

AN EMERGING MARKET

People who have a disability live in every community!

The Facts:

15.9% of Canadians live with a disability

- This equals the combined populations of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.
- Represents the largest minority in the country.

In Ontario

- 15.9% equals 1.88 million Ontario citizens or 1 in 7
- The number of individuals with disabilities is expected to grow to 1 in 5 by the year 2020.

Disability crosses all boundaries

- Race and culture
- Religion
- Economic status and class

49% of adults who have a disability are unemployed

Disability has an economic impact

- A 2001 study by the Royal Bank showed people who have a disability had an annual income of \$25 billion.
- Maintaining people who have a disability on disability pensions cost Ontario taxpayers \$3.2 billion in 2009 and this is growing by 5% per year.
- Prime Minister Harper declared labour shortages as our #1 economic problem yet all these potential workers are out of the workforce

(Information provided by Rotary at Work)