



2016 - Volume 1

Community Connections



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AT THE PARKFIELD!

Monday, May 2,
2016



Steve Stokley presenting Kim Walker with 25-year anniversary award

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Scramble Format

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A Message From Ron

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Welcome to this edition of the Community Connections Newsletter.

Several things have occurred at Community Living Chatham-Kent since the last Newsletter. Eight people moved into a brand new home and four people relocated to a modernized house. In December, a Free Skate at Thames Campus Arena was sponsored by CLC-K and approximately seventy people attended. The sale of Lottery Calendars concluded and a record profit was generated. CLC-K continued its partnership with Community Living Sarnia-Lambton and Community Living Wallaceburg in facilitating pre-employment workshops for persons looking to enter the workforce. A new feature titled People of the Month commenced in January. Each month, a person who receives support and a staff are highlighted within the agency.

Phyllis Switzer, who will celebrate her 15-year Anniversary on June 1, will be retiring on that date. She has had a very significant role in several activities, and Phyllis has always recognized the importance of volunteers ensuring their acknowledgement at the annual Volunteer Appreciation evenings. Nicole Roeszler, presently the Special Events Supervisor, will assume the full-time position of Supervisor of Volunteers and Events on April 4. She has established a positive rapport with people who receive supports, staff, and members of the business community. Maurice Velle began as Facilities Manager on February 1. Before joining the CLC-K team he had been responsible for multiple locations/properties, fleet management, service scheduling, joint health and safety, budgeting, and office administration. Congratulations Phyllis, Nicole, and Maurice.

Preparations are underway by JOBWORX – Employment Services for the Summer Student 2016 Program. Once again, students will work, earn money, and improve skills.

There will be more to May than flowers as it will be Community Living Month. A variety of events will take place including 94.3 CKSY broadcasting live from the Parkfield Restaurant, a Flag Raising ceremony at the Civic Centre, Community Living Day at the Legislature, several people attending a Toronto Blue Jays game, and as a means of giving back to this terrific municipality, CLC-K will again be represented in the Heart and Stroke Big Bike ride.

Finally, enjoy the sunshine and comfortable temperatures, winter has departed and spring is here.



Ron Coristine, Executive Director

**Mark Your Calendars for
This Year's
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 2016**

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

For an annual membership fee of only \$10 you can attend and vote at our Annual General Meeting. You will become a part of the larger voice of our organization within the community.

For more info visit http://www.clc-k.ca/Partners_Members

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Karaoke with Tony!

Thanks to a small town karaoke contest, Tony's passion for music lives on! Tony Bycraft is a professional singer who previously worked in sales. With a change in his career over 10 years ago, Tony found himself looking to make a difference. Tony has always enjoyed music and using his voice to entertain others. While passing through Huntsville, Ontario, Tony and his wife stopped at a local establishment and noticed a karaoke contest to win a trip to Atlantic City. Being musically inclined, Tony thought he would have some fun and enter the contest – and he won!

Since this time, Tony, a resident of Wardsville, Ontario has provided his love for music to many communities. Tony was the lead entertainer at a small town fair, introducing karaoke to over 300 people supported by Community Living agencies, Alzheimer Associations and people afflicted with a brain injury. Calls to these agencies to offer his talents grew into a successful new line of business, aptly named "Healing Tones". "People hear the music and they become alive. You can see it in their eyes", reports Tony.

Community Living Chatham-Kent welcomes Tony weekly to share his talents. People participating in the Riverview Day Program are excited to sing new cover songs and rock to the oldies! Thank you Tony for being a part of Community Living Chatham-Kent.

Tony, YOU are leading our vision of Discovering Dreams ... Connecting Lives!



MAY IS COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH...

- May 2** CKSY at the Parkfield from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
- May 3** Flag Raising and BBQ at Civic Centre
- May 9 - 13** Free dessert at the Parkfield Restaurant
- May 12** Hot dog BBQ at Downtown Deli, hosted by 99.1 CKXS
- May 12** Day at the Legislature (Toronto)
- May 19** Family Film and Fun Night at Ursuline College Secondary School
- May** CLCK at the Chatham Kent Public Library—display with resources throughout month

A Fond Farewell.....

Community Living Chatham-Kent will be saying goodbye to an extremely dedicated staff. Phyllis Switzer, who will celebrate her 15-year anniversary on June 1, will be retiring. She has had a very significant role in several activities such as Christmas concerts, bingos, boxed lunches, golf tournaments, and walkathons, all of which have been tremendously successful. Her commitment and compassion to those she meets is exemplary. She will be missed by everyone at the bingo hall for her dedication and sweet treats!

Phyllis has always recognized the importance of volunteers and she has ensured their acknowledgment at the annual Volunteer Appreciation evenings. As an enthusiastic volunteer herself, Phyllis appreciates the time and effort of each volunteer and the significant role they play.

We wish Phyllis years of relaxation and fun spending time with her family, grandchildren, and creating magnificent gardens.



ANNOUNCEMENT



We are pleased to announce that Maurice Velle has accepted the position of Facilities Manager.

