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**Fife House puts its \$300,000 OTF grant to work**

**TORONTO, JUNE 22, 2011:** Fife House, Canada's largest provider of housing for men, women and families living with HIV/AIDS, has received a four-year, \$300,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The grant was received in October, 2010 and is being used to set up a peer network system that will enable the group to build on its training workshops, structure mentorship support, and offer learning opportunities for those living with HIV/AIDS who are part of Fife House programs and services.

"The services that Fife House provides are very important to the residents of Toronto Centre and across Toronto," said the Hon. Glen Murray, MPP for Toronto Centre. "This grant will allow Fife House to continue their great work and expand on the number of individuals that will be touched by their efforts."

Funds from the Foundation grant have enabled Fife House to hire a Peer Mentor and will help cover the salary for Peer Workers as well. New computer equipment is being purchased and information materials will be produced.

"This project will enhance the capacity building, leadership, and volunteer opportunities initially targeted within Fife House community programs, and also enhance the Homeless Outreach Program for people living with HIV/AIDS," said Keith Hambly, Executive Director of Fife House.

"We are excited about this because it allows us to create meaningful opportunities of engagement and involvement for our clients," Hambly added. "We are equally excited by the partnership opportunities for skills, training and capacity building this project will create with our AIDS Service Organization partners."

A leading grant-maker in Canada, the Ontario Trillium Foundation strengthens the capacity of the voluntary sector through investments in community-based initiatives. An agency of the Government of Ontario, OTF builds healthy and vibrant communities: [www.trilliumfoundation.org](http://www.trilliumfoundation.org)

**About Fife House**

Fife House is Canada's largest provider of supportive residential programming and housing services for people and families living with HIV/AIDS. It has 190 units serving 200 residents, and another 400 clients are supported each year in a homeless outreach program. It is estimated that the Greater Toronto Area has 18,000 people living with HIV/AIDS, and these are only those individuals who are aware of their status. This represents about 25 per cent of all the cases in Canada. Today Fife House provides 80 per cent of the supportive housing available to people living with HIV/AIDS in Toronto. Fife House operates four residences/programs that offer 24-hour support services through a network of qualified staff and volunteers. At any given time, residents/clients can call on these support services. For more information, go to: [www.fifehouse.org](http://www.fifehouse.org).

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