the Legendary Hazel McCallion's life and her ongoing support of those with special needs, raising over \$50,000 for our Residential Building Campaign.

Co-host Amy Tjen helped make the event memorable, with attendees receiving a limited-edition Hazel McCallion 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration Race Car Bobblehead, generously sponsored by Mattamy Homes Canada. Guests enjoyed a sumptuous 8-course dinner, Portuguese wines courtesy of 351 Imports Ltd., and music by the exquisite violinist Viera Zmiyivsky and the incredible Dan Bodanis Big Band. Following dinner, Jake Dheer led a spirited live auction with many unique items. Luso was grateful to be the charitable recipient of this 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser from Summit Garden Restaurant and thanks everyone who attended and generously supported the cause!





## A Giving Table for the Holiday Season

In December, Carlos Martins of Churrasqueira Martins and Arlindo Beça of Food and Wines of Portugal organized a Christmas Dinner in support of Luso. We thank Carlos and Arlindo for hosting an unforgettable dinner of great hospitality, delicious food and amazing wines for more than 45 guests, whom we also thank for their generosity, particularly during the holiday giving season.

Close to \$30,000 was raised to support our programs.



## Streetsville Lions Club

Our good friends at the Streetsville Lions Club visited Luso Peel earlier this year and generously presented a cheque for \$10,000 to further support Luso's programs and services. This contribution creates lasting, positive impacts on the lives of individuals living with disabilities.

We extend sincere thanks to the Streetsville Lions Club for their generosity and compassion. We are grateful to share our story with the Club and for their ongoing support.



## Biketemberfest and the Support from Riding Clubs

Over a September weekend, Luso M Riders, Bad Habits North York RC, Quinas Portuguese RC, Moto Galos, and the Highwaymen RC united for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual BiketemberFest camping and gathering at Madeira Park, for fun, entertainment, great food, and camaraderie. This year, the organizers donated \$4,000 in proceeds to Luso, plus a further \$9,000 raised during the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Volta Luso Charities event.

Despite the challenging weather, everyone remained in good spirits, thankful for the opportunity to come together and support the community. We extend our sincere thanks to each riding club for their outstanding commitment to Luso and our participants and families. Thank you!





# 15<sup>th</sup> Annual “Crystal” Gala

Luso’s 2024 Annual Gala, presented by LiUNA! Local 183, was a record-breaking evening that brought together over 1,000 guests at the Pearson Convention Centre. This spectacular event raised an impressive \$380,000 to support Luso’s vital programs and services for individuals with special needs.

Guests were treated to a delicious array of food throughout the evening, starting with an antipasto bar and martini reception. A three-course dinner followed, with a midnight dessert and port to cap off the night. The atmosphere was electric as the crowd enjoyed an energetic performance by the tribute band Always Abba, who had the audience singing and dancing to timeless hits, while the evening began with an exquisite piano performance by Arlene Paculan.

Among the many distinguished guests in attendance were Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Consul-General of Portugal Ana Luísa Riquito, Ministers Rechie Valdez and Ahmed Hussen, MPs Charles Sousa and Peter Fonseca, MPPs Nina Tangri and Rudy Cuzzetto, Mayors Patrick Brown and Gordon Krantz; present in support of Luso’s mission to build residential housing.

One of the most heartfelt moments of the evening came when Rick Dorian, father of Sebastien, a Luso participant, shared an emotional keynote speech about the lifeline of support their family has found at Luso. Jack Prazeres, Luso’s President, also spoke about the invaluable role Luso plays in the lives of families, emphasizing how the organization has become a place of peace for caregivers and joy for participants.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our generous supporters, guests, sponsors, volunteers, and staff who made this event a success. Thanks to your contributions, Luso is better equipped to continue providing life-changing programs and services to individuals with special needs! The continued commitment of all ensures that Luso can continue making a difference in the lives of the families we serve.



# 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

On June 9<sup>th</sup>, more than 420 golfers, over 50 volunteers, and 38 sponsors gathered at Lionhead Golf Club & Conference Centre for an amazing day in support of individuals living with disabilities. This year's Annual Golf Tournament was another smashing success. Despite a few rain showers throughout the day, everyone came together to support a truly meaningful cause. Attendees enjoyed a vast array of food and beverage trucks, sweets, a BBQ lunch, and, of course, the exciting new Golf Air Cannons, which were an absolute hit!

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, donors, and volunteers, we raised over \$330,000 for the second consecutive year, continuing Luso's mission to provide vital programs and services for individuals living with physical and/or developmental disabilities. A special thank you goes to the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Mississauga for once again hosting the traditional Golf Seafood & Steak dinner, as well as to the Lionhead team. We couldn't have achieved this success without the dedication and support of each and every one involved. From our amazing sponsors to the volunteers who gave their time and energy, everyone played a vital role in making this year's event a success. We hope to see you in 2025!



## 10 Editions of Volta – Walking, Cycling and Riding for Charity!

Presented by LiUNA! Local 183, the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Annual Volta Luso Charities was a remarkable community achievement, with over 1,000 participants & donors registered across Mississauga and Hamilton, on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the incredible generosity of all donors, sponsors, walkers, runners, cyclists, riders, community members, associations, and clubs, a record-breaking amount of over \$530,000 was raised to support Luso's programs, services, and supportive housing projects. We sincerely thank the entire community for their participation and tremendous contribution.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Mississauga and LIUNA Station for hosting Volta, as well as to all the donors, volunteers, Luso staff, Peel Regional Police, Mississauga Fire Department, Hamilton Police, St. John's Ambulance, and so many others who played a crucial role in making this event a success. A special thank you to Bailinho de Rabo de Peixe, "Os Alegres", "As Tricanas," Ticats Dance & Cheer, and Gstudioz, for providing vibrant entertainment throughout the day. Together, we can make an incredible impact!





## Visit from Secretary of State, José Cesário

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Luso Support Centre Toronto received very special visitors. His Excellency the Secretary of State for Portuguese Communities, José Cesário, His Excellency the Ambassador of Portugal to Canada, António Manuel Leão Rocha, and the Consul General of Portugal to Toronto, Ana Luísa Riquito, visited Luso to meet with participants, families and Board Members.

During the occasion, a grant agreement between the Portuguese authorities (*Apoios ao Movimento Associativo*) and Luso was signed, to provide financial support towards the 2024 Celebration of Abilities event. The visit culminated in a special recognition of the long-time friendship and support towards the organization, with the induction of Dr. José Cesário as a Luso Honorary President.

We sincerely thank the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs for being a strong supporter of our participants and their families!



## Visit from Dignitaries

Throughout the year, Luso had the privilege of hosting numerous officials from all levels of Government at our events, to tour our facilities and meet participants, their families and share the Luso story. We thank them for their time and interest in the needs of Luso families.





# Luso Thanks Our 2024 Distinguished Contributors

Luso is fortunate to have the support of several Distinguished Contributors. They are generous sponsors, donors and individuals in the community, that made significant contributions during 2024.

Luso extends our sincerest gratitude to the following 2024 Distinguished Contributors, for their amazing generosity.



The Andrée Rhéaume Fitzhenry  
and Robert Fitzhenry Family Foundation





*Each year, Luso's Ambassador Program supports our ongoing commitment to provide an interactive and supportive environment for participants to socialize, learn and grow. Since inception in 2008, many individuals and organizations have enrolled as Ambassadors to make that commitment a reality. If you are interested in becoming a Luso Ambassador, please visit our website or contact us.*

## 2025 Ambassadors\*

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\*For the 2025 Ambassadors Program, contributions received until April 31, 2025 are listed above. Both lists for 2025 and 2024 include contributions made to Luso Canadian Charitable Society and to Portuguese Support Services For Quality Living Inc. (Luso Hamilton). Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of these lists. If an error has been made, please accept our sincere apologies and contact us to correct the listings.



# Luso Canadian Charitable Society

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# Creative and Different Ways to Support Luso!

There are many ways to contribute to Luso beyond monetary donations, such as volunteering at events, organizing fundraisers or offering in-kind support through trades or handyman services. Our buildings require ongoing maintenance and repairs, making these contributions both valuable and essential. Below are a few examples of the many ways you can support. If you have trade skills and/or time to spare, we invite you to volunteer and make a meaningful impact on our community. Your help truly makes a difference!



## Luís Santos

Luís has been supporting Luso for over 20 years. At the 2024 Volta, he emerged as one of the top fundraisers. His ingenuity led him to drive around Toronto, knocking on countless doors and speaking to people about Luso's programs, services, and the need for support.

## RBC Mississauga

Our good friends Amardeep Grover, Ninnette Noronha, their families, friends, and RBC colleagues participate in Volta every year and generously volunteer at the water station, ensuring our walkers stay hydrated and in good spirits!



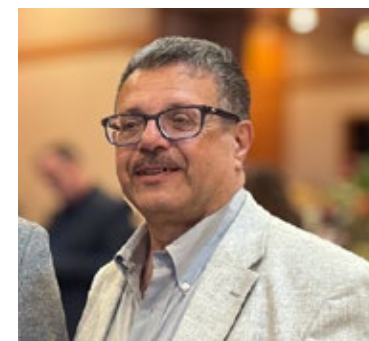
## IUPAT DC 46

For many years, our friends at IUPAT DC 46 have been sprucing up Luso's three Support Centres as part of their annual Community Day of Action, helping maintain our buildings and create a safe, pleasant environment for our participants, families, staff, volunteers and the community.



## Naguib S. Kerba

Naguib has been using his resourcefulness to find creative ways to contribute to Luso. Not only does he cover photography at events, but he also donates and secures unique items for Luso's auctions, while leveraging his networks to spread awareness about Luso.



## Sarnjit Singh

Since 2012, Sarnjit and his team at Param Electric have generously donated their expertise, time, and services, helping to keep Luso Support Centre Hamilton bright and energy-efficient.



## Stonecast

Stonecast has been a generous supporter of Luso Support Centre Hamilton. Since 2023, they've provided a bin for scrap metal donations, with all proceeds benefiting Luso. Who would have thought that decluttering scrap metal could make such a difference and help transform lives?





# In Memoriam

Sadly, in 2024 Luso said goodbye to two beloved Board Members, three former Luso Hamilton participants and two parents of Luso participants. They will be missed by all at Luso and their memory carried in our hearts.



## Mário Nunes

In 2024, Luso and the community lost a wonderful friend and esteemed Board Member, Mario Nunes. Mario was involved with Luso since its inception, always on hand to support families in need. His compassion, generosity and friendship made a significant impact on our community. Mario, will be deeply missed.



## Elvis Martins

In January, Luso Hamilton said goodbye to Elvis Martins, a beloved former participant. Elvis will always be remembered for his contagious smile that could light up any room. He had a big love for the program, especially the music and all the “parties.” He is deeply missed, and his smile will never be forgotten.



## Konrad Puzio

In November, Luso Hamilton said goodbye to Konrad. He was the light of the party, always displaying pure joy at the Centre. He loved to be a volunteer and always ready to go help his friends.

## Josephine Cannizzaro

In May, we said goodbye to Josephine Cannizzaro, mother of our Luso Hamilton participant, Elora. Josephine was regarded as a kind soul to many. Her memory will persevere through friends and family.



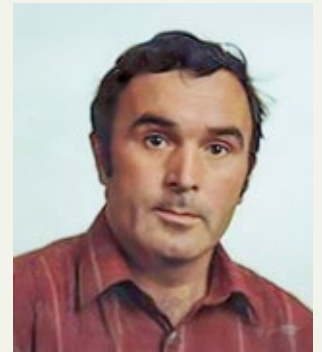
## Horácio Neto Leal

We are saddened by the passing of our dear friend and valued Board Member, Horácio Neto Leal. Horacio was a cherished member of our Luso family and a passionate advocate for noble causes within our community. His dedication and compassion left a lasting impact on many lives, particularly on those living with disabilities. Rest in peace, Horacio. You will be deeply missed.



## Norberto Paiva

In October, Luso Hamilton said goodbye to Norberto. He loved both the companionship and the challenge of a good Skip-Bo card game. He was always attentive, making sure no one ever missed a ride. His cheerful spirit brightened our days.



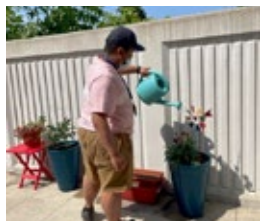
## José Morais

On the last day of 2024, we said goodbye to José Morais, father of our Luso Toronto Participant, Steven. Wonderful father and husband, he is greatly missed by friends, and by his son Steven, daughter Lucy, and wife Isabel.



# Caregiving by Those That Care at Luso

Luso staff work together to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities and support their families. Each day, they are committed to providing a warm, safe, and welcoming environment where participants feel at ease and caregivers have the peace of mind they deserve. The team delivers a person-centered approach to day programming and services that fosters growth, choice, independence, and community inclusion. Staff actively listen, collaborate, coach, share ideas, and seek feedback, ensuring that participants are at the heart of decisions that impact their lives.



**Life Skills** - replicating daily activities to support personal independence and community interaction (cooking, shopping, hygiene, literacy & numeracy, etc.).



**Creative Arts** - A colourful expression of our participants. Stimulates the senses, inspires creativity, entrepreneurship and allows participants to have a sense of accomplishment.



**Community Integration** - Outings to public spaces provide independence, self-esteem, enhance social skills, community interaction and awareness.



**Well-being** - activities to promote physical, mental and emotional health (stretching, light movements, meditation, music therapy, etc).

**Sensory Experiences** - Snoezelen® multi-sensory rooms are relaxing environments that help reduce anxiety and engage participants through stimulation of their senses.



**Socialization** - increasing behaviours that support well-being and inclusion, build social skills through music, dance, theatre, story-telling and interactive learning. Participation in Luso's annual events to socialize with peers and supporters, raise community awareness and thank the community for their support.



**Technology Training** - understanding technology with supervised access to internet, learning how to do research for information, music, entertainment; preparing presentations; use of smartboards, tablets and other devices; entertainment and fun with interactive games.





# Luso... A Lifeline for Families!



## Isaiah's Family

"Isaiah, 21 years old, was born with PKS syndrome and has very complex needs. Our family faced many challenges finding a Day program that could support him. After numerous rejections, we felt lost and forsaken—until we found Luso. Luso became a lifeline, offering a second home to Isaiah and our family. Isaiah is always happy and thriving at Luso, and we are so grateful for the care and support he receives. I hope many others can support Luso, so they can help families turned down like ours was."

## Hannah's Family

"Hannah is 23 and has been at Luso since she was 16. To ensure a smooth transition, she attended both school and Luso at the same time. Finding a Day Program that would accept her due to her cognitive and physical disabilities was challenging, but Luso has been the perfect fit, and she attends five days a week. Luso offers an invigorating program that meets her unique needs and gives her purpose. She wakes up happy, knowing she's going to Luso. Like many parents, I worry about the future. Finding a long-term respite facility will be even harder than securing a Day Program. This keeps us awake at night, but knowing Luso is building a Residence gives me peace of mind, knowing Hannah will continue to receive the same care and love."



## Kim's Family

"Luso gives us hope for the future. As we get older and plan for what's ahead, we worry about Kimberly's safety and well-being when we're no longer around. Kim loves coming to Luso. She thrives on seeing people, being in public, and engaging with others. Luso offers a much-needed break for both Kim and us, allowing all of us to benefit and grow personally and as a family. Kim enjoys having her own space, trying new experiences, and spending time with friends."

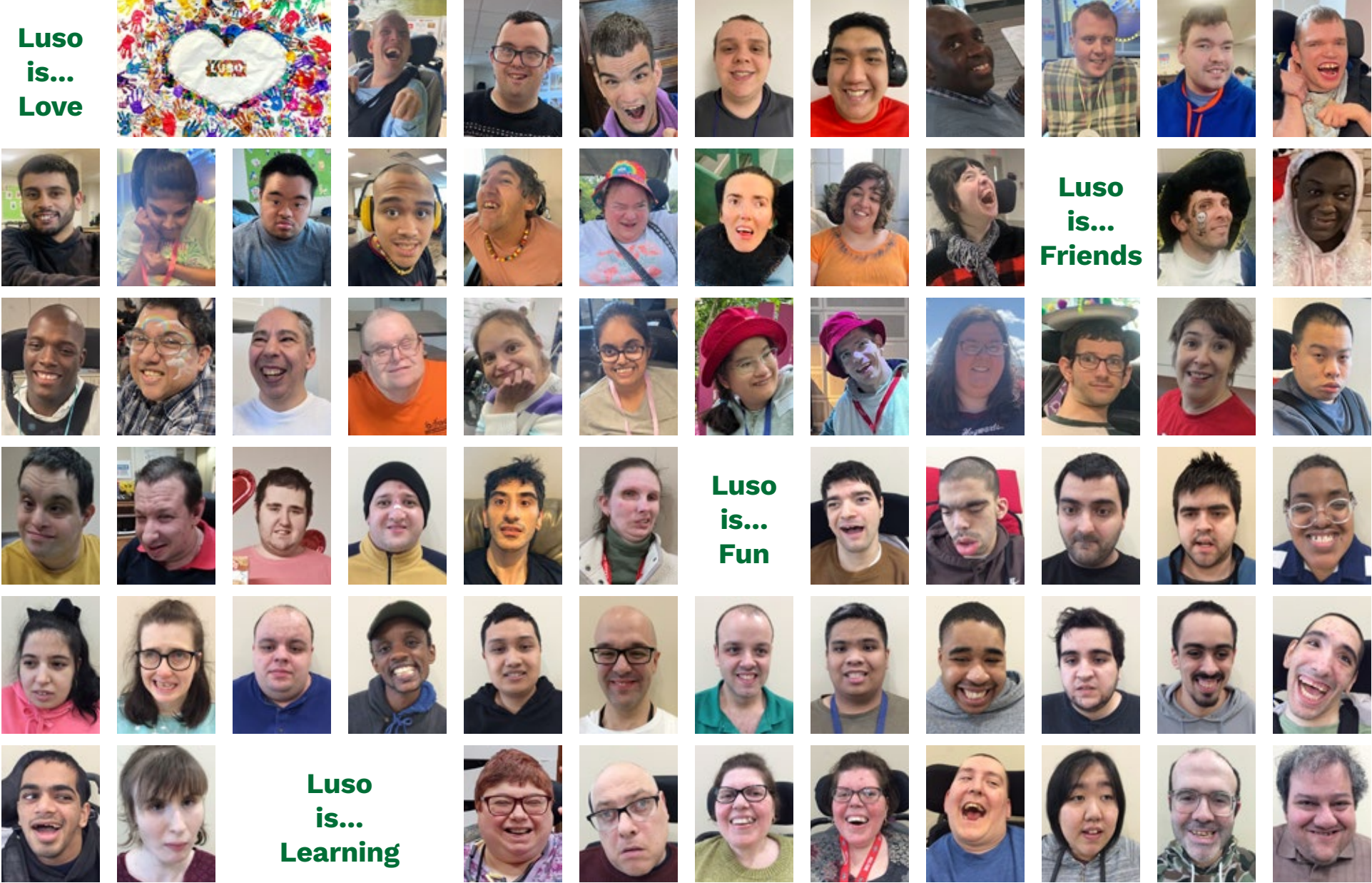
She sees Luso as more than just a place—it's her "day job." She talks about her day at Luso and eagerly asks when she can return, feeling a true sense of purpose."

