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Despite funding cuts,

BY KIM ENGLAND

Tropicana continues its community commitment

A small dedicated team assists many in need...

Counselling has been a core program for Tropicana since its inception 31 years ago. The department that was originally established to counsel high-school drop outs in a high-density Scarborough neighbourhood, today offers individual, family and group counselling, violence against women (VAW) services, transition and housing support (THS) services, settlement services and **START** for Life - an anger management program for adults.*

"We are very proud of the level of service provided today," says Cathy Providence, department manager. "The program started out with just one counsellor in 1980 and has flourished into a team of seven that assisted over 2,300 clients last year."

Due to a recent cut in funding, representing about 2 per cent of the agency's operating budget, the department will be losing one of

its dedicated settlement counsellors. But this has not put a damper on Providence's commitment to assisting newcomers: "It is unfortunate that this funding source for settlement services was cut, how-

"...through all your help and spiritual support I have found a job in my field, I am enjoying the Canadian living experience and I am happy...thank you"

- Helen Banis,
Settlement Client,
immigrated to Canada
in August 2010

ever, those clients will still be serviced by Tropicana," she says. "They will be absorbed into other programs and services offered by the agency, and still receive the

assistance they need. Helping newcomers acclimate themselves to the city is a part of our history; it's just what we do."

The Culturally Appropriate Counselling Program is based on the philosophy that any assistance should acknowledge and be sensitive to the socio-cultural background of the individual or family.

Services are provided at low or no cost

***START** - Success Through Aggression Replacement Training - is also available for youth.

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