

# Community Connections



COMMUNITY LIVING  
INTEGRATION  
COMMUNAUTAIRE  
Chatham-Kent

## WALKATHON

UCC Athletic Track  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015  
Registration at 4:30pm, Walk starting at 5pm

### Walking Through 60 Years

Let's take a walk down memory lane as Community Living Chatham-Kent celebrates our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Do you remember rockin' in the '50's, groovin' in the 70's or the Big Data age of the 2000's – the sky is the limit for creativity! Join us as we walk our way to our \$25,000 fundraising goal.

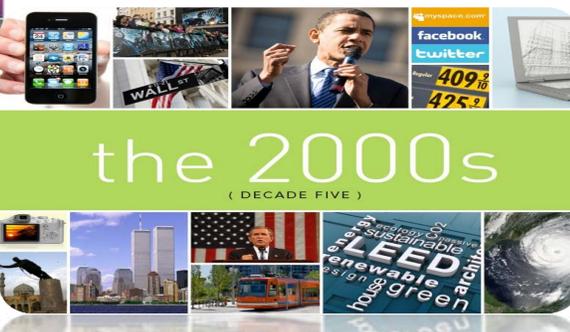
There will be complimentary food and refreshments for all participants, and available for purchase for non-participants.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**ALL participants are eligible to WIN a 29" LED FLAT SCREEN TV.**

For more information or to get registered, call Nicole English: 519.352.1174 ext. 231 nenglish@clc-k.ca

All proceeds will be used to support individuals who have an intellectual disability and their families in Chatham-Kent



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Terri Bell

### APPOINTED MEMBER

Connie Marion

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ron Coristine

## Message from our Executive Director



It is with great pleasure that I write my first message from the Executive Director for the *Community Connections* newsletter. Though I have changed offices, one thing has not and will not change, the people who access supports and services are the top priority, and Community Living Chatham-Kent takes immense pride in the supports and services provided.

It is CLC-K's desire to be the service provider of choice within Chatham-Kent, and in a competitive market, this agency has to maximize assets (e.g. intellectual capital, physical resources).

With respect to human resources, "retention is acquisition." Community Living Chatham-Kent, one of the larger employers within this municipality, will continue to be an employer of choice while raising the profile of a Direct Support Professional. Through experience, I have come to the realization that the best results are yielded when management and union work as a team.

I believe in sharing knowledge and therefore sharing power. Respect, honesty, and maximum effort are greatly valued by me.

I welcome change, recognizing that change is inevitable and you must embrace it.

CLC-K is most grateful to Erin Ryan and Darlene Clarke for all of their contributions to the Board of Directors and agency. We look forward to the input of new Board members Terri Bell, Connie Marion, and Zoli Horvath.

The past months have been very busy and very successful with the Flag Raising Ceremony and barbeque, Diamond Dreams Gala celebrating our 60th Anniversary, Heart and Stroke Big Bike Ride, 18th Annual Golf Tournament, and Annual General Meeting. Thank you to the numerous individuals, many businesses, and OPSEU for their participation in these events.

Congratulations to long-time Manager Myrtle Campbell on her retirement. I welcome Natalie Jansen, Manager of Fairview Line, and Stirling Lane; Sandy Morrow, Quality Assurance and Planning Manager; and Angela Corso, Manager of Community Relations to the management team.

I extend a very sincere thank you to the Board of Directors, people and families who place their trust in this agency, staff, and volunteers for their assistance in making my transition into this position as smooth as possible.

*Community Living ... Discovering Dreams, Connecting Lives*

Ron Coristine  
Executive Director

*Please welcome our newest  
Board Members*



Zoli Horvath

Terri Bell

Connie Marion

*Many Thanks  
for your dedication  
and service*

Darlene Clarke

Erin Ryan



## Meet the Community Relations Team



Community Living Chatham-Kent is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Angela Corso to the role of Manager of Community Relations effective June 22, 2015. Angela began her career with Community Living Chatham-Kent in the late 1980's at one of our residential locations. Prior to returning, Angela held roles in Education, Youth Violence Prevention, Community Engagement, and Executive and Senior Management of residential locations within the violence against women sector.

