

For Immediate Release: DEEN Support Services Opens First Home in GTA

DEEN Support Services is set to officially open its doors on Saturday May 14, 2016. MP Sven Spengemann, Minister Sousa, Associate Minister Damerla, Mayor Crombie and other dignitaries are expected to take part in the official ribbon-cutting.

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DEEN Support Services is a registered charity set to operate the Muneeba Centre out of a house on 1486 Southdown Road in Mississauga. MP Spengemann, Minister Sousa, Associate Minister Damerla and Mayor Crombie are among the dignitaries expected to attend to mark the occasion.

Many adults with developmental disabilities find themselves with nowhere to go and nothing to do after finishing school. They face a significant impact on their, and their caregivers', quality of life. DEEN, Disability Empowerment Equality Network, will fill a gap in the lives of many. "We intend to provide individuals and their caregivers a flexible and affordable program that responds to their diverse cultural and spiritual needs and life skills goals. The DEEN Day Program will operate extended hours supporting caregivers in a way that no program does at present. It will give caregivers the support they need to pursue training, education and jobs," states founder, Rabia Khedr.

"My sister graduated from the T. L. Kennedy School Program last June. My family and I are relieved that the Muneeba Centre is now opening and will be operating a day program that she can attend," comments Omar Mansour, DEEN Support Services Board Member.

After running a successful Sunday Activity Night Program for over 4 years supporting a number of young people, DEEN Support Services has their own first home in the GTA and will expand a number of programs identified by individuals with disabilities, their families and advocates.

DEEN is uniquely operated by a diverse group of individuals with disabilities, family members and allies. The organization's commitment to inclusion states that, "We believe that we as all human beings are unique and perfect as created. Our ability and disability experiences are a natural aspect of life. We have the right to make choices and take risks. We have the right to practice and experience our cultural and faith traditions. We have the right to be valued, respected and included in society and in our communities."

The open house will take place from 11:30 to 4:00 and the official ribbon-cutting will happen at 12:15.

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