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### **Enhanced Infrastructure to Benefit Vulnerable Residents** *McGuinty Government Supporting Social Service Agencies, Creating Jobs*

NEWS

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Ontario is helping create about 450 jobs across the province by supporting infrastructure projects at local not-for-profit social service organizations.

In the riding of Essex, the province is providing \$215,000 to Community Living Essex County for four projects, allowing them to better serve vulnerable Ontarians, including children, youth, adults and their families.

This is part of a \$50 million investment over two years to support nearly 1,000 capital projects in communities across the province. These projects will include expansions and renovations that will improve accessibility, energy efficiency and health and safety at eligible social service properties.

Investing in infrastructure is a critical part of Ontario's plan to restore growth, save and create jobs in the short term, and build foundations for the future.

#### QUOTES

“By improving aging facilities and creating local jobs, this investment will go a long way in helping many of Ontario's most vulnerable children, youth and families.”

-Laurel Broten, Minister of Children and Youth Services

“The best way to improve Ontario's economy is to invest in our people and our communities. Improving the health and safety, accessibility and energy efficiency of social service agencies creates jobs — and most importantly — hope.”

-Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community and Social Services

“This investment will help local service providers improve their infrastructure to better support vulnerable Ontarians including children, youth and families within their communities. It will also create more jobs and boost economic growth.”

-**Bruce Crozier, MPP for Essex**

“This initiative will allow us to enhance how we support people in Essex County. We will be able to better serve vulnerable adults, children, youth and their families in safer and more efficient ways.”

- **Nancy Wallace-Gero, Executive Director, Community Living Essex County**



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### QUICK FACTS

- Investments in infrastructure projects at eligible social service facilities are part of the government's action plan to stimulate and restore economic growth.
- Work on these important projects (will start in early 2010 and) will be completed by March 31, 2011.

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