She actively works with many community organizations supporting people within this community. Angela's skills in the areas of grant writing, fostering united participation of the public and private sectors in education, and fundraising are key attributes Community Living Chatham-Kent welcomes.

We are delighted to have Angela return to the Community Living Chatham-Kent family! Please join us in welcoming Angela!

Phyllis Switzer has been part of this team for the past 14 years as Volunteer Supervisor. She understands volunteering first hand as an active volunteer in her church, at Arden Circle square summer camp, as a Bingo volunteer for Autism Ontario and grandmother to six.



Our agency could not carry out the many activities, programs and fundraising events without the outstanding volunteer force behind each achievement.

Nicole English has worked for 3 years now as the Special Event Supervisor. She is inspired by the stories and lives of the individuals we support.



Every aspect of her role from organizing events, providing information to the community and building new ideas for the organization through social media, confirms she is contributing to creating memorable events that enrich the lives of others.



Angela Andersch has provided dedicated service to Community Living for more than 20 years! Angie's creativity and ability to organize are vital to the success of the team.



*The 2016 Lottery Calendars will once again be available for sale in the fall. Send your e-mail address to [angie@clc-k.ca](mailto:angie@clc-k.ca) and we will notify you when they are available.*

### ***Sponsor Now!***

**Become A SPONSOR!**

*We would love you to join us by sponsoring the Community Connections Newsletter! Advertise your business with us! Ask us how YOU can be part of our Community.*

*Call Angela Corso at 519-352-1174 ext. 232.*

### ***Thank you Jeff and Bill!***

Community Living Chatham-Kent's Annual General Meeting was held on June 18, 2015.

Jeff Young and Bill Labadie were the guest speakers and they provided an outstanding presentation on social capital.

On behalf of Community Living Chatham-Kent, thank you Jeff and Bill.

# Community Champions



## Great News!

### Chatham Kent Community Foundation Awards Grant to Community Living Chatham-Kent

Thank you for the generous grant made through the Mayrand Family Fund allocated to us from the Chatham Kent Community Foundation's Donor Designated Funds. The grant for \$1,173 will be used in the JOBWORX program. Angela Corso, Manager of Community Relations, accepts the cheque from Paul Mayrand. CLC-K is so grateful for the support from the Mayrand Family!

### Country Comforts Making a Difference

Owner of Country Comforts in Chatham, Bailey Myers, far right, organized a fundraiser to give back to her community with the help of local artisans. The result was a \$700 donation to the Community Living Day Program on Sass Road.

Program staff accepted the cheque at Myers' store on Barthe Street recently. The funds will help over 40 people benefiting from the program.

Myers held the event May 30, which included offerings from local vendors, a barbecue and a 50/50 draw.



Courtesy of The Chatham Voice



At this year's flag raising, JOBWORX was extremely proud to present the Joyce M. Carr Award to Union Gas. Union Gas was one of the very first employers to recognize the value of hiring a person with a disability, and 25 years later, that employee, Kevin Williamson is still with the company doing an excellent job. JOBWORX would like to thank Union Gas for being such a terrific community partner, and being a leader in inclusive employment.

If you would like to learn more about JOBWORX, and how you can make a difference too—contact Steve Stokley, Manager, at 519-351-0460 about JOBWORX Employment Services.



Kevin Williamson, middle, proudly displays the Joyce M. Carr Champion Award that was presented to Union Gas for its leadership in the JOBWORX program. Also pictured are Paul Rietdyk (left), vice president of engineering, construction, storage and transmission operations for Union Gas; and, Laverne Hanley, who is Kevin's supervisor and mentor in the engineering department.

### Heart & Stroke Big Bike Ride 2015



Two Community Living Chatham-Kent teams raised an amazing \$3,431.25. What a great gift back to the community of Chatham-Kent. The top fundraiser on the first bike was Virginia Hickmott and the top fundraiser on the second bike was Derek Gore. Congratulations to both of you.

Thank you to everyone who participated and/or provided financial support.

A very special thank you to Trish Allen and Grace Negri-Stirling for all their work as team captains. The rides would not have been possible without each of you.

# Community Living Chatham-Kent Hosts Partners for Planning Resource Network Open House

You are invited to attend a **Parent Information Session** on August 18, 2015 at 101 Stewart Street, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Staff will be available to present an interactive discussion highlighting the Partners for Planning Resource Network.

The Partners for Planning Resource Network is an innovative online planning centre that assists families in creating a good life and secure future for their family member.

The Resource Network makes the process to find the answers you need easier by offering immediate access to critical information and advice from professionals and families. With a focus on future planning, they provide strategies to:

- Develop a long-term financial plan
- Navigate through legal issues (e.g., wills, trusts, supported decision-making)
- Develop and sustain supportive, lasting relationships
- Identify a variety of creative housing options
- Build a meaningful life by leveraging community-based opportunities



Partners for Planning Resource Network is a free interactive resource available on Community Living Chatham-Kent's website [www.clc-k.ca](http://www.clc-k.ca).

## 18th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Warm temperatures, plenty of fun, and lots of laughter, made for a terrific day for all those who participated. We are thrilled with the outcome...we raised over \$18,600 which will be used toward supports and services for citizens of Chatham-Kent. This year's tournament presented by our Title Sponsor, Progressive Waste Solutions Canada Inc., was a wonderful success. Progressive Waste Solutions Canada's commitment to Community Living Chatham-Kent and more specifically to people who have an intellectual disability, is very significant to us. Thank you.

Thank you to the 124 golfers who played such an important role. Our success was only possible with the support we received from you. We look forward to seeing you once again!

To our volunteers who generously gave of their time, we extend our sincere thanks. You made things run smoothly.

To our valued sponsors, thank you once again for your continued partnership. We look forward to working with you next year.

*Team Challenge Winners  
Brian Panyi Memorial Award*



Michael Whittal, Lisa Gee, Karen Whittal, Rose Panyi, Laura Panyi, Kyle Brothers

Visit our website to view golf results and photos of the day. <http://www.clc-k.ca/Events/EVE04081501.asp>

## Attention Families, People Receiving Support and Community Partners

Sharing important news and information is a high priority at Community Living Chatham-Kent. To enhance our ability and increase our efficiency to deliver information, news, events, and issues that are important to you, Community Living Chatham-Kent is creating an electronic mailing list so that you will receive these significant communications promptly. This initiative is part of our strategic plan to improve the delivery of key and relevant information, as well as the lines of communication.

To begin the process, please send an e-mail using your preferred address/domicile to: [aandersch@clc-k.ca](mailto:aandersch@clc-k.ca) (Angela Andersch, Admin. Assistant, Community Relations) under the subject line: CLC-K Information Email List.

Your personal information will be protected and will not be shared with any third party organizations.

# Discovering Dreams,

## Forest Street Challenge

This June, the men of Forest Street were given a challenge. The men were encouraged to declutter their belongings in a friendly competition between the two sides. The purpose was to allow for additional space in each man's room along with an opportunity to pass along items and clothing to local agencies for others in need.

Each side was to collect their donation items over the course of a week and the side that collected the most "weight" in their bags would be treated to a pizza party by the other side. Enthusiasm was sparked and, as a result, 88 lbs. of items/goods were donated locally.

Though the men on the 17 side won the first round, all the men have decided that they want to repeat the challenge later this year. Their hope is to donate additional items and try to beat their 88 lb. total. With the news of the men moving into a new place in December, another challenge will not only help within the community but will help with less packing!



