

# HOTT

HOTT News Flash  
Newsletter

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## O CANADA!

Hello,

Happy June everyone! We are so excited to be preparing to celebrate Canada Day.

It is an opportunity for us to take a step back and think about this amazing place, that we are blessed enough to call home.

Here at HOTT, many of our residents come from vulnerable situations including coming to Canada as refugees.

Canada Day is a time to acknowledge our wonderful country and all the people in it.

Today we would like to share one of their stories with you.

HOTT was able to house a refugee woman and her elderly mother in one of our units. They had come from a refugee camp in a war torn part of the world.

The rest of their family had been displaced across multiple refugee camps in surrounding countries. After finding stable housing with HOTT, they were able to begin the process of reuniting their family and the three children were then approved for refuge in Canada.

This brought three generations of family members together again. Once settled, they were able to access schooling, language training, employment services and health benefits.

They are now free to live their lives in a safe and supportive environment with HOTT and within the broader community.

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## YOU ARE INVITED!

Please join us at our first in-person celebration, we are so excited to get together and be with our community members again. Please come out and enjoy great food and even better company.

**LOCATION: CARROT COMMON (348 DANFORTH AVENUE)**

**DATE: SUNDAY AUGUST 21, 2022**

**TIME: 2:00PM-5:30PM**

Travel can be reimbursed for tenants and volunteers, please keep receipts and connect with a HOTT staff member. See you there!



## TD READY COMMITMENT

## THANK YOU, TD BANK!

We are delighted to announce that HOTT has been awarded a grant from TD Bank Group. This grant will fund a staff person for one-year who will focus on identifying the diverse needs of specific residents. This project will better position HOTT to secure permanent support funding to serve our residents in the future. Thank you, TD, for your generosity!



## QASSAM'S STORY

While living in Beirut, Qassem was involved in a severe car accident which resulted in him requiring multiple surgeries on his head and back. Upon arrival in Canada in 2013, Qassem received medical treatment in Toronto and was hospitalized for his first month in the country.

Following his hospitalization, Qassem lived in supportive housing for three months and was able to receive help from local agencies for newcomers.

Qassem became a HOTT resident early in 2014 and has since transferred from shared housing into his own unit. Qassem tells HOTT staff that that he feels very fortunate and appreciative to HOTT for the supportive role that they have played throughout his journey and as he settled into a new country.



## COMING SOON!

Stay tuned for more information for our fundraising walk happening in October!

This annual event is always a great way to bring our community together to celebrate this wonderful organization and our residents!

