

Check This Out!

2008 events were a success.

Volunteers recognized for their exceptional achievements.

Sass Road opens its doors to the community.



In this photo: Lu-Ann Cowell, Heather Wice, Steven Williams & Terri Anne Smith

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The Latest Word

BILL 77 – Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act, 2008

On September 30, 2008, Bill 77 was proclaimed. This article outlines the process Community Living Chatham-Kent has taken during the consultations and the end results. After carefully reviewing the proposed legislation across the province, several concerns surfaced and many presentations were made to the Standing Committee on Social Policy, including a presentation from Community Living Chatham-Kent. The following issues were those most frequently raised at the hearings regarding the proposed legislation.

1. The need to change the proposed structure for application centres as described in the legislation.
2. The need to include person-directed planning as a funded element of the Act.
3. Concern about entrenching waiting lists in the legislation.
4. The need for a preamble within the Act to provide a guiding framework.
5. The need to include provisions regarding and supporting the legal capacity

of people applying for funded support.

6. The need for an appeals mechanism.
7. Need for changes that allow unwarranted entry into residences.
8. Ensuring ability of families and individuals to hire qualified support workers.
9. Making provision in the Act to ensure that people do not have their homes picketed during labour actions.
10. Providing funding to groups to support advocacy and community development.
11. Ensuring mechanisms are in place to allow public input into Regulations to the Act.

The Standing Committee voted to make amendments in the following areas.

1. Changing the name of the legislation to *Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act, 2008*. We will refer to the Act as the Social Inclusion Act.
2. Application centres will now be defined as Application Entities and current processes may be adopted.
3. The funding decisions will not be made by the Application Entities but rather by what is being termed as Funding Entities.

4. The Act now includes a provision allowing for the funding of planning supports.
5. Changing references to services and supports.
6. While the waiting list remains in the Act, it must be made public.
7. The legislation retained the provision for entry into a residential location without a warrant, but was amended to require regulations to be developed to ensure the protection of the rights of individuals.
8. The legislation now includes a provision requiring agencies to have a complaint mechanism.
9. The Act makes provision for consultation on the regulations related to Bill 77.

While our agency still has concerns related to the legislation, we will be reviewing the proposed regulations and offering extensive input.

In the photos below from left to right:

- Ron Coristine, Shanon Tinline, Kirk Britton, Diann Van Basselaere
- Bryden Gillan, Janeka Berry, Phyllis Switzer
- Lu-Ann Cowell, Phyllis Switzer & Nana's Noisemakers
- Jackie Choudhry
- Michael Pritchard

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Message from the Executive Director



*Lu-Ann Cowell,
Executive Director*

Whenever I look back over a six-month time frame, I am always amazed at the incredible amount of work that has been completed by the employees of Community Living Chatham-Kent.

It was the summer of travel, as people who reside in 24-hour supported locations always seemed to be on the go.

Everything from renting cottages, boat cruises, and a variety of day trips was the norm – people taking part in their communities and beyond!

Major repairs were completed at Park Avenue and Riverview Drive during the summer shutdown. On October 22, 2008, we will be officially opening our new program site on Sass Road with an Open House.

Our summer program for teens was a huge success with a great variety of work options and recreational activities.

On September 18, 2008, I had the extreme privilege of seeing the Ridgetown AKTION Club under the Ridgetown Kiwanis

Club receive its charter. With the wonderful work of Pam Cochrane from Community Supports and Garry Guyitt of the Ridgetown Kiwanis, the members of the AKTION Club are truly contributing citizens of Ridgetown.

Our vision of Discovering dreams . . . Connecting lives came to fruition in so many areas.

Thank you to the employees of Community Living Chatham-Kent who make this vision a reality!

Lu-Ann Cowell, Executive Director

My Sister Alyson

Sisters: We love each other, we hate each other, we fight, we hug, we argue and we stick up for one another.

Honorable judges, teachers and students, my name is Kaitlyn and today I would like to talk to you about my sister Alyson.

Alyson is a 15 year old girl with blue eyes, light brown hair and she's in grade nine at the Pines. Her favorite pastimes are listening to music, shopping and spending time with her friends. She loves going to concerts and her favorite restaurant is East Side Mario's. My sister Alyson also has cerebral palsy.

