

Community Partnership #5

<i>Partnership Title:</i> "Independent Women of the Future" Forum	<i>Partnership Type:</i> Women
<i>Description of Proposed Partnership:</i> Organize and host an all-day forum for women who have an employment goal but who are not in the labour force. The forum will feature local support networks and services for women, and include high profile presenters and volunteers who have successfully overcome multiple barriers. <i>Origin of Partnership: 2008 TOP Report – Trend: Marginalized Workforce, Issue #9, p. 18.</i>	
<i>Role of Local Board:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• handle all forum arrangements and logistics.• document work plan leading up to the event.• spearhead advertising and outreach efforts to attract women to the forum.• chair planning committee meetings recording decisions and next steps.• source speakers, workshop presenters and exhibitors.• fund venue, refreshments, speaker honoraria, forum supplies and incidental costs.	
<i>Projected Outcomes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 200 participants will attend the forum.• 20% of those in attendance will be registered with a service agency/provider within 90 days of the event and begin to follow an appropriate return to work action plan.	
<i>Key Partners:</i> <i>Education:</i> UOIT/Durham College, Durham District School Board. <i>Government:</i> Regional Municipality of Durham Social Services. <i>Community Services:</i> YWCA, "Let's Do Lunch" and other women's networks across the Durham Region. <i>Media:</i> Metroland Publishing; CHEX TV; Rogers Cable.	
<i>Projected Participation:</i> (see outcomes above)	
<i>Projected Timelines:</i> May-October 2008.	
<i>Potential Products:</i> One-day conference	
<i>Status:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• forum took place on October 8th, 2008 at Hilton Garden Inn in Ajax• 139 conference participants registered.• Planning committee met, November 27 to review event• Participants and those who did not attend were surveyed in December.	

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