

## NEWS RELEASE

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*Clients and supporters of Luso Support Centre Peel join Fausto Gaudio, president and CEO of IC Savings (fifth from left) and branch manager AnaBela Taborda (to his right) to celebrate the opening of the IC Savings Rooftop Terrace.*

## Beautiful IC Savings Rooftop Terrace is a work of heart

**Toronto, ON, August 9, 2018** —The rooftop of Luso Support Centre Peel has been transformed into the IC Savings Rooftop Terrace, a spacious and tranquil area created for the centre’s clients, their families, caregivers and program staff. This accessible and safe outdoor environment is designed for socializing, physical activity and enjoying the simple pleasure of being outdoors with friends and family.

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“IC Savings has shown tremendous leadership and commitment within the Portuguese community and their support through *Fundo de Apoio IC Savings* will make a positive difference in the lives of the disabled,” said Jack Prazeres, Chair and President, Luso Canadian Charitable Society, at an evening reception marking the official opening of the terrace. “We thank *Fundo de Apoio IC Savings* for bringing this dream of ours to reality with their generous donation.”

The 4,500 square-foot outdoor space, made possible with a \$50,000 grant through *Fundo de Apoio IC Savings*, was the first project to be sponsored through the credit union’s community support fund which launched in September 2017.

“*Fundo de Apoio IC Savings* is one way that the credit union creates value for the benefit of its members and the communities that it serves,” said Frank S. Alvarez, Chair, Community Advisory Board. “On behalf of the 13,500 members of IC Savings, I share our pride in being able to support the clients, families and staff of Luso Support Centre Peel and the Luso Canadian Charitable Society. We are proud of this investment, knowing that the IC Savings Rooftop Terrace will be of lasting benefit and enjoyment to this community.”

After resurfacing the entire roof and installing decking throughout, the IC Savings Rooftop Terrace offers various zones that include beds of fresh herbs and garden vegetables for use in the life skills cooking program as well as raised planting beds to accommodate clients in wheelchairs. In addition, flowers will be planted and maintained by clients, providing them the therapeutic benefits of physical exercise and a serene environment for socializing. The completed garden terrace also incorporates decorative planters, walkways, shaded seating areas including a custom-made, wheelchair accessible picnic table, a covered BBQ area and a gazebo.

Operating out of 6245 Mississauga Road in Mississauga, the centre’s day program serves adults living with developmental and/or physical disabilities, as well as their families and caregivers.

### **About IC Savings**

IC Savings is a financial co-operative with seven branches in the Greater Toronto Area. It is Ontario’s 17th largest credit union by asset size, and aims to deliver a better banking experience to its members (customers) whether online, by mobile or in-branch. IC Savings has enabled many long-lasting and positive economic, social and cultural impacts in the communities where it operates, whether through donations, bursaries, scholarships or employee volunteerism. During the last ten years, the credit union and its charitable arm, the IC Savings Foundation, have contributed more than \$5 million to local projects and activities. To learn more, visit [www.icsavings.ca](http://www.icsavings.ca) or follow @ICSavings on Facebook and Twitter.

### **About *Fundo de Apoio IC Savings***

Launched by IC Savings in September 2017, *Fundo de Apoio IC Savings* seeks to invest in direct-impact, community-based services and programs in the Portuguese-Canadian community. Grants are awarded annually to registered charities and community groups that are focused on enhancing the Portuguese-Canadian footprint in the Greater Toronto Area.

### **About the Luso Canadian Charitable Society (LCCS)**

The Luso Canadian Charitable Society is a registered charity serving disabled persons and their families since 2002. With three well-equipped stand-alone facilities, LCCS supports families and persons living with physical and/or developmental disabilities in reaching their full potential. LCCS works in partnership with the broader community to provide access to information, resources and programs that facilitate independence, growth and integration. To learn more, visit [www.lusoccs.org](http://www.lusoccs.org) or follow @LusoCanadianCharitableSociety on Facebook.

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