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## **Community Living C-K hosting volunteer appreciation night**

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Community Living Chatham-Kent will host its 2011 Volunteer Appreciation Fun Night on Thursday, June 16, 2011, at Ursuline College Chatham (The Pines), 85 Grand Avenue West, in the school cafeteria beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The evening is an opportunity for Community Living Chatham-Kent to honour and thank volunteers. Nearly 200 people attend the evening that will feature an award ceremony and a meal.

“This is an important event for Community Living. It gives the agency a chance to thank people who give of themselves so unselfishly. It also raises awareness about the important services and support we provide to people who have an intellectual disability and their families,” says Lu-Ann Cowell, Executive Director for Community Living Chatham-Kent. “We are truly fortunate to have so many kind volunteers who are making a difference in the lives of others.”

Volunteers to be honoured for their outstanding achievement are: Jackie Caza, Darlene Clark, Crystal Gage, Carl Haskell, Diane Haskell, and Wendy Jackson. Also, Community Living will present the Joan Olive Risdon Memorial Award of Distinction. Joan is remembered as a person whose volunteer work with the agency and the community made an important difference. This year’s recipient, truly exemplifies these qualities and will be announced that evening.

Agencies like Community Living use volunteers to perform important tasks such as one-on-one friendly visits, building maintenance, office support, and help at fundraising events. Community Living has 130 active volunteers involved. The unselfishness of volunteers is something that Community Living relies upon. The appreciation evening is our chance to thank them.

The evening is made possible with a donation of \$1,000 from Laidlaw – First Student Canada. The donation makes the appreciation evening a reality.