Maurice has several years of experience at the management level. He has been responsible for multiple locations/properties, fleet management, service scheduling, joint health and safety, budgeting, and office administration.

Community Living Chatham-Kent welcomes Maurice

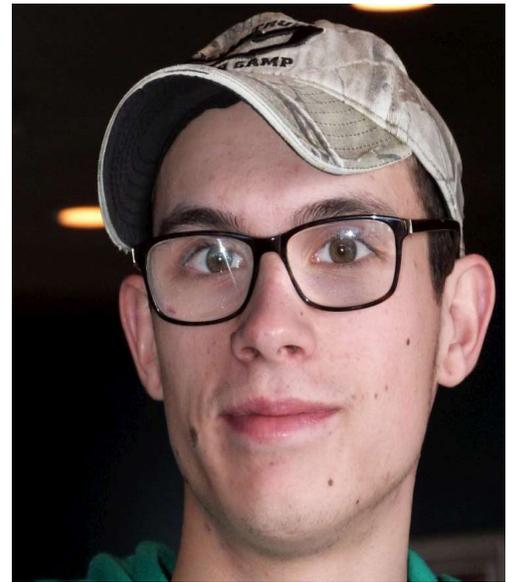




South Side Tap and Grille

Owner Bev O'Rourke hired Kyle in October 2015. Kyle works in the kitchen 12 hours per week, as an assistant doing food preparation duties. He enjoys his job and takes pride in what he does. His supervisors Perry and Craig have been great mentors.

South Side Tap and Grille also hired a summer student this past year, and JOBWORX would like to thank them for being a leader in the community.



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

Discovering Dreams,

KIM

I love being a part of my community. Our neighbours are so friendly — they always say hi when I get off the bus if they are outside.

I enjoy bowling, friendship bible hour and Community Living bingos. I also love going to the Maroon games. They are my favourite team and I love to cheer them on!



JAMES

I love being involved in my community. I enjoy going bowling with my friends and celebrating my strikes!

Sometimes we take a trip to the dollar store and we are always greeted with smiles. They always tell us to have a great day — I love being a part of Chatham!



What does community mean to you?

TOD

I enjoy Special Olympics swimming and all the fun activities we get to do. Our instructors are always making us laugh and helping us get better. Sometimes, they let me teach the class and it makes me feel so good about myself.

I love helping my friends!



RANDY

Tim Hortons is down the street from our house. We love going on trips to get smoothies. I can't wait for Spring so we can walk! The 'smile' cookie always puts a big smile on my face!

We love our house because it's close to Tim Hortons, banks, and our neighbours are so nice. We love our community!



Snowflake Campaign Reaches Goal

Thanks to the support of our generous community, this year's Snowflake campaign has reached its fundraising goal. The campaign has received over \$6,900 in donations.

The Adult Respite Program is thrilled to have purchased a specialized bath chair. Specialized equipment is required to ensure the stay of someone participating in the respite program is safe and comfortable. The bath chair fosters independence for those required to utilize the device.

Additional resources to support the respite programs will be purchased with the remaining funds.

Connecting Lives

PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ARDLEIGH

On December 13, 2015 the ladies and staff at Ardleigh held a meet and greet with their new neighbours. Everyone enjoyed snacks from the Parkfield Restaurant and coffee and tea. There was lots of positive feedback from the neighbours who were excited to see all the renovations to the house and who were all very welcoming and interested in finding out more about the agency and the ladies. All agreed it was a great idea to have a neighbourhood get together during the winter months and meet new neighbours. Mary, Helen, Sherry, and Kim are very proud of their new home and were happy to invite everyone in for a visit. Neighbourhood greetings are now full of smiles and waves.



*HELPING HANDS FROM UNION GAS EMPLOYEES
THANKS FOR CREATING A WONDERFUL DECK*



Dress Down Days at Stewart Street

A fundraiser was held at 101 Stewart Street, *Dress Down Fridays*. More than \$120 was collected. With this money, Tim cards were purchased which were given away at the Stewart Street Christmas party. Grocery cards were also bought for door prizes.

In this picture is Ashley, a DSW student at St. Clair College. Ashley organized and packaged the gifts shown—Tim Horton gift cards, a Christmas mug, and a tree ornament. Thank you Ashley!



IF YOU CAN DREAM IT,
YOU CAN DO IT!

- Walt Disney



Doug has dreamed of visiting Hawaii for many years. The tropical climate, sandy beaches and picturesque setting is an item on his bucket list that can be checked off.

In January 2016, Doug and his direct support professional, Donna boarded the 13-hour flight for Maui. Although tired from the long trip, waking up to enjoy a morning coffee on the beachfront balcony of their hotel was worth it. Doug could not stop smiling Doug was home.

The week was filled with many activities, shopping and sightseeing. Whale watching was first on the agenda. Over the course of the tour, Doug saw over ten humpback whales. Each whale is estimated at 1 ton per foot. The many photos taken capture the joy Doug experienced being close to nature. The next day Doug and Donna found themselves shopping in Lahaina Harbour. Doug was able to purchase a treasure island shirt and pullover.

