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MPP Kuldip Kular announces \$182,900 in OTF funding to assist parents

Ontario Trillium Foundation invests in 'Peace of Mind'

Peel Region - Big vision, big investment brought Peace of Mind to supporters and parents with children who have a disability today. At the Support & Trustee Advisory Services' AGM, MPP Kuldip Kular announced an Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grant of \$182,900 for the "Peace of Mind" project.

"I'm delighted that the Ontario Trillium Foundation has recognized the value of the important and essential work that Support and Trustee Advisory Services is providing to parents with a child who has a disability," said Dr. Kuldip S. Kular, MPP for Bramalea-Gore-Malton-Springdale. "This three-year grant supports an excellent initiative, which will have a lasting, positive impact for these families in our community."

Support & Trustee Advisory Services (STAS) will assist parents in beginning the planning process by informing them of the important choices they must make on behalf of their children who have a disability. Traditionally dependent on Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) payments, individuals who have a disability are penalized with reduced funding should they receive an inheritance from family members, which has not been set up with those support payments in mind.

"Parents must take the lead when it comes to future planning for their children who have a disability," said David Killins, President of the Board of Directors of STAS. "We are thrilled that the Ontario Trillium Foundation has endorsed our efforts with this \$182,900 funding and so generously supports the work we are committed to doing."

STAS is affiliated with Community Living Mississauga and Brampton Caledon Community Living, but can serve others who are receiving ODSP within the Peel Region. This service is offered in the form of parent information sessions, a user-friendly web site, brochures and fact sheets and a newsletter.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Culture, receives annually \$100 million of government funding generated through Ontario's charity casino initiative. The Foundation allocates grants to eligible charitable and not-for-profit organizations in the arts and culture, environment, human and social services, and sports and recreation sectors. For more information, visit www.trilliumfoundation.org.

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Dr. Kular presents STAS President of the Board Dave Killins with a certificate commemorating the Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant.