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Congratulations Dave Page, previous winner of the e-subscription draw—for Breakfast for 2 at the Parkfield

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VOLUNTEER CORNER



JUST HOW MANY SHOEBOXES DOES THIS VAN HOLD?

What would your guess be?
... 50, 200, perhaps 250 shoeboxes to fill the van?

Each shoebox can be filled with hygiene items, school supplies, toys, and candy to be given to children in developing countries, regardless of gender, race, religion or age.

Many have volunteered to pack a shoebox.

In 2010, Canada contributed 640,714 boxes -- 100 came from individuals within our agency, friends, coworkers and family members.

Shoeboxes are available at 650 Riverview Drive, 101 Stewart Street and The Parkfield. Once filled, please return them to the same location by November 21. We will deliver all the boxes to the local collection centre.

Enjoy the sounds of the season at
COMMUNITY LIVING CHATHAM-KENT'S
Annual Christmas Concert

Friday, December 2, 2011
held at
St. Paul's Congregational Church
450 Park Avenue West, Chatham
Concert begins at 7:00 p.m.
Doors open at 6:15 p.m.
Admission by cash donation
(receipt available for donations of \$20 or more)
General seating

All proceeds used to provide support and services to people with an intellectual disability

Thank you to our sponsors of this event





Message from the Executive Director



*Lu-Ann Cowell,
Executive Director*

Where has the summer and early fall gone?

Community Living Chatham–Kent has been so busy with local and provincial events the days seem to fly by. Thanks to the generosity of the Chatham–Kent community our Walkathon was a major success this year.

Throughout all of our events in the year, we are deeply appreciative of the support

that we receive from local businesses, volunteers, and the community.

On July 1, 2011, as a result of a Ministry directive we are no longer able to accept applications for service for persons over the age of 18. Applications must be made through

Developmental Services Ontario (DSO). While Developmental Services Ontario's main office is in London, there are people available within our community to assist people and families with the application process. Any person requiring services, who is over the age of 18 should contact the DSO at 1-855-437-6797. They will guide you through the application process.

This newsletter is full of great stories related to the lives of persons who have an intellectual disability and it is so wonderful to see people grow and change as a result of our services and supports.

Please visit our web site at www.clc-k.ca for more information about Community Living Chatham–Kent.

I hope to see you at many of our upcoming functions – thanks for your continued involvement!

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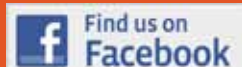
**These businesses work in partnership with JOBWORX.
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Onbelay Automotive Inc.
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McDonald's, St. Clair St., Chatham
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Taco Bell
Ridgetown Foodland
South Ridge Veterinary Clinic

Goodwill Career Centre
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Kent & Essex Mutual Insurance Co.
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Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Comfort Inn
Maple City Country Club
Chatham-Kent Children's Services

To add your name to the list, call 351-0460 today!



RESPECT TOUR 2011

During the month of October, we hit the road once again and visited an additional 15 schools with the Community Living Chatham-Kent



RESPECT Tour. Since April 2010, we have visited over 65 schools in Chatham-Kent and Lambton Kent and delivered the message *bullying is the issue ... respect is the solution* to over 30,000 people. We are very proud to have been able to deliver this message while promoting a positive perception of the abilities of individuals who have an intellectual disability. For the cast members, the RESPECT Tour has also helