

Who is involved?

There are more than 70,000 adults in Ontario with developmental disabilities. They are part of the fabric of our province. As of 2016, approximately 18,000 receive government-funded residential supports:

- ~**57%** are part of traditional Supported Group Living Residences or Intensive Support Residences
- ~**34%** are part of Supported Independent Living programs
- ~**9%** are currently part of **LifeShare (also known as host family)**

The Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) provides funding for services and supports for adults with developmental disabilities, including LifeShare.



OUTSIDE 1

What is a developmental or intellectual disability?

A developmental or intellectual disability:

- Is present at birth or develops before 18 years of age
- Affects areas of life such as language skills, learning abilities, the capacity to manage personal care and/or live independently
- Is likely life-long in nature
- Can affect the person's ability or skills to manage certain aspects of daily life.

People with a developmental disability can be athletes, artists, employees, advocates, community volunteers, neighbours and friends. They're an important part of the strength of our communities and province.

OUTSIDE 2



A PLACE IN YOUR HEART.
LifeShare
 A PLACE IN YOUR HOME.

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FRONT COVER

What is LifeShare?

Do you have a place in your heart, and a place in your home?

Through LifeShare, Ontario families and citizens (home providers) offer a nurturing and safe environment for adults with developmental disabilities (home sharers). Being a home provider means so much more than providing a room in your home.

You're giving someone with a developmental disability a place they can call home where they are supported, valued, accepted and can have a real sense of independence and belonging.



“Lucas has become an important part of our family.”

– Barbara

“I hardly remember what it's like for him not to live here.”

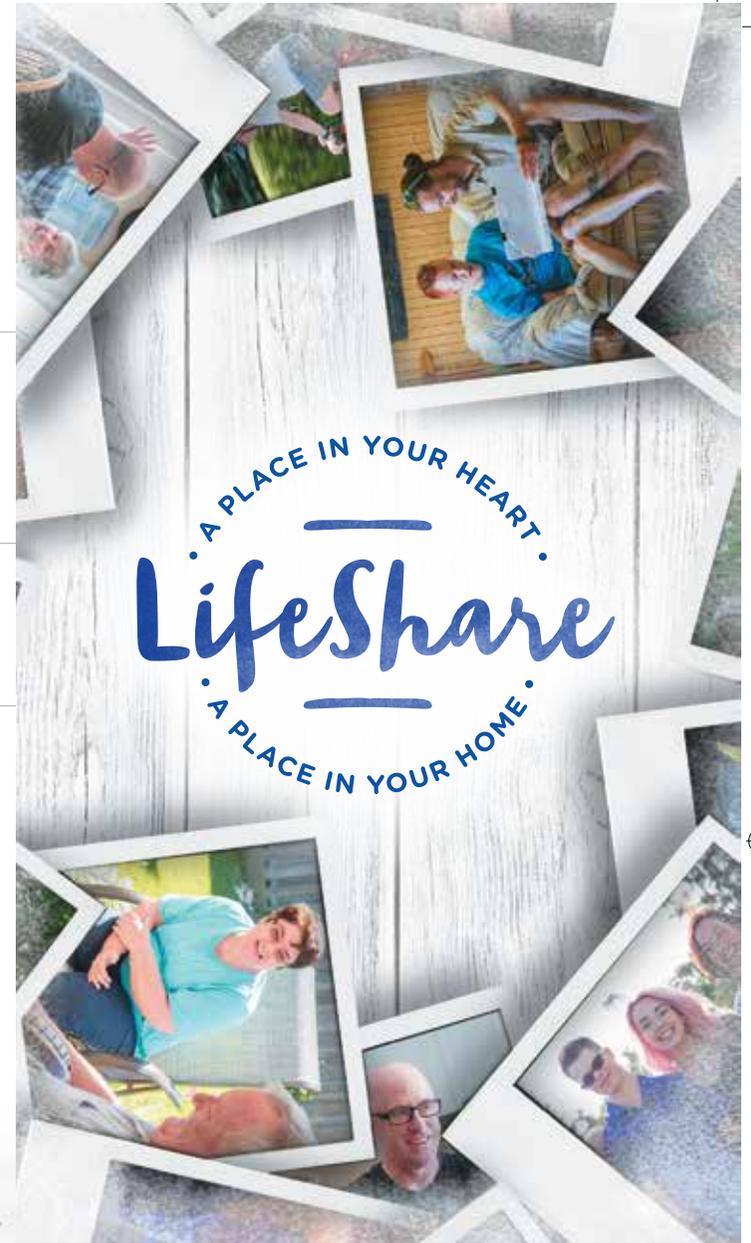
– Alayna

“It changes your life so much.”

– Kathy

“I don't think you have to be a pro. You just have to be a human being with a heart.”

– Dave



If you're ready to bring someone with a developmental disability into your heart and into your home, visit Ontario.ca/LifeShare to see if LifeShare is right for you.

Meet with a developmental services agency representative in your area to learn more.