

## Community Living honours volunteers

### Chatham This Week

Community Living Chatham-Kent hosted its 2011 Volunteer Appreciation Fun Night on June 16 at UOC.

Almost 200 people attended the evening that featured 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," said Lu-Ann Cowell, executive director for Community Living, in a news release.

"We are truly fortunate to have so many kind volunteers who are making a difference in the lives of others."

Volunteers honoured for their outstanding achievements were: Jackie Caza, Darlene Clark, Crystal Gage, Carl Haskell, Diane Haskell and Wendy Jackson.

Community Living also presented the Joan Olive Risdon Memorial Award of Distinction to Diann Van Basselaere for her work on behalf of the organization.

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 evening was made possible with a donation of \$1,000 from Laidlaw - First Student Canada.