## Adrian's Family

"The program has helped Adrian immensely. Our lives, like those of many families with special needs, are filled with challenges. I can't find the words to fully express what Luso has done for us, but I can only say thank you! Because of Luso, we can smile, find happiness, function, and live a more normal life."



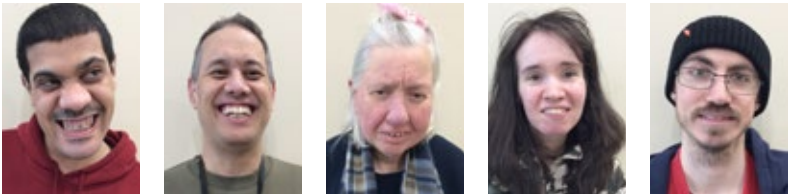
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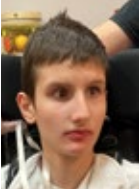
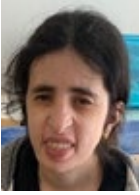
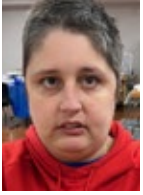
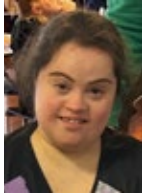
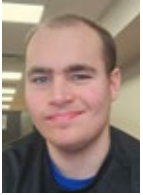
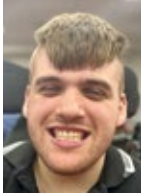
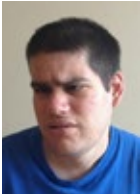
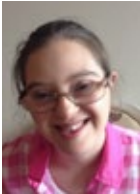
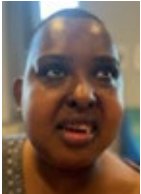
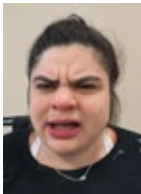
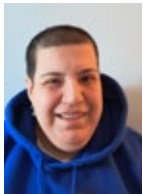
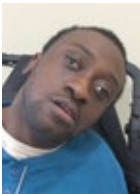
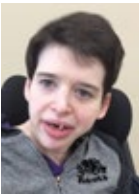
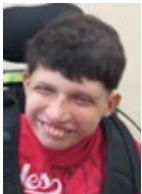
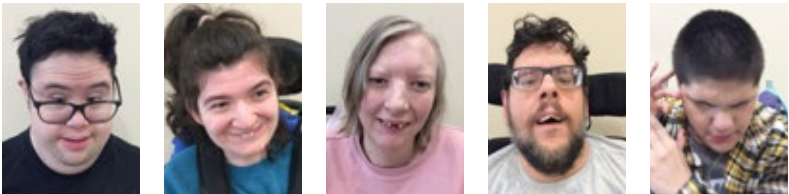
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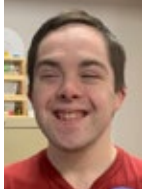
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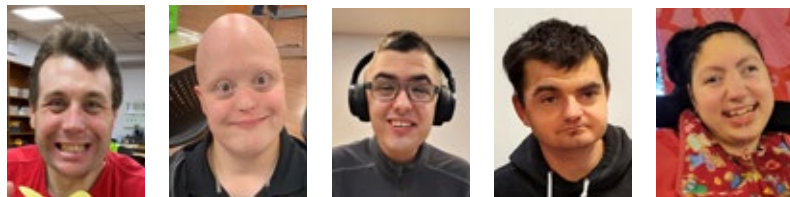


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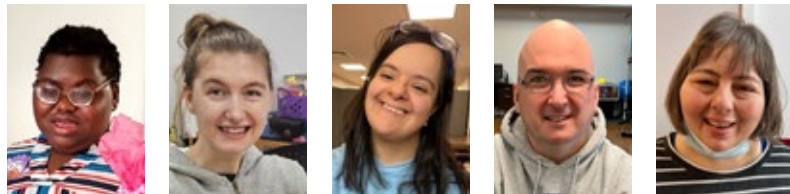
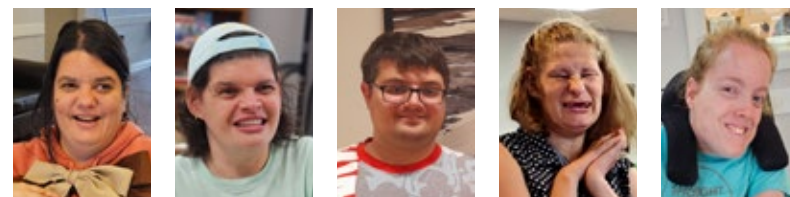




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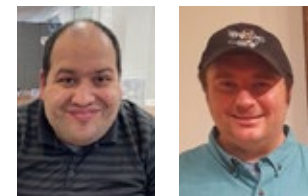
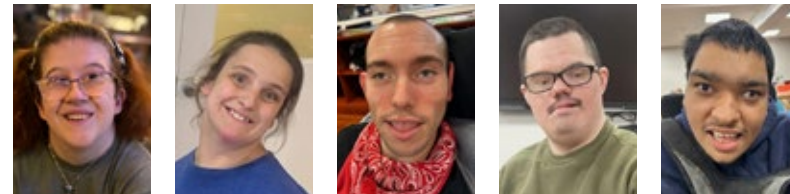
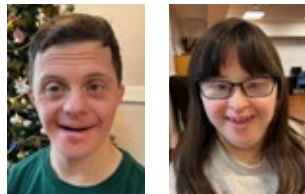


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Luso thanks our valued Community Partners for their financial support throughout 2024, without which, our programs and activities would be significantly impacted. These Community Partners have contributed to Luso as a whole or to specific Luso Support Centres locally.  
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# Luso Wins with OLG Charitable Gaming and Local Gaming Centres

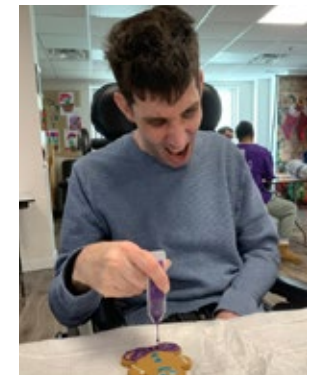


We are proud to be involved with OLG Charitable Gaming. Thanks to our volunteer involvement at Dolphin Gaming in Scarborough, and the RAMA Gaming House in Mississauga, additional funds are made available to support our Day Programs. These funds help Luso provide more community engagement opportunities and outings to our participants, acquire program supplies for numerous activities and other necessary client-based needs. We encourage you to visit and experience these fantastic entertainment Centres and have a great time while supporting local charities. Luso is grateful for OLG's support and the value it brings for those living with disabilities through our participation in the Ontario Charitable Gaming Association.



## New Community Relationship with Princess Bingo Hamilton

In 2024, Luso Support Centre Hamilton established a partnership with the Princess Bingo Centre. Thanks to the activities of our Hamilton volunteers, additional funds are being generated to support program enhancements.





# Portuguese Heritage Month and Portugal Day Parade

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, Luso proudly participated in another spectacular Portugal Day parade!

Under the bright, sunny sky, over 50 floats made their way from Lansdowne to Ossington, showcasing the unity, strength, and resilience of the Portuguese community. All Luso parade participants wore colourful sun hats courtesy of IUPAT DC 46.

The event gave the community a chance to learn more about Luso's Residential Building Campaign and upcoming Volta. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the volunteers, staff, families, and participants who helped make this Parade Day a success.



# Oh! Canada Day

This year Luso commemorated Canada Day, with a traditional BBQ lunch held at Luso Support Centre Peel. The day was filled with laughter and joy as we came together to celebrate Canada Day! The festivities began with a heartfelt Land Acknowledgment, delivered by Luso participants, followed by a beautiful musical performance in honour of our great nation.



Participants, their families, and community partners enjoyed treats, hosted by dedicated Luso staff and volunteers. A special thank you goes out to the Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services and Fire Station 108, for their timely visit and invaluable assistance during an elevator malfunction, ensuring that everyone could safely head home on time! We extend our deepest gratitude to all community members, volunteers, Luso participants, and staff who joined us for this beautiful summer celebration. It was a day of appreciation for Canada and the inclusive, welcoming community that we are so proud to be a part of.



## Luso's COMPASS CLUB

Luso's 4<sup>th</sup> Compass Club Ladies Event at the Pearson Convention Centre welcomed over 300 guests, raising nearly \$46,000 for Luso's Residential Campaign. The evening began with a vibrant networking reception, featuring unique vendors, pre-loved jewelry and handbags, and delicious hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Guests enjoyed a four-course dinner crafted by Chef Emilio Cueto, paired with wines from Amandio Martins (DOC Wine Imports). The night was enhanced by the musical talents of Hernani Raposo, Valdemar Mejdoubi, and a beautiful vocal performance by Isabel Sinde.

Dr. Kerry Beal, a passionate advocate and mother of Kira, a Luso Hamilton participant, delivered a heartfelt keynote address. We are deeply grateful to all attendees, volunteers, sponsors, and donors who made the event a great success. Together, we are making a lasting difference!



## Luso's Vice President Honoured with the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship

We are thrilled that Joe Botelho, Vice-President of the Luso Canadian Charitable Society and President of the Luso Support Centre Hamilton, was honoured with the prestigious Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship. On March 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Royal Ontario Museum, the Hon. Edith Dumont (Lieutenant Governor of Ontario) recognized Joe's many outstanding contributions to our community.

Joe's unwavering dedication and tirelessness have significantly shaped the social, cultural, and economic landscapes of the Portuguese community in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. His passion and commitment have not only earned him this well-deserved award but also numerous other recognitions in the past.

On behalf of the entire Luso Canadian Charitable Society family, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Joe! You are a true inspiration to all and we are indebted to your incredible contributions and continued commitment to making a difference!

Congratulations, Joe!





# Luso Support Centre Peel





## A collage of 20 photographs showing people with disabilities participating in various activities. The photos are arranged in a grid-like fashion, capturing moments of joy and engagement. The activities include social games, arts and crafts, and community events. The participants are shown in various settings, including indoor rooms and outdoor spaces. The photos are arranged in a grid-like fashion, capturing moments of joy and engagement. The activities include social games, arts and crafts, and community events. The participants are shown in various settings, including indoor rooms and outdoor spaces. The photos are arranged in a grid-like fashion, capturing moments of joy and engagement. The activities include social games, arts and crafts, and community events. The participants are shown in various settings, including indoor rooms and outdoor spaces.



## Expanding Minds and Hearts with Science and Funny Illusions

Community outings are a valuable part of programming in support of social inclusion and community integration.

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, our Peel participants had a truly magical experience at MiMuseum in Mississauga, where they immersed themselves in mind-expanding exhibits. The “Being Upside Down” exhibit was particularly fascinating, leaving our participants in awe as they explored the mesmerizing world of illusions and magic. A heartfelt thank you to MiMuseum Mississauga for creating such unforgettable memories!