Cerebral Palsy is caused from damage to the brain at or shortly after birth. The condition causes her to not have control of her muscles and they sometimes become stiff or floppy. Cerebral palsy also affects her balance and coordination. Both her arms and legs are affected therefore my sister uses a wheelchair. Alyson is also deafblind. This does not mean that she is totally deaf and totally blind but that she has some difficulties with both of those senses.

Each day, my sister's intervener Maeghan comes to our house and helps Alyson do some work, do her exercises and helps her with other stuff that she needs. An intervener is the person that is the connection between people that are deafblind and the world around them. Even with Alyson's disabilities, she is just like us! With help, Alyson does activities like: playing the Wii, playing baseball, dance, swim, walk and play.

My sister Alyson does not use words to communicate but she understands everything that is said and she can answer yes and no with switches that are mounted in the headrest of her wheelchair. She also has some sign language that she uses to communicate things such as I'm finished, I want more and I need to go to the bathroom. Anyone can have a full conversation with my sister but they need to take the necessary time to do so. Often, I have to remind the adults around us that Alyson is capable of making her own decisions and choices!

I think Alyson is even lucky sometimes because there are some things that she gets to do that we don't. Every summer, she goes to Easter Seals camp with her intervener for 10 days. This camp is only for children with physical disabilities. I would love to go to this camp because it is so cool and it has some awesome things like a bungee swing that Alyson loves and that I wish I could try. Also, if we ever go to Disney world, there is no waiting in line at the rides for Alyson because people that use wheelchairs get to go on without any waiting!

I hope that you have learned a few things from me today. Please remember that if you ever meet someone that uses a wheelchair or has some form of disability, take the time to get to know them. Do not judge them or assume what they can or can't do or understand. We all need help with some things on a daily basis, it's just that some people require a little more help than others!

I love my sister. She is the best sister in the world- exactly the way she is!

Story submitted by: Kaitlyn Smoke, 10 years old



Sass Road Opens Its Doors

On Wednesday, October 22, Community Living Chatham-Kent hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house to celebrate its new addition to the agency – Sass Road.

Community Living Chatham-Kent believes in all people being part of their community and having access to the community. To meet the growing needs of our community and those which we support, Sass Road will accommodate up to 50 people who have an intellectual disability and

choose to participate in our program which offers meaningful and achievable day supports and work options. The space has large direct care facilities to accommodate a wide spectrum of needs.

Over 200 people came out to support the grand opening, with tours and treats provided by Community Living staff and volunteers.

Family, friends and community partners, including Mayor Randy Hope and Dave Van Kesteren, MP, Chatham-Kent Essex, were

present. We would like to thank all of our Sass Road sponsors, without them the project would not have been achievable. (For a complete list of donors see page 4 of this newsletter or visit www.clc-k.ca.) Thank you everyone for your support and generosity!

Opportunities are still available. Become a Community Partner for Sass Road! Put your name on a room – find out how.

For information on how you can be involved, call Heather Rall at 519.352.1174, extension 232, or



In this photo: (front) Dave Van Kesteren, MP, Chatham-Kent Essex; Randy Hope, Mayor Chatham-Ken; Elizabeth Devereaux, Sass Road Program Participant; Lu-Ann Cowell, Executive Director, Community Living Chatham-Kent; (back) Brad Verfaillie, Property Manager, Community Living Chatham-Kent; Stephen Mawdsley, Architect, SJMA; Paul Mayrand, President, Thames Communications Ltd.

2008 Events Were A Success!

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who has participated in one or more of our 2008 events. We have exceeded our expectations on many of the campaigns held thus far. To highlight some of the achievements...

The Everybody "Twonie" Campaign: This year with the help of 57 families, we were able to raise \$7,200. The participation rate increased significantly from 12 families in 2007 and

dollars raised increased by 57 per cent. Job well done!

2008 Swing Fore Community Living:

This year's annual charity golf tournament was a fun filled day of sunshine and smiles. We had 125 participants come out to play and bid away on various auction items and draws. With their help we were able to raise \$15,000 for Community Living programs and services. Fantastic!

Friends Helping Friends – 2008 Walk and Ride:

Go teams go! This year's event was a blast with 13 teams walking or riding the route. Over 125 individuals raised close to \$9,000 in pledges. A number of prizes were awarded for their efforts. The winner's circle included: Joanne Gilbert, Wayne Bachynski, Kevin Williamson, Marleah Burnett and the Parkfield Power Team. We look forward to next year's walk!

