

Community Partnership #4

<p><i>Partnership Title:</i> "Pursuing Hopes and Dreams", Persons with Disabilities and Employment Barriers</p>	<p><i>Partnership Type:</i> Persons with Disabilities</p>
<p><i>Description of Proposed Partnership:</i> Facilitate discussion between stakeholders and potential funders to understand issues and barriers faced by employable or potentially employable disabled persons and the agencies providing employment supports to this group. Develop action plans, identify partnership opportunities and establish milestones to gauge progress over a 2-3 year period.</p> <p><i>Origin of Partnership:</i> 2008 TOP Report – Trend: Marginalized Workforce, Issue #7, p. 17.</p>	
<p><i>Role of Local Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facilitate partnership, chair meetings. • bring partnership to consensus on shortlisted strategies and next steps. • reach out to the disabled community utilizing existing community networks such as the Durham Region Employment Network (DREN), municipal/regional accessibility committees, government-funded programs such as Ontario Disability Supports administered by MCSS, and others for input and exchange of ideas. • seek input from the business community and identify corporate "champions" to inform decisions and advance strategies. • document results of consultations and next steps. • formulate an external communications strategy. 	
<p><i>Projected Outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shortlist of strategies, potential funding sources and partners will be identified to advance each strategy. • a system will be implemented to track employment outcomes by December 31st, 2008. • periodic status reports will be issued summarizing issues, action plans and progress. 	
<p><i>Key Partners:</i> <i>Industry/Labour:</i> TBD. <i>Employment Agencies/Service Providers:</i> DREN and its 70+ member agencies; employed and unemployed clients with disabilities. <i>Government:</i> Ministry of Community and Social Services; Regional Municipality of Durham. <i>Media:</i> Metroland Publishing, CHEX TV, Rogers Cable.</p>	
<p><i>Projected Participation:</i> TBD.</p>	
<p><i>Projected Timelines:</i> July-December 2008.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">COMPLETED</p>	
<p><i>Potential Products:</i> Status reports.</p>	
<p><i>Status:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation meetings with Board members • Outline created for a one day forum • Partnering with DREN to update their one stop information portal web pages. • Event date: Wednesday, February 18th, 10:00-3:30, Whitby Centennial Building, 55 people in attendance • Partnership also included a complete revision and marketing strategy of the Durham Region Employment Network's (DREN) Ability Guide. DRLTB and DREN collaborated to develop an updated web guide and market this Guide to the business community, service providers, persons with disabilities and the medical community. • 1500 posters created to market DREN website – www.disabilitydoorway.com 	