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You will find Phillip at the Sass Road Day Program every Friday morning where he plays songs that are uplifting and therapeutic using mostly guitar but sometimes piano.

When asked why he volunteers he said because he wants to share his gift of music, especially with people who really appreciate it. "I love people and it warms my heart to see them really enjoying the music" says Phillip.

Phillip got his start in music from his mother who was the choir director at their church. He grew up singing in church and playing piano and later, the guitar. He also plays music in restaurants and bars around town and has his own band "The Grave Misunderstanding.

When he's not playing music, he's working at YA Canada or reading.

**Community Living Chatham-Kent's
Annual Walkathon
Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011**



**Registration 4:30 p.m.
Official Start Time - 5:30 p.m.**

Team up with family and friends!

Information packages and pledge forms will be available by August 1 at our Administration office, 650 Riverview Drive, at all program locations and on the website www.clc-k.ca

All proceeds go directly to support and services for people who have an intellectual disability in Chatham-Kent.



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Congratulations Dorothy Cook, previous winner of the e-subscription draw-for Breakfast for 2 at the Parkfield

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Message from the Executive Director



Lu-Ann Cowell,
Executive Director

Community Living Chatham–Kent has had a very busy spring and summer.

We had a very successful Community Living month in May. Several community based events were held that not only highlighted the work of the agency but also the contributions and talents of persons who receive support. I would like to send out my sincere appreciation to donors, volunteers, families, individuals and staff who gave their time and resources to make these events a huge success!!

On June 23, 2011, Community Living Chatham–Kent along with Christian Horizons, Community Living Wallaceburg and St. Francis Advocates held a forum to explain the Single Point of Access process for persons over the age of 18 who have an intellectual disability. Chris Symons from the Community Services Coordination Network in London – future Developmental Services Ontario Southwest Region site – gave the very informative presentation. The new process, for applying for services, will commence on July 1/11. To access additional information on this change, please visit the web site

at www.cscn.on.ca. If you would like to receive the newsletter from the Developmental Services Ontario – Southwest Region please send an email to DSOSWRegion@cscn.on.ca.

During the spring we “rebranded” our supported employment program calling it **JOBWORX**. This new marketing will increase our profile and hopefully access to future employers to work with to obtain jobs for individuals we support. In addition we have been featured in the provincial Rotary Works program.

A huge congratulation is extended to the **RESPECT Tour!** The Tour was honored with a provincial award at the Community Living Ontario conference. The James Montgomerie Award is given to a group that exemplifies creative inclusion within their community. Ron Coristine Sr. and the entire cast and crew worked so hard to deliver the program in 54 schools throughout Chatham – Kent and Lambton County.

I know that the staff of Community Living Chatham–Kent has planned a multitude of fun events for people to enjoy over the summer months. Lots of fun, trips and social events will be the order of the summer for people who receive supports. As always I thank the employees for ensuring that people have a great quality of life. Have a great summer!

Announcing . . .

COMMUNITY LIVING CHATHAM-KENT BOARD OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2011 - 2012

PRESIDENT *	Mr. Gordon Crompton
PAST PRESIDENT *	Mr. Stephen Andari
VICE PRESIDENTS *	Mrs. Dorothy Cook Mrs. Linda Goldsmith Mr. Brian Wright
ELECTED MEMBERS	Ms. Darlene Clarke Dr. Derek Jane Mr. Derek Robertson Mrs. Jann Parry Wickett Ms. Erin K. Ryan
APPOINTED MEMBER	Mr. Robert Birnie
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Mrs. Lu-Ann Cowell

* EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Stephen Andari has served on the Board since 2005, and over the years he has served as an elected member, and held the offices of Vice President and President. He has graciously agreed to stay on the Board in the appointed position of Past President.

Thank you Stephen for your hard work and dedication over the years as you led our Board through decisions and plans for the future.

Gord Crompton has been a Board Member since 2006, initially as an elected member, then as Vice President. Gord has agreed to fill the position of Board President. Gord brings a wealth of knowledge from his past experiences with his career and the Coordinated Access to Developmental Services Committee and his years on Community Living Chatham-Kent’s Board of Directors.

Thank you Gord for taking on this responsibility and sharing your time and knowledge.

Yeny Romero - Sadly, Yeny Romero will be leaving our Board of Directors this year. Yeny has served on our board for the past two years and has been wonderful to work with.

Thank you Yeny for sharing your time and knowledge and our best wishes go out to you in all of your future ventures.

Derek Robertson was born and raised in Chatham-Kent and currently serves in the role of Vice President, Select Core Ltd. Derek obtained his degree from the University of Windsor and currently resides in Chatham with his wife Denise and his two children.

He was Past President of the Chatham-Kent YMCA Board of Directors and Past Vice-President, Finance of the Chatham-Kent YMCA Board of Directors. In the past years, Derek was active on the Board for the Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce and Chatham-Kent United Way. Derek served as an Assistant in the House of Commons to the Hon. Herb Gray, MP, and Solicitor General of Canada and a Legislative Aide to Shaughnessy Cohen, MP and Chairperson to the Standing Committee of Justice and Legal Affairs.



Respect Tour Awarded The James Montgomerie Community Award

Kevin Sinclair is very proud of the award given to Community Living Chatham-Kent's RESPECT Tour. He was one of 6 cast members who travelled to Niagara Falls in early June to receive the James Montgomerie Community Award at Community Living Ontario's 58th Annual General Conference.

Kevin really enjoyed the trip. As well as attending the awards ceremony, he loved seeing the falls lit up at night and all the people. He came home with two t-shirts, a hat, and a calendar as a reminder of the trip. This trip has given Kevin the "travel bug" and he is now saving up to go to a NASCAR race in Michigan in the future.

Kevin likes to keep busy and loved being a part of the RESPECT Tour cast, especially his part as the cow in the Blacklight group. He works at Kitts Automotive one day a week cleaning, is a member of the Chatham Aktion Club, has been involved in the Special Olympics and volunteers wherever he can with events such as Ribfest.

The RESPECT Tour is a variety show including song, dance, puppets and narration that visits local schools teaching the anti-bullying message "bullying is the issue, respect is the solution". The RESPECT Tour is primarily made up of individuals who have an intellectual disability.

The RESPECT Tour was awarded this honour because of its impact on the community addressing the important issue of bullying while promoting a positive perception of the abilities of individuals who have an intellectual disability.

Kevin has been a cast member since April 2010 when the RESPECT Tour was launched. He has gained a lot of self-confidence being a part of the cast and his contagious smile and willingness to do whatever it takes has been a great asset to the cast.



Kevin Sinclair with award

Other cast members (L-R): Kat Rogers, Lindsay Pryor, Jane Hiday, Saaj Banga, Steven Williams and Kevin Sinclair



Riverview Day Program Celebrates Clean Air Day

On Wednesday, June 8th, five participants from the Riverview Day Program along with a support staff took advantage of the free rides being offered by Chatham Transit in celebration of Clean Air Day and travelled downtown. They first stopped at the Civic Centre where Counselor Derek Robertson gave them a tour of the Mayor's office and Council Chambers. They were shown the many gifts the mayor has received from different countries and told that the mayor has many conversations/meetings with people from other cities and countries via teleconferencing. In the Council Chambers, they all had a chance to sit at a counselor's desk. Counselor Robertson gave them a brief history of council and explained what occurs during meetings. After a question and answer period, three participants got the chance to sit in the mayor's chair. The group then walked to Tecumseh Park where they enjoyed a picnic lunch and relaxed before they caught the bus and travelled back to the Riverview Day Program.

It was a very enjoyable and informative day for all.



Shown here in the Mayor's Chair (L-R): Susan Yeryk, Todd Mardling, Tajj Banga



Staff Sail Into Success!

In celebration of the three year CARF Accreditation earned earlier this year, a barbecue was held from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for staff and Board and committee members. Themed "sailing into success", the day included a barbecue was held on June 21 for staff, Board and committee members. The occasion also included a core competency game, hosted by Lesa Jansen and Brian Kelly, and a pitch burst game. Thank you to our sponsors Schinkels' Gourmet Meats, Lenovers Quality Meats & Seafoods Ltd., Maple City Bakery, Arctic Glacier and the Management Team and Central Admin Staff.



Shown here is Lu-Ann Cowell, Executive Director; Lesa Jansen and Brian Kelly -- Core Competency Team; Ron Coristine, Program Director getting "refreshed"

Family Appreciation Day at Sass Road!

The Sass Road day program staff and participants hosted a Family Appreciation Day on Tuesday, May 31st. The participants and staff made invitations for each person to invite their parents, family member, or friend. They decorated the building, yard and entrance for the event, and made artwork for display indoors. A special thank you to our volunteer Fran Tulloch who also helped out. A barbecue with hot dogs, chips, watermelon, timbits and beverages was provided. Mrs. DeLuca donated cookies that she had baked. The event was well attended with approximately 28 guests.



Pictured here are support workers M'Liss Ross and Dawn Caughy preparing the food

James Pitches In

James was a one man cleaning crew at Phil Carney Park as he took part in the Pitch-In Canada Week in April. He was inspired by a group from Community Living Chatham-Kent who took part last year and he really liked making the park nice and clean.

He also admits he enjoyed the pizza after the cleanup.

James moved to Riverbend in October 2010 and hadn't had the chance to use the park yet but is looking forward to trying out the swings this summer.

James likes to bowl and swim as well as going for walks and riding his bike.

As an added bonus, James was the winner of a gift from Tim Horton's. Congratulations James on a job well done!





Marilyn Retires from Sass Road Day Program

At age 70, Marilyn is retiring from the Day Program at Sass Road. Marilyn began attending the day program on June 1, 2009. Some of the activities she enjoyed at the day program included: painting; looking through magazines; watching photos on slideshows or the digital photo frame; playing computer games particularly *Wheel of Fortune*, also the Slots game, the *Price Is Right*, playing Wii games, bowling wakeboarding, and other games; gardening; alternate positioning in the recliner chairs; any kind of celebration; and singing/dancing to music or karaoke.

She will miss her peers the most but plans on visiting and has been invited to join her friends at the day program for karaoke and music.



Tonio Celebrates with Family

On June 20, Tonio Deluca was able to have his entire family, and his good friend Lisa, over to celebrate his 52nd birthday in his own home! Tonio took great pride in this.



Left to right: Alana (niece), Lydia (great-niece), Ken (Alana's husband), Ken (brother-in-law), Tonio, Allison (niece), Lisa, Marjorie (sister), Lydia (mom), Kaden (great nephew)

Hopes and Dreams

As a Cancer survivor, John Paul was assisted by staff to be involved in the Victory Lap for the Relay for Life on June 17, 2011.

Celine Easterbrook, Support Worker at Sass Road, contacted and made the proper connections with the Cancer Society to have this happen. Several of his family members, staff from Sass day program and a friend were there to offer John Paul support during the victory lap.



J.P. raised approximately \$400.00 to help people who have been diagnosed with cancer/cancer research.

Community Living Chatham-Kent Appreciates Its Volunteers

The 2011 Volunteer Appreciation and Fun Night was recently held on June 16 at Ursuline College "The Pines" High School in Chatham. Approximately 200 people enjoyed dinner prepared and served by the students of Ursuline College followed by the music of Crystal Gage. Prior to dinner, volunteer awards were presented to Jackie Caza, Darlene Clarke, Crystal Gage, Carl Haskell, Diane Haskell and Wendy Jackson.



The Joan Olive Risdon Memorial Award of Distinction was also presented to Diann Van Basselaere for her outstanding dedication to Community Living Chatham-Kent.

Shown at left is Jodi Maroney, Manager of Community Relations and Development presenting the Joan Risdon Award to Diann Van Basselaere

At right is Crystal Gage getting everyone on their feet dancing





Community Living Recognizes The Barichello Family



Pictured here (L-R) are:
Valerie Smith
(daughter of Mrs. Barichello),
Darlene Clarke,
Lu-Ann Cowell, Terri Bell

The activity room at 101 Stewart Street will now be known as "The Barichello Activity Room".

The Barichello family has always been a strong supporter of Community Living Chatham-Kent. Dina Barichello lived in one of our 24 hour residential locations for many years. Her mom, affectionately known as "Mrs. B" was also a very active volunteer. Upon Dina's death, the family set up a memorial fund and each year a specified amount is used for various projects within Community Living. This year the funds were directed to the activity room.

With the support from the Barichello fund along with other support from the Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown, the Aktion Club of Chatham and Ridgetown, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 243, Mrs. Irene Stepniak and People First of Chatham-Kent, the activity room was renovated including new furniture, paint, window treatments and other equipment.

"We are so thankful for the support of the Barichello family and all of the other donors. Mrs. B and Dina's presence had an impact on so many lives and now their legacy continues in this incredible room that makes a difference in so many lives" says Lu-Ann Cowell, Executive Director of Community Living Chatham-Kent.

This room is constantly used for various activities such as the literacy program, JOBWORX pre-employment classes, cooking classes, movie night and by various groups for meetings.

The Kent Historic Auto Club Helps Out Community Living Chatham-Kent

The Kent Historic Auto Club, who recently hosted the RetroFest 2011 in downtown Chatham, generously donated the proceeds from their 50/50 draw to support Community Living Chatham-Kent's Summer Employment Program.

During the summer months, Community Living Chatham-Kent operates the cafeteria at St. Clair College, runs the Snack Attack snack bar at the St. Clair College athletic fields and just introduced "The Patio Spot" – an outdoor snack/lunch counter at the Civic Centre.

The Summer Employment Program gives youth who have an intellectual disability, the opportunity to earn money while gaining valuable life skills such as managing money and working as a team.

Pictured receiving the cheque for \$1,017 is Lu-Ann Cowell, Executive Director of Community Living Chatham-Kent, Jack Cowell, member of the Kent Historic Auto Club, Jodi Maroney, Manager of Community Relations and Development, Community Living Chatham-Kent and Len Langlois, president of the Kent Historic Auto Club.



Community Living Chatham-Kent has a BIG Heart!

In May, a team representing Community Living Chatham-Kent participated in the Big Bike Ride for Heart & Stroke.



Big Bike Team 2011

Our team raised over \$3,800!!! Derek Gore, Riverview Day location, was the top fundraiser with \$500.47.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in and/or made a donation to the Big Bike ride for Heart & Stroke. We are looking forward to participating again next year!



Derek Gore is pictured with his Heart & Stroke t-shirt and bag along with co-captains Ron Coristine and Jodi Maroney



Support Community Living Chatham-Kent

Your Donations Make a Difference!

What a good feeling it is to know you've made a difference in someone's life! Your donation to Community Living Chatham-Kent does just that. Look through this newsletter or check out our website www.clc-k.ca to see the many ways your donation impacts the lives of people we support. You can choose to give monthly or annually (read the following). Either way, your gift is very much appreciated and used directly to enhance the lives of people with an intellectual disability in Chatham-Kent.

A Gift for the Future

You may also consider a planned gift. 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. These gifts not only benefit Community Living Chatham-Kent but are also a source of tax deduction. Please consult with your lawyer, tax or financial advisor to learn more.

On Line Donations

Community Living Chatham-Kent accepts donations on line as well. Simply log on to www.clc-k.ca and click on "Donate Now" button. It makes it easier than ever to make a difference in the lives of the people we support in Chatham-Kent.



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

I would like to make a monthly gift of:

- \$50 \$20 \$10
 Other

1. OPTION ONE

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

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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:

- VISA MASTERCARD

Card Holder Name _____

Card # _____

Expiry Date _____ 3-digit CV Code#(reverse side)_____

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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**

PO Box 967, Chatham ON N7M 5L3

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

- \$1000 \$500 \$200 \$100 \$50
 Other Amount

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Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone: _____

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Sign up by e-mailing angie@clc-k.ca and be entered to win a chance for a **Free Breakfast for Two** at The Parkfield Restaurant. Don't miss out. Deadline to enter September 2. Draw to be held September 6.



Community Living Month Highlights



FLAG RAISING AND BARBECUE - On Friday, April 29th a flag raising ceremony was held at the Chatham Civic Centre with Mayor Randy Hope. Despite the cold temperatures, there was a great turn out. The ceremony was followed by a barbecue sponsored by OPSEU, Schinkels' Gourmet Meats and Lay's Canada.

Pictured here raising the flag are (L-R): Dorothy Cook (Board Member), Lu-Ann Cowell, Tonio Deluca, Jeffrey Whittal, Randy Hope (background), Chad Sauve

COMMUNITY LIVING ART SHOW was held from May 2 – 7 at the Chatham Public Library and featured over 80 pieces of art of which 23 were donated for the give-away draws. We once again partnered with the volunteers from Grace Christian Reformed Church who acted as hostess'. A Meet the Artist Reception was held on the first night and new this year was a photo slide show of artists in action which was enjoyed by all who attended.



GROCERY BAG EVENT

As a way to thank the community for their ongoing support, Community Living Chatham-Kent teamed up with Ridgeway Foodland, Tilbury Foodland, Blenheim, and Chatham Sobey's and No Frills Chatham on Thursday, May 19th and gave away a free reusable grocery bag to customers.

Shown here (L-R): Terri Bell, Virginia Hickmont, Rhonda Campbell (staff) and Bob Longbottom

Remembering Loved Ones . . . Memories are forever

March - June 2011

"If by chance you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you do all I have asked, I will live forever." Robert N. Test

Barichello, Dina

Colby, John

Jansen, Martin

Northcott, Richard

Barichello, Charlotte

Cowell, Bailey Sarah

Konyndyk, Ada

Robinson, Carol

Barichello, Oscar

Cowell, Paul

Layson, Alf

Taylor, Ruth

Belanger, David

Durnin, Larry

Layson, Madeleine

Van Roboys, Norman

Cano, Marilyn

Gore, Larry

Lesperance, Jimmy

Vervae, Catherine

Christian, Bill

Howlett, Bev

Moricky, Frank

Williams, Fr. James

Zoula, Frances

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

About Our Organization

Community Living Chatham-Kent

is a non-profit charitable organization. The agency was started by volunteers and parents of people who had an intellectual disability. These visionaries wanted to see their loved ones living in and contributing to the life of their community.

Community Living Chatham Kent now supports over 550 people and their families across Chatham-Kent, and employs more than 250 staff.

Approximately 92% of our funding comes from the Ontario Ministry of Community and

Social Services. We raise remaining funding through donations, fundraising fees, and sheltered revenue.

We benefit from strong partnerships with the public, businesses, volunteers, social service agencies, health services, education, and all levels of government.

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 Jodi Maroney at 519.352.1174, extension 232.

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