For information on how to host or get involved in **Events and Fundraising Campaigns**, please contact:

Heather Rall
Manager, Community Relations and Development
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Upcoming Events – 2008/2009

October – November 2008	Operation Christmas Child	May 2009	Flag Raising Ceremony
November 19, 2008	Christmas Concert at the Pines	May 2009	CLC-K Charity Fashion Show
November 21, 2008	Community Christmas Concert	May 11-15, 2009	Community Living Colours (Art Show)
December 16, 2008	Community Supports Christmas Party	May 22-24, 2009	CLC-K Booth at RetroFest
February 2009	CNIB Annual Crocus Sale	June 6, 2009	12 th Annual Charity Golf Tournament
April 1-30, 2009	Everybody Campaign	June 11, 2009	AGM / Volunteer Appreciation Night
May 2009	Community Living Month	July 18, 2009	CLC-K Community Festival

To learn more about Community Living Chatham-Kent events, fundraising and how you can participate, visit www.clc-k.ca or call 519.352.1174.



Let's go "green" together – Sign up today to receive your copy of *Community Connections* by e-mail.



We'll save on print, paper and postage, not to mention saving a tree or two.

Simply e-mail connections-subscribe@clc-k.ca to sign up!

For a complete list of our community partners, in-memoriam gifts, and donors, please visit www.clc-k.ca

Community Living Memberships

Become a member of Community Living Chatham-Kent. A single or family membership is still \$10 for the year – quite a bargain in these days of rising costs!

CLC-K Membership 2008 – 2009
Name(s):
Address:
City/Postal Code:
Telephone:
E-mail:
Please indicate if Single Membership or Family Membership:
If a family membership has been chosen, please give the names of people over the age of 18 residing at your address:



Help us save some mailing costs by completing the application above and sending it along with your payment to Community Living Chatham-Kent (address noted on last page of this newsletter).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

AKTION NOW!

September 2008

On Thursday, September 18, 2008, with the support of Pam Cochran of Community Living Chatham-Kent and Garry Guyitt of the Ridgetown Kiwanis were pleased to witness the Ridgetown Aktion Club receive its Kiwanis Charter.

The people who we support in Ridgetown are thrilled to be part of such an illustrious group. In fact they have already had their first fundraiser.

Congratulations to Pam and all the members of the Ridgetown Kiwanis Aktion Club!

Want more info?

For further information on the Aktion Club and how you too can become involved, please contact Pam Cochran at 519.351.0460 or pcochran@clc-k.ca.

Thanking Our Community Partners, Family & Friends

Sass Road Sponsors

Thank you to all of our sponsors, friends and family of the Sass Road Project – we couldn't have done it without you!

- ARC Service Club
- Tom and Stella Bird
- Chatham-Kent Poor Boy Luncheon
- Community Partnership Fund
- Inergy Automotive Services
- Kiwanis Club Chatham-Kent Golden K
- Maple City Office Equipment Ltd.
- Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary (Branch 324)
- Ruth Darby
- Thames Communication
- The Belanger Family
- The Lesperance Family
- The Sinclair Family

2008 Swing Fore Community Living

Gold Sponsors



Eagle Sponsors



For complete sponsor list for this event – visit our web site www.clc-k.ca.

2008 Grants

- Community Partnership Fund
- The Harry E. Foster Foundation
- JP Bickell Foundation
- Kiwanis Club Chatham-Kent Golden K

We are fortunate to have community partners and friends who support the community and its citizens.

Once again, thank you for being so kind.

Would you like to become a CLC-K Community Partner?

To learn how you and/or company can participate, call Heather Rall at **519.352.1174** or visit www.clc-k.ca



Support Community Living Chatham-Kent

Monthly Giving Plan

Join with others and support Community Living Chatham-Kent with monthly donations. It's easy. Call us today and become a monthly donor (see below).

Employee Payroll Donors

Thank you to the employees of Community Living Chatham-Kent who have signed up as Payroll Donors. We certainly appreciate your commitment to the agency. Anyone wishing to join up can do so by calling Angela Andersch at (519) 352-1174 extension 240.

A Gift for the Future

Gifts for the Future is a planned giving program to ensure that Community Living

Chatham-Kent will be there, ready and able to respond to the needs of people who have an intellectual disability.

Planned gifts are carefully considered and legally documented plans designed to provide a meaningful gift to a charitable organization like Community Living Chatham-Kent. Planned gifts are usually arranged now and received by the charity in the future. Gifts can include a bequest in your will, life insurance policy, or charitable gift annuity. Not only do these contributions provide a gift to Community Living Chatham-Kent, they are also a source of tax reduction.

Providing a planned gift not only helps meet the many needs of people who have an

intellectual disability and their families today, but those of tomorrow. The needs of Community Living Chatham-Kent are assessed annually, and an unrestricted donation can be used where it is needed most. If you choose, your gift can be designated for a specific area of Community Living Chatham-Kent.

All gifts to the agency are significant and can make a difference in the lives of people who have an intellectual disability. There are many ways that you can make a "Gift for the Future." Community Living Chatham-Kent strongly advises you to consult with your lawyer or tax advisor before making any financial decisions.



On-Line Donations

Community Living Chatham-Kent is now able to process donations over the internet. Log on to www.clc-k.ca and click on the "Donate Now" icon.

It makes it even easier than ever to donate to Community Living and support the important services we offer.

For further information on ways you may give, call 519.352.1174 or visit www.clc-k.ca

Monthly Giving Plan

By giving a small donation to Community Living Chatham-Kent, you can spread your gift over a series of months. This may be easier on your budget. Also, it saves paper as we will receipt you annually, *PLUS!* it ensures that more of your donation goes to help children and adults who have an intellectual disability.

There are two ways to join: Through your bank account, or by credit card.

I would like to make a monthly gift of: \$50 \$20 \$10
 Other _____

1. OPTION ONE

I authorize Community Living Chatham-Kent to withdraw the donation indicated above from my bank account each month. I've enclosed a cheque marked "VOID".

Signature _____

2. OPTION TWO

I authorize Community Living Chatham-Kent to charge the donation indicated above to my credit card each month.

Here's my credit card information

Card # _____ Expiry date _____

VISA MASTERCARD Telephone _____

Name on Card _____ Signature _____

Annual Donation

Instead of our monthly donation plan, you may wish to give a donation as one annual amount. This may be the perfect option for you and your budget. Simply fill out the details below and submit to Community Living Chatham-Kent (address on the back of this newsletter.)

I/we wish to donate to Community Living Chatham-Kent:

\$1000 \$500 \$200 \$100 \$50 \$20

Other Amount: _____

1. DONOR INFORMATION

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

2. PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please make cheque or money order payable to: Community Living Chatham-Kent, PO Box 967, Chatham ON N7M 5L3

Or payment by credit card: VISA MASTERCARD

Card # _____ Expiry date _____

Name on Card _____ Signature _____





Doing Good Better

Pizza Party [Summer 2008]

A group of participants from our Riverview Day Program enjoyed a fun filled morning at Pizza Pizza. They got to make their own pizza for their lunch. Treat bags were also provided to the participants courtesy of Pizza Pizza.

A great big thank you goes to Paul, Rob and Dave who taught us all the tricks of the pizza-making trade.

Story submitted by: Lisa Rigby, Dawn Caughy and Margaret Goulet – Riverview Day Program



RON'S QUOTE COLUMN...

Don't ask of your friends what yourself can do.
Quentine Ennius

A company is known by the people it keeps.
Author Unknown

Skating on thin ice is better than skating on no ice at all.
John Shanghan

To feel valued, to know if only once in a while, that you can do a job well is an absolutely marvelous feeling.
Barbara Walters

An inch of progress is worth more than a yard of complaint.
Booker T. Washington



Pitch-N-Canada Week [Summer 2008]

Several of the individuals involved in the Riverview Day Program participated in cleaning up the Henry Smyth Park and Pathway. Everyone enjoyed giving back to the community in a group effort to keep it clean. Each individual received a certificate to recognize his/her achievements. A tip of the CLC-K hat goes to all of you for a job well done. You should be most proud of your accomplishments.

Story submitted by: Margaret Goulet – Riverview Day Program

Florida Road Trip [March 2008]

With March break approaching and everyone going on vacation, it was mentioned that Maurice and Vaughn would love to go to Florida for the week. This was an idea that Stacey and Natalie never imagined would happen, little did they know it could become reality. On March 20, 2008 the foursome packed the van and drive to Florida. We left early in the morning and drove all day, stopping overnight then heading to Florida the next morning.