Another standout outing took our group to the iconic Ontario Science Centre, where everyone marveled at the amazing scientific wonders on display. The astronaut suit exhibit was a favourite among many!



## Hula Hooping, Rooftop Activities and a Boat Trip

Warmer days bring extra joy, and our Peel participants are particularly energized during the Spring and Summer months. Our rooftop has hosted numerous engaging activities, including the games they love! But the fun doesn't stop there! Well-being activities have also been a big part of the season.

In August, we were treated to a captivating hula hoop show by Isabella Hoops from North FIRE Circus. Her dynamic tricks and moves left our participants in awe, and many were excited to give hula hooping a try themselves! It was heartwarming to see everyone so engaged and having fun.

For some well-deserved relaxation, and thanks to CharterAbility, a scenic boat trip through downtown Oakville lakeside was the perfect way to decompress!



# Animal-Assisted Therapy for Sensory Stimulation

Animal-assisted therapy has proven to be a valuable tool for enhancing sensory stimulation among our participants. By engaging multiple senses, it improves motor skills, mental focus, and overall engagement, leading to increased relaxation and well-being. For our participants, the calming presence of animals helps reduce stress and anxiety, fostering emotional regulation and relaxation. These interactions create positive emotional connections, contributing to a boost in mood and a sense of comfort. Socially, animals act as facilitators, helping our participants engage more easily with others, which is particularly beneficial for those with autism or sensory processing disorders.

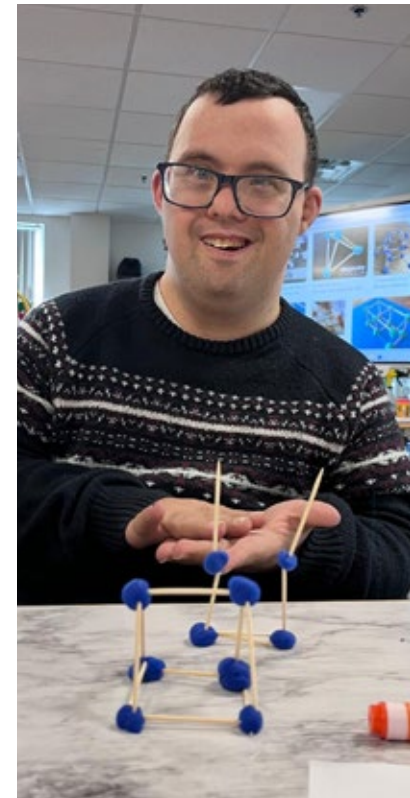
The sensory stimulation from animal interactions also encourages improved focus and attention, allowing our participants to stay engaged in therapeutic activities. Through these meaningful experiences, animal-assisted therapy promotes both physical and emotional health, supporting the development and well-being of our participants.



# Nurturing Dexterity, Creativity and Other Skills

Creative activities are essential to our Day Program, providing participants with opportunities to develop fine motor skills and self-expression. In 2024, Peel participants partook in many activities like painting, beadwork, card making, and fabric crafts to help improve hand-eye coordination and dexterity, while fostering creativity.

These therapeutic activities engage participants in problem-solving and focus, enhancing cognitive and physical skills. As they create, participants experience a sense of accomplishment that boosts their confidence and self-esteem.



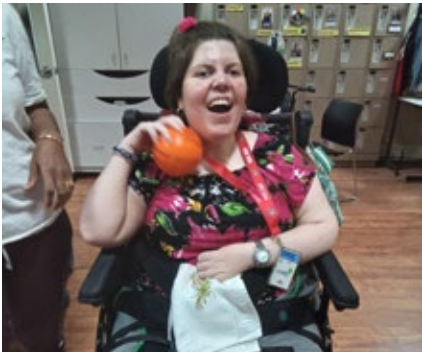


# Luso Support Centre Toronto





# 2024 Moments





## The Richness of Luso Toronto's Programming

At Toronto, the Day Program is an evolving, dynamic space where participants engage, learn, and grow. The Luso team crafts experiences that foster curiosity, independence, and community integration. In 2024, we placed a special emphasis on expanding our participants' worldviews through an increased number of outings, immersing them in new environments and social interactions. While our in-Centre activities—such as creative arts, music, cooking, and relaxation—remained integral, our participants had more opportunities than ever to step outside and connect with the broader community.

Visits to local places such as parks, cultural venues, aquarium, zoos and farms allowed participants to apply life skills in real-world settings, from navigating public spaces to engaging in meaningful conversations and making independent choices. Every excursion broadens minds and horizons.



## A Modern Look, for Expanded Flexibility and Higher Quality of Care

Thanks to the generous support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), Luso Support Centre Toronto continues to evolve with exciting new improvements!

In 2024, a LED-powered glass ceiling was installed in the basement and an operable wall partition on the main floor. The Sky Ceiling has transformed the lower level, creating a brighter and more uplifting environment. Participants now enjoy the calming illusion of trees, leaves and blue sky overhead, enhancing their overall well-being. Meanwhile, the new operable wall partition on the main floor adds light, flexibility, improving safety and allowing us to better adapt the space to meet the needs of our programs.

These upgrades contribute to a more modern, welcoming, and functional Centre; one that continues to support and uplift our participants every day. Thank you, OTF, for making these enhancements possible!



## Celebration of Abilities

Hailed as the best to date, the 2024 Annual Luso Support Centre Toronto's Celebration of Abilities, presented by Comunidades Portuguesas/Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Portugal, was a night to remember!

Close to 300 guests in attendance celebrated the display of talent and abilities of our Toronto participants, and the resilience and community support that so well define Luso's mission. Our participants dazzled the audience with a celebration of the music from the 60' & 70's, and performances, leaving everyone in awe of their skill and dedication. Each act reflected months of hard work and passion! Our sincere thanks to all who attended, and to our event sponsors LiUNA! Local 183, Superior Air Duct Cleaning and Progressive Indoor Air Solutions. Everyone's super excited for the next talent night!



## Visits from S.L. Benfica and C.D. Santa Clara

Luso Support Centre Toronto had the privilege of hosting two unforgettable visits from S.L. Benfica legends and from a delegation of C.D. Santa Clara, bringing immense joy to our participants.

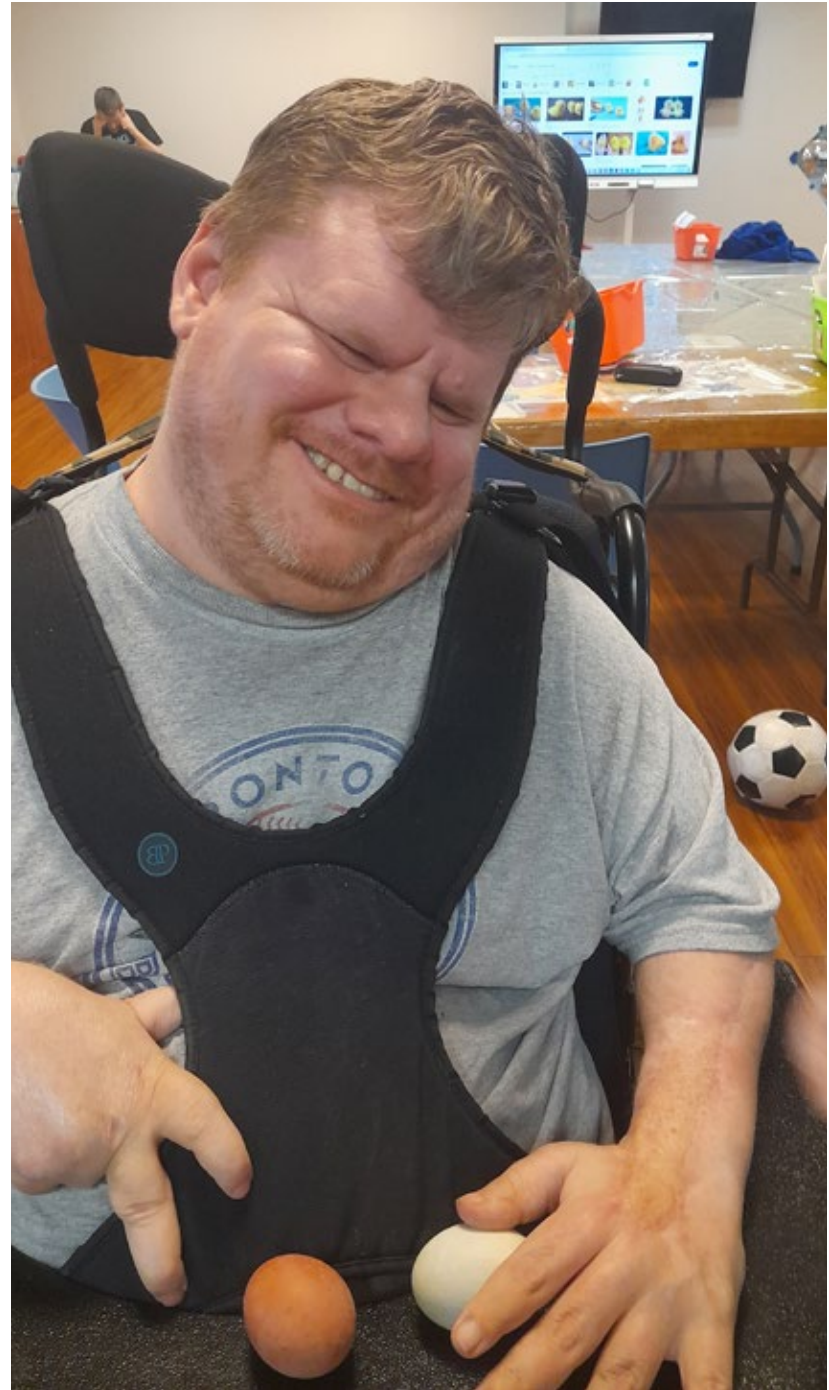
In June, we welcomed Benfica legends Artur Moraes and Eliseu. Then, in October, we were honoured by the visit of Isaías Soares, affectionately known as the club's "Prophet", along with Vice-President Domingos Almeida Lima. Amidst cheers and even a few tears, our participants had the rare opportunity to meet their soccer idols and proudly showcase their talents and daily activities. During their visits, the legends toured the Centre, learned about our programs, and viewed photos from the late Eusébio's memorable visit to Luso in 2014. The visits concluded with the gifting of signed scarves and a jersey, leaving everyone ecstatic.

In November, we were thrilled to welcome a delegation from C.D. Santa Clara, led by the club's President Ricardo Pacheco, as part of their North American tour. They brought the Liga Portugal SABSEG 2023–2024 Championship Trophy won by the club, giving our participants a unique opportunity to see a professional championship cup up close and take memorable photos with it!





# Luso Support Centre Hamilton



## Message from the President



**Joe Botelho**  
President

Luso Support Centre Hamilton  
(Portuguese Support Services for Quality Living)

As I reflect on the remarkable journey of Luso, I am proud of how far we've come. We have grown, learned, and evolved to better respond to the changing needs of individuals with physical and/or developmental disabilities, and the families who care for them. The daily challenges these families face have deepened our appreciation for what we have and strengthened our commitment to serve those who need us most.

That is why we are moving forward with a supportive housing project. Our goal is to ensure that individuals with the highest needs can live with dignity, opportunity, and respect. The same fundamental rights we all deserve and fight for!

Since 2003, our day program in Hamilton has extended far beyond the walls of our Centre. A dedicated and compassionate team has been providing exceptional care and seeking out innovative resources to improve the lives of the individuals we serve.

Today, our initiatives include partnerships with other not-for-profit organizations to promote community integration and skill-building. These collaborations have opened doors to fulfilling experiences in gardening and environmental projects, food services, pet care, woodworking, and meaningful social causes.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters, we have been able to offer Snoezelen® rooms (multi-sensory environments designed to stimulate and soothe) and introduce a range of hands-on creative activities. Our Centre now features spaces where participants can develop practical skills and express themselves through art, even selling their creations as part of their personal growth and empowerment.

These projects have only been possible through the unwavering support of businesses, organizations, labour unions, and individuals. Whether your contributions were large or small, personal or collective, thank you! Your support has made a real difference.

