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NEW PROGRAM FOR BANYAN:

HAMILTON, Ontario –Banyan Community Services is pleased to announce our Transitional Out of Home Program, a residence program for individuals 12 to 17 years of age in Hamilton, Ontario. A licensed Staff Model Home program under the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services, this residence program assists individuals or group of individuals in need of mental health or behavioural supports who are transitioning to long term or permanent residence.

Banyan’s CEO, Kim Ciavarella remarked, *“In September 2023 Banyan embarked on a journey to engage our community and Ministry leaders to help find solutions and shape the future of how to best meet the needs of those we serve in the Hamilton area. As a result of those discussions, we are pleased our new program helps to address the transitional support needs of 12-17 year olds. This program fosters hope and resiliency to those who face significant barriers and are otherwise unable to be supported in other settings. It is with thanks to Banyan’s Board of Directors that we stay the course towards our vision to be a transformational partner in the journey to build safe, inclusive and barrier free communities.”*

Banyan is a well-established and well-connected not-for-profit organization providing quality services to the youth justice, children, and seniors community support sectors since 1978. Banyan is committed to improving the mental, physical, and social well-being of at-risk populations in our service areas of Hamilton, Niagara, Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk, and Wellington.

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