

Toronto 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games Celebration to be part of Tropicana Centre of Excellence Grand Opening

New facility in Scarborough encourages community gears up for the 2015 Games

TORONTO, ON – September 26, 2014 - [Tropicana Community Services](#) unveiled its newly renovated Centre of Excellence on Friday September 26th. The 28,000 square foot building boasts a number of amenities including a computer lab, classrooms, counselling rooms and teaching kitchen. Serving an average of 20,000 clients in its former, much smaller, space, the agency is excited to introduce the community to its Centre of Excellence with its expanded capacity for program and service delivery.

“We are thrilled with our new home,” said Tropicana’s Executive Director, Sharon Shelton “in the past, one would have to travel quite a distance in order to take advantage of our various programs and services. With the new building and expanded space, we are able to better serve clients by offering elements of most of our programs under one roof.”

The Grand Opening will also include the launch of the Tropicana IGNITE Games, a 1-day athletic event for the community to celebrate and bring awareness of the Toronto 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games to Scarborough. As an official community partner of the 2015 Games, on Saturday September 27th, Tropicana’s IGNITE Games will feature sporting activities inspired by those featured in 2015 and made accessible for all ages and abilities.

The Pan Am Games are the world’s third largest international multi-sport Games. The 2015 Games will bring more than 11,000 athletes and officials from 41 countries and territories in Latin America, South America, the Caribbean, and North America to Toronto and 15 other municipalities throughout southern Ontario, along with an estimated 250,000 visitors.

Renovations on the space at 1385 Huntingwood Drive officially began in January 2013 and construction, at times, included more than 60 workers on site.

Tropicana now operates out of six separate sites across the city’s east end providing programs and services in areas such as counselling, employment services, daycare and youth development. Moving forward, elements of each programming area, with the exception of daycare, will be offered at the brand new Centre.

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About Tropicana Community Services

Established in 1980, Tropicana Community Services, a Toronto-based multi-service organization, provides all youth, newcomers, people of Black and Caribbean heritage and others in need with opportunities and alternatives that lead to success and positive life choices. Our mission is achieved through culturally appropriate programs such as counselling, child care, educational and employment services and youth development.

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