This was the first time Vaughn and Maurice had stayed in a motel overnight and thankfully they enjoyed it since we did have seven more nights of sleeping in a different bed ahead of us. We stayed at Lake Buena Vista Resort Villages and Spa in Orlando, Florida, only a ten minute drive to Disney. Once there, we went to Disney's Magic Kingdom, where dreams really do come true. It was truly magical. We returned to the Magic Kingdom at night for a wonderful Spectro Magic Parade. The floats were so bright and animated; it was a thrill to see. The next day we left for Animal Kingdom, but by the end of the day ended up in Africa on a Safari. What an experience!! We met Mickey and Minnie Mouse and watched an amazing live performance of The Lion King. We left Disney World with a variety of souvenirs to enjoy and share with everyone when we came home. Vaughn and Maurice both bought new hats which they both would not take off.

We lounged in the sun and swam in a nice warm pool then enjoyed a day of shopping and sightseeing in the warm weather. Everyone enjoyed themselves during our fun-filled days but loved the thought of bed by night's end. Maurice was ready to go everyday with his coat, hat, shoes and sunglasses standing by the door before everyone else was ready to leave. The smile on Maurice's face did not subside the entire trip, his eyes lit up at the new sights and sounds that surrounded him. Vaughn also had a smile for the entire week that was worth more than a thousand words. We returned home on March 27th to fresh falling snow. The thought to turn around and go back where we came from crossed our minds but quickly left once we realized it was 24 hours away. The snow was a nice step back to reality. This was an experience of a lifetime for Vaughn and Maurice, one in which they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Story submitted by: Natalie Stevenson and Stacey Drummond – Stirling Lane

Do you have a
"Doing Good
Better"
story to tell?



Please submit your articles and stories to Ron Cristine at cristine@clc-k.ca



Volunteer Update

The **Volunteer Appreciation Fun Night** was held on June 12, 2008 at Ursuline College, Chatham. Congratulations to Kirk Britton, the recipient of the Joan Olive Risdon Memorial Award of Distinction for his generous volunteer efforts. CLC-K kudos goes to Rose Barko, Catharine Bos, Brian Kelly, Carol M^cMahon, Kristine Wood, Jane Wright and Brian Wright for their outstanding volunteer contributions. Special thanks to Chris Gutteridge, Jerry Mihoren, Alana Peterson and the students at UCC as well as to Deb Bishop, Corrine Cozabon, Cherie Coristine, Megan Lambreadt and Ryan Weaver for your help. A note of highest appreciation goes to Crystal Gage who had the venue alive with music. Special appreciation also goes to Heather Rall for an exciting picture slide show and to Phyllis Switzer for the outstanding decorations. Thank you to our event sponsors, First Student Canada and Burger King. The evening was a success – **thank you for lending a hand!**

Upcoming Volunteer Positions

Weekly: Adult Literacy classes take place throughout the school calendar every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Volunteers are needed to assist people who have an intellectual disability. Times are flexible to fit with your schedule. Even if you are only able to volunteer for ½ day your assistance to help in upgrading basic reading, writing, math, and computer skills is valued by the people we support.

November 10-22, 2008: Community Living supports Operation Christmas Child project of Samaritan's Purse. This humanitarian outreach supplies Christmas in a shoebox to millions of children in third world countries. The drop off location is Thames Christian Fellowship, 400 Park Avenue East in Chatham. There is an urgent need for volunteers to pack the boxes during the week of November 17-22, 2008. Various hours are available. Check out the project's website to see how important this is to the children at www.samaritanspurse.ca.

Bingo Days: We are fortunate to receive monthly proceeds from Charity Bingos. It is very important for us to have three volunteers in addition to one staff member for each Bingo. If you are able to assist, our next bingo dates are Friday, November 7 and Tuesday, December 30. All of our bingos are during the day and occur at 9:30am, 10:30am and 1:00pm



Become a Volunteer! Sign Up Today! – Call Phyllis Switzer at 519.352.1174, Extension 231

Picture This ● ● ●

Welcome to our Community Living Chatham-Kent "photo album".

Should you wish to submit a picture or even a story for Community Connections, please e-mail Heather Rall, Manager of Community Relations and Development at hrall@clc-k.ca.