Photo and story submitted by Julie Harmsworth



## The Rob McLandress Make a Dream Come True Fund

was made possible through a bequest to Community Living Chatham-Kent by the late Father James Williams. As an ongoing supporter of Community Living Chatham-Kent, Father Williams provided the bequest in honour of Rob McLandress, a close family friend.

Two awards of \$1,000 each are given annually to two people who have an intellectual disability in order to help them fulfill a dream. Over eighteen applications were received by the Review Committee and after very difficult deliberations, they decided on the winners: *Kevin and Carol Laurie* – Kevin's dream is to take his wife, Carol, on a honeymoon that they were not able to take when they got married in 1995 due to financial limitations. Kevin wanted to surprise his wife with a romantic trip for 2 to Niagara Falls. *Michael Pritchard* – Michael's dream is to fly in an airplane to England to visit with family that he hasn't seen since he was a little boy, and to tour England to see things he has only read about in books.

Congratulations to Kevin and Carol Laurie and Michael Pritchard!



## The Diamond Dreams Gala

The Diamond Dreams Gala celebrating Community Living Chatham-Kent's 60th Anniversary was held May 2, 2015 at Club Lentinas. There were over two hundred attendees including MPP Rick Nicholls; Wayne Hasson, from MP Dave Van Kestern's office; Councillor Brock McGregor; Mary Harper, from MCSS; Chris Beesley, CEO of Community Living Ontario; and David Barber, OASIS President.

Thank you to everyone who donated an auction item, bottle of wine, attended the event, volunteered, and to all the Committee members for making this night one to remember. We raised \$2,820 and couldn't have done this without the support of the CLC-K family and the community.

## 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 more than 475 people and their families across Chatham-Kent, and employs over 270 staff.

Approximately 90% of funding comes from the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services. We raise the remaining funding through donations, fundraising, fees and grants.

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

# Connecting Lives

## Caught Doing Something Fun

### Enjoying Summertime



### Pool Party



## Honourary Tributes

Making a gift is a wonderful way to acknowledge someone who has made a meaningful impact on your life, while also supporting an important cause.

Thomas Armstrong  
Carl Keith Coatsworth  
Jan Eldridge

Annie Horvat  
Gail Lamarsh  
Lorne Mitton

Jenny Powers  
Bea Rhodes  
Alvina Rivard  
J. Daniel Stone

# Volunteers — You Make a Difference

## Charity Bingo Night

Riverview Hall Funds Association noted in their most recent newsletter, that our agency had the top number of patrons attending charity night bingo on June 12, 2015. Once a month, since August 2014, a Charity Night is held at the 6:30 p.m. bingo session. The Hall Funds Association pays Community Living Chatham-Kent ten dollars per supporter signing in under our agency. We also receive extra bingo sessions. To date, we have received \$2,140 from the Charity Night program. Under the new OLG model, bingo volunteers take a two hour training and are certified to assist the charity of their choice. Upcoming charity bingo nights are Thursday, August 27, Tuesday, September 22, and Thursday, October 29.



CLC-K needs more bingo volunteers. If you would like to work at a regular bingo session please contact Phyllis Switzer to set up your training at 352-1174, extension 250 or by e-mail [pswitzer@clc-k.ca](mailto:pswitzer@clc-k.ca).

1099 Park Ave W, Chatham ON  
519-352-5418  
Open Monday to Friday  
Breakfast – 7:00 am - 11:00 am  
Lunch – 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
*Remember us for your catering needs*

## Service Awards



Carolyn Lavigne - 5 yrs.



Jackie Caza - 25 yrs.



Sandra Kent - 35 yrs.

**Our Goal**—That all people live in a state of dignity, share in all elements of living in the community and have the opportunity to participate effectively.