Now, we invite everyone to join us in our next big step: building a home with 24/7 support for persons with developmental disabilities. This home will be a safe, caring place for those whose caregivers may no longer be able to provide for them. Together, Luso and our community can ensure that no one is left behind.

More than ever, collective effort is key. Every donation, no matter the size, brings us closer to our goal. Together, one home at a time, we will make a lasting difference.

***Thank you for your continued support!***





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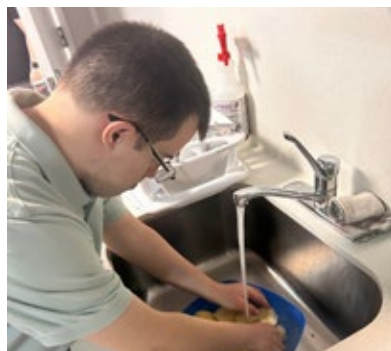


# CIBC Supports Inclusiveness at Luso Hamilton

In 2024, Luso Hamilton received a generous \$35,300 contribution from CIBC to scale up a project focused on community inclusiveness and awareness. This initiative, piloted in 2021, was highly successful within the Day Program. Building on a previous \$15,000 contribution, CIBC entrusted Luso with additional resources to offer more enriching experiences for participants, who reported increased growth and greater preparedness to engage with the community in meaningful and empowering ways.

Aligned with CIBC's focus on "Championing Inclusive Communities," this project provided participants with additional opportunities to explore arts & crafts, cooking, gardening, and engage with local commerce and public spaces through hands-on activities. These experiences have been both empowering and enjoyable for everyone involved.

A sincere "Thank You!" to CIBC for supporting the well-being and empowerment of individuals with disabilities!



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Luso Hamilton Golf Tournament

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, Luso Hamilton hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament at Century Pines Golf Club, presented by Clare Interior Supplies Ltd. It was a perfect day for golf, with ideal weather and 128 golfers enjoying the event's many amenities, entertainment, and delicious food – in support of Luso's Residential Building Campaign. Thanks to the generous participation, more than \$80,000 was raised to help provide around-the-clock supportive housing for aging adults with disabilities in Hamilton.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who made this event possible: the golfers, Luso participants and their families, staff, volunteers, the Century Pines Golf Club team, Carson Morgalese and CM Golf & Entertainment for the exciting golf air cannon experience.

Your support made this event a tremendous success!

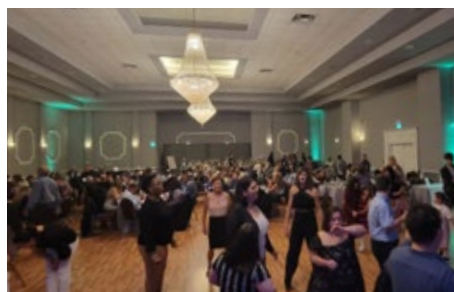
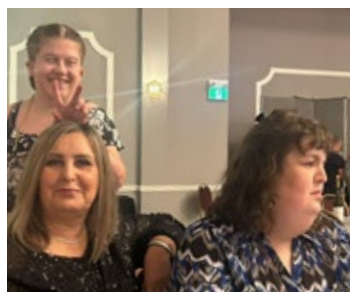




## Celebrating Another Year at the Annual Dinner Dance

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Luso Hamilton hosted its highly anticipated Annual Dinner Dance, drawing over 200 guests for an unforgettable evening that celebrated the Centre's impactful work throughout the year. The event was a tremendous success, both in terms of attendance and the generosity shown by the community. Thanks to the collective support of everyone involved, \$15,000 was raised to benefit the Day Program.

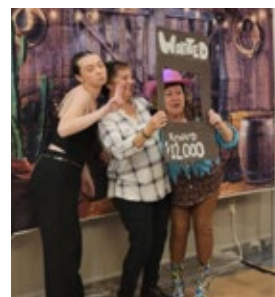
A heartfelt thank you to all those who contributed, including our sponsors: LiUNA! Local 837, 351 Imports, and Governo dos Açores. Their support made this special event possible.



## More Than 400 Ladies at the Amigas Dinner!

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the traditional and festive “Amigas” Dinner took place at the Michelangelo Events and Conference Centre, bringing together over 400 ladies for an unforgettable evening. The event was filled with solidarity, entertainment, delicious food, and wine, dancing, music, laughter, raffle prizes, and much more. Thanks to the support of the “Amigas das Malassadas” group of friends, this annual gathering raised over \$25,000 to support the Day Program at Luso Hamilton.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and supported the event, including all families, participants, volunteers, and staff. Special thanks to DJ Goodvibes for keeping the energy high with great music, and to our generous sponsors: Edson Packaging Machinery, Rose Pimenta-Martinho (Real Estate Agent), Ridgpoint Contracting, Roque Roofing, Roysun Contracting, and Target Drywall & Acoustics. Your support made this event a huge success!





# Day Program in Hamilton

Each day, our Luso Hamilton team works with purpose, heart, and creativity to deliver meaningful and enriching experiences for our participants, ensuring their needs and interests remain at the core of everything we do. Throughout the year, the Centre has continued to do what it does best: offer a balanced blend of engaging in-Centre activities and community outings that foster growth, inclusion, and joy.

Creative arts, cooking, baking, gardening, and animal-assisted therapy were among the most beloved activities, bringing fun, well-being, and opportunities to develop vital life skills. These hands-on experiences not only stimulate the senses but also build confidence, motor coordination, and self-expression. Out in the community, participants explore local spaces, volunteer at businesses, nursing homes, animal shelters, and engage with other key community partners. These outings create a powerful sense of purpose and connection, giving participants a chance to give back. Visits to farms, pet shelters, and ice cream shops have been especially popular, highlighting the simple joys of discovery, interaction, and shared experiences.

At Luso, participants are encouraged to express themselves, grow, and thrive. They come in each morning with smiles on their faces, and often leave reluctantly, already looking forward to tomorrow. That is the best feedback we can receive. In every moment, whether painting a canvas, planting a seed, sharing laughter with friends, or navigating new environments. Our participants are not just learning, they are living life to the fullest.





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