



## *Season's Greetings*

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season to all the members of the Participation House Support Services family and friends.

The Season provides an opportunity for us all to pause, reflect, and celebrate the things we rightly cherish. It is a time when we as citizens, as families, and as communities turn our minds to what is really important, family, friendship, neighbourliness and home coming. At this time, we have an opportunity to renew our appreciation for these gifts – gifts which we hope will sustain us through the coming year.

At this time especially, those of us who are fortunate enough to have a joyous holiday, should be mindful of the need to reach out to others who, due to loss, illness, or financial circumstances, are going through a difficult time.

As the economy has contracted in recent times, many people are feeling the consequences in terms of employment or income. However, our economic condition does not, on its own, define who we are. We are a network of communities that are increasingly active in responding to our own needs and creating our own solutions.

There is much to be proud of and much to build on, as we prepare for the New Year – and look forward with hope and courage to realizing all the possibilities that it presents – opportunities to renew the founding idealism of citizenship of social solidarity of cohesion and shared culture where all belong and all are included.

May I wish all of you a very Happy and Peaceful Holiday Season and a New Year filled with promise, health, and fulfillment.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

*Brian J. Dunne*