**Our Vision** —Community Living ... Discovering Dreams, Connecting Lives

**Mission**—Community Living Chatham-Kent provides support and services for people who have an intellectual disability.

**Where do I get more information?** —

Contact 519-352-1174  
Visit our website at [www.clc-k.ca](http://www.clc-k.ca), or our Facebook page  
Mail us at PO Box 967, Chatham ON N7M 5L3, or,  
Drop in at 650 Riverview Drive, Unit 2, Chatham ON



***Join today!***

***Together we can help  
discover dreams and connect lives  
all year long!***

## **Do You Dream of Making a Difference?**

As a supporter of Community Living Chatham-Kent you make a positive impact in the life of someone who has an intellectual disability with every donation you give.

Join the DREAM MAKERS Monthly Giving Program and your regular monthly financial commitment to Community Living Chatham-Kent will be enhancing the lives of the people we support all year long!

A gift of \$10 a month for example, works out to only \$2.30 per week but accumulates to \$120 in a year! And while you may not be able to donate \$120 at one time, spreading it out over 12 months makes it easier to make an impact right now! Increase your monthly gift to \$20 or \$50 and the impact grows!

As a Dream Maker, you will be providing Community Living Chatham-Kent with a predictable base of support without having to write another check. Please know that you can change or cancel your donation amount at any time.

Your regular gift will make it possible for us to enhance our programs and services in many ways. Please see the reverse for some examples.

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### **Yes, I would like to be a DREAM MAKER!**

Community Living Chatham-Kent  
650 Riverview Drive, Unit 2  
PO Box 967  
Chatham ON  
519-352-1174

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address City Postal Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail

I authorize CLC-K to charge my bank account monthly with my donation. I have enclosed a void cheque.

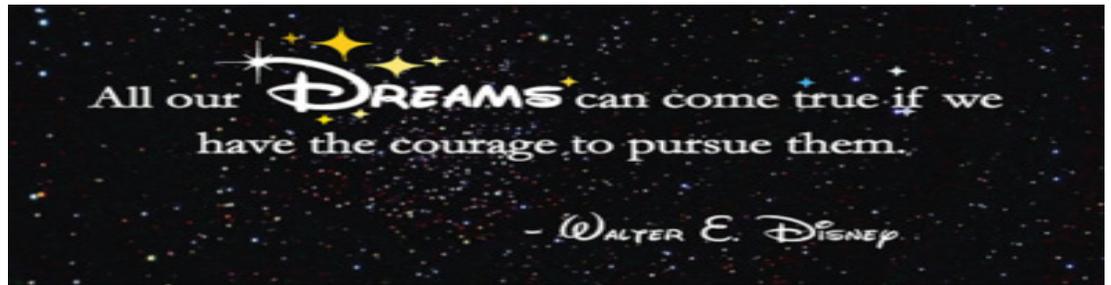
I authorize CLC-K to charge my credit card monthly with my donation.

MC  VISA #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CV Code: \_\_\_\_\_

I've set up monthly donations online (visit [www.clc-k.ca](http://www.clc-k.ca) and click Donate Now)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorization Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



### *Make a dream happen every month!*

Here are some examples of how your recurring gift will be used:

- Program supplies such as craft materials, computer equipment and speciality software, learning materials such as books and movies
- Recreational opportunities such as pool or gym rental, bowling, admission to local attractions
- Repairs to residential homes such as roofs, windows, doors
- Replacement of furniture and other household items as needed
- Specialized assistive devices and equipment
- Augmentative communication systems such as picture boards, go talk devices
- Educational programs for life skill development such as cooking classes



Thank you for considering this opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact me at (519) 352-1174 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [acorso@clc-k.ca](mailto:acorso@clc-k.ca)

Sincerely,

Angela Corso  
Manager, Community Relations

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**Join the Dream Makers monthly giving program today and  
start making dreams come true for someone who has an intellectual disability**

- If you are already donating on a monthly basis, THANK YOU! You will automatically become a member of the Dream Makers Monthly Giving Program.
- Monthly donors will receive an OFFICIAL income tax receipt annually.
- Information provided is strictly confidential and will not be sold or traded with any organization.
- You will continue to receive the *Community Connections* newsletter which shows you first-hand how your donations are being used.

**Your monthly gift over a year will have a BIG impact!**