



House of Compassion

# COMPASSION CHRONICLES

HOUSE OF COMPASSION OF TORONTO

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*“Every morning I come to the kitchen and there are people who will listen to me and help me when I need it. It’s a pretty nice way to start the day.”*

- Resident of House of Compassion

It was once said that ‘Change Is the Law of Life’.

This certainly rings true for us here at House of Compassion as of late. Some changes have been challenging, like having to say goodbye to The Lucky Penny - a local corner store that supported the House for years and that so many of our residents adored. We’ve also witnessed the emergence and dismantling of homeless encampments in our neighbourhood park. These have been particularly challenging changes to observe as it is a clear testament to the need for more affordable and supportive housing in Toronto, and indeed across the country. Supportive housing models, like ours here at House of Compassion, must be replicated and resourced in order to ensure that everyone has a safe place to call home. Other changes that we’ve experienced recently, however, have been incredibly rewarding; our hearts continue to be warmed as we watch residents who have been separated by distance from their families finally able to reunite. We’ve also been able to welcome family and close friends back once again into our space for visits which has been wonderful. How we have missed you all!

Finally, in our own embracing of change, we say farewell to a long-time staff member and a resident care veteran here at House of Compassion, Salma Abdool, who is retiring after over two decades of service. We will miss Salma dearly and are so grateful for her incredible contributions to the House.



## Every Piece Tells A Story

Recently a group of residents began meeting together to make jewelry, share stories and connect with one another. What amazing talents and stories our residents have - and a wonderful reminder of what can happen at any given moment when surrounded by a positive and supportive community!



## THE DIFFERENCE YOU HAVE MADE

For the past 22 years Salma Abdool has been providing care and compassion to the residents of HOC as Resident Care Coordinator.

Following a student placement with House of Compassion while enrolled at George Brown College, Salma began working with House of Compassion as a full-time Care Coordinator in August 2000. Salma quickly became an integral member of our care team, bringing with her a passion for relationship development, engagement and fostering community.

Salma will be retiring from her role as Care Coordinator at House of Compassion on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Salma, we know this isn't goodbye but we will really miss seeing you here each day. You are so loved by staff and residents alike here at House of Compassion. We will miss your bright spirit, your amazing laugh, your love of fun, your incredible culinary skills and the way that you can always inspire others to find their own inner peace and happiness. We will never forget the difference that you have made here at House of Compassion. Thank you for everything that you have given to the House over 22 incredible years of service!

### Making A Donation To HOC

You can donate securely online to House of Compassion by visiting [www.hoc-toronto.com](http://www.hoc-toronto.com) and clicking 'Donate Now'. Online donations are processed through Canada Helps.

We are also able to accept cheques or cash at our Administrative office located at:

**169 Shaw Street  
Toronto, Ontario M6J 2W6**

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If you are interested in discussing estate planning please give us a call at:  
**416-536-2811**

or you can send us a message:  
[admin@hoc-toronto.com](mailto:admin@hoc-toronto.com)

All donations made to House of Compassion are provided with an official tax receipt.

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**"If there is a  
dilemma of your heart  
and you wonder  
where to start**

**The heart speaks  
a language unknown  
but you can learn to  
recognize the tone**

**Sighs are heard  
by the One above  
calling forth  
His love**

**And what He might  
have to say  
will help you to  
find your way**

**If apart your  
heart has been torn  
realize this  
your heart can be reborn"**

**- HOC Resident**



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