2008 SWING FORE COMMUNITY LIVING



In this Photo: Barb Hill and Gordon Hill



In this Photo: Ron Coristine, Angie Andersch & Kirk Britton



In this Photo: Todd Mardling, John Henderson, Randy Renaud & Cheryl Caron



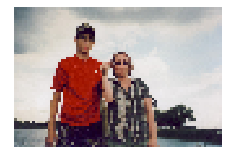
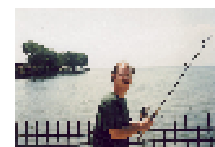
In this Photo: Gayle McLandress, Jim McLandress, Donna Skinner & Ray Jacob

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS – 2008 WALK & RIDE

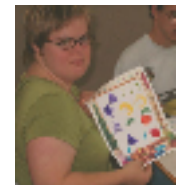


In these Photos: Lu-Ann Cowell, Brad Verfaillie (left), Diann Van Basselaere, Susan Van Basselaere (centre), Team – Queen Street (right)

SUMMER FUN



In these Photos: Phillip Sterling & Angie Beaulieu (left), Donald Nash (centre), Mark Scruton & Melissa Pavliscak (right)



In these Photos: J.P. Aarts (left), Tony Carrington, Russell Murray, Ryan Weaver (centre), Shayna Bossey (right)

Community Connections is published to keep donors, community partners, volunteers and those involved with Community Living Chatham-Kent informed of events and activities. If you have anything to contribute or questions, please call Heather Rall at 519.352.1174, ext. 232.

If you are receiving more than one newsletter, please let us know and we will make the correction. Thank you!



Volunteer Spotlight



In this Photo: Mrs. Barichello

On September 29, 2008, the world lost a wonderful person and Community Living lost a wonderful friend. Charlotte Barichello ("Mrs. B.") became involved with Community Living Chatham-Kent when her daughter moved here from Brantford. Mrs. B. jumped in with both feet, decorating her daughter's home, fundraising and volunteering for any job! An avid golfer, Mrs. B. always had a team or two at the annual golf tournament.

When her much loved daughter passed away, Mrs. B. turned her grief into doing more for people who have an intellectual disability. She set up the Dina Barichello Memorial Fund and annually, the interest generated from that fund has provided Christmas parties, warm clothing and many needed articles for persons who live independently.

Always eager to help, Charlotte was our friend and she taught us so many lessons – to be tolerant and patient; to look at tragedy right in the eye and be a better person for it. She taught us that a twinkle in your eye and a little giggle could brighten any day and she taught us to always take time to help others. We will miss everything about her, but we will never forget the life lessons she gave us and the fact that we are all better people as a result of having her in our lives. Our deepest sympathies are extended to her daughter, Valerie, and her family. Godspeed, Mrs. B., and thank you!

A TRIBUTE

Donations, Donations, Donations!

A tip of the Community Living Chatham-Kent hat to our faithful donors Jack and Donna Cowell.

The people who receive support from CLC-K have benefitted from hockey game tickets, show tickets, Christmas decorations and even tomatoes thanks to the generosity of Donna and Jack.

Our services have also benefitted through many monetary donations they have made.

Thank you so much for your giving spirit!

Donations made in Memory of...

We would like to recognize and honor those that have passed, and express a special thank you to our donors who made a contribution to Community Living Chatham-Kent in memory of a friend, family member, or loved one.

March 2008 – September 2008

Bailey, Larry
Barichello, Charlotte
Barichello, Dina
Bedosti, Bruno
Belanger, Glorianna
Bernard, Claude
Chandler, Claudine
Christian, Bill
Clements, Henry

Cowell, Paul
Cowell, Sarah Bailey
Durnin, Larry
Foster, Duncan
Hammer, George
Lesperance, James
MacDonald, Audrey
Maryschak Sr., Peter
Myslik, Frank

Ripley, Betty
Rumble, Edith
Smith, Andy
Vanderivier, Clara
Verkaik, Agnes
Westerberg, Grace
Whalls, Robert

Should a name have appeared above but was missed, please accept our sincere apologies. Please let us know (at 519.352.1174, extension 240) and we will ensure that it is included in our next edition.

For a complete list of our community partners, in-memoriam gifts, and donors, please visit www.clc-k.ca

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**Discovering Dreams,
Connecting Lives**



About Our Organization

Community Living

Chatham-Kent is a not-for-profit charitable organization.

In 1955, the agency was started by volunteers and parents of people who have an intellectual disability who wanted to see their loved ones living in and contributing to the life of the community.

Facts about Community Living Chatham-Kent

- Supports over 350 people and their families in Chatham-Kent
- Services are person-centered and based on individual needs
- Employs more than 230 people
- 90% of funding comes from the Provincial Ministry of Community and Social Services
- 10% of funding comes from fundraising, fees and sheltered employment revenue
- Community Living has developed partnerships with all levels of government, businesses, social service agencies, volunteers, education, health, and the public