Deep sea fishing was the next adventure. Although Doug did not catch a Blue Marlin, the enjoyment of sitting in the fishing chair was a thrill. An incredible sight to see was a 40-foot humpback whale that swam alongside the boat. What a glorious creature and memories that Doug was able to capture.

One of the final tours brought Doug on a visit to Hana. Picturesque views of spectacular waterfalls, the rugged Hana shoreline with sea turtles swimming on the beachfront, can only begin to describe what Doug experienced on his journey.

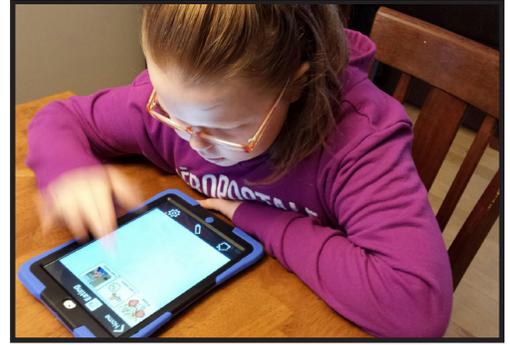


As the week in paradise came to an end, Doug described his experience as “my dream trip has come true.” Doug is already dreaming of his next trip to paradise!



“TGIF” is a commonly heard greeting at the Park Day Program on Friday mornings. So the Park Team designed a t-shirt to reflect the familiar and fun greeting *Thank Goodness It's Friday* complete with a big Friday smiley face. T-shirts were ordered for those who were interested and a percentage of the sale of these t-shirts was contributed to the Park Power team's efforts for the 2015 Community Living Chatham-Kent Walkathon.

JONATHAN DANIEL STONE FUND



Community Living Chatham-Kent is pleased to announce the recipients of the Jonathan Daniel Stone Fund. Each recipient received \$1000.00 awards to assist with the achievement of their initiative. The awards were presented on Wednesday, December 23, 2015, at Community Living Chatham-Kent.

Ella Timmermans, a 10 year old attending Indian Creek Road Public School, used her grant to purchase a Mini Ipad that will enable Ella to communicate with her peers and the adults she encounters in her daily life. It augments her speech will help to minimize frustrations caused by her difficulties in expressive language.

The second grant was awarded to Logan Kent, a grade 9 student of John McGregor Secondary School. Logan purchased a computer to assist with his academic work by loading programs that will enable him to change talk to text. Additional educational programs will be downloaded to further enhance Logan's educational opportunities for learning.

THANKS TO THE MCLANDRESS DREAM FUND, we had a fabulous trip to England last Fall. Michael's 'dream' was to meet little Erin in person and spend time with family that he hasn't seen in many years ... his dream certainly came true. Many new and amazing memories were made for everyone while visiting historic sites such as the Lincoln Cathedral, Sherwood Forest, and, spending a wonderful day in London, highlighted by going on the London Eye, visiting Big Ben and Buckingham Palace. Michael even managed to squeeze in a visit to the pub!

We are both so grateful to the McLandress family and Community Living Chatham Kent for making Michael's dream come true. It was a trip of a lifetime — it created a lifetime of memories for all of our family!



Thank You!

THANK YOU! ...

to the Mason's Parthenon Lodge for their generous donation toward the purchase of a specialized coat for George.



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To everyone who supported Community Living Chatham-Kent in 2015, thank you.
Your contributions ensure that the lives of those we support change forever!

Visit our website www.clc-k.ca to see a complete list of our incredible supporters!

Thank you!



Spring is a time of awakening and new growth. Flowers begin to show their colours, the days are longer, brighter and warmer. Springtime brings invitations to new beginnings, new possibilities and new dreams. What dream would you like to see this Spring?

New beginnings and new dreams are discovered everyday by people who have an intellectual disability. You can assist to make a dream a reality with the bloom of the Everybody Campaign.

Your donation to the Everybody Campaign will be used to purchase additional equipment and tools which provide people the opportunity to explore their talents and creativity through:

- ✓ Music therapy programs, purchasing new musical instruments;
- ✓ Zumba classes;
- ✓ Arts and crafts;
- ✓ Computer lab equipment;
- ✓ Interactive games; and
- ✓ Sensory-based equipment such as "Twiddle Muffs"

You can help our Spring blossom by making a donation to the Everybody Campaign today!

Sincerely,

Angela Corso
Manager of Community Relations





**YES, I want to make a difference and help people who receive support from
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Simply complete this form and return with your donation
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Volunteers — You Make a Difference

Community Living Chatham-Kent appreciates all our bingo volunteers who work at Riverview Bingo Palace.

Volunteers include people who receive support, their family members, and employees of Community Living.

Dollars raised go directly to sustain programs and services offered in Chatham-Kent.

To join our bingo volunteer team, please contact Nicole at 519.352.1174 ext. 231, or nroeszler@clc-k.ca to set up a training date.



Pictured here at a bingo session are Annette, Jackie and Saaj

In Memory and Honourary Tributes

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

David Allan Breitman
Cristina Corsini
Jack Cowell
Paul Cowell
Antonio DeLuca

Delmer Deneau
Rick Dillon
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Oliver Drury

Marjorie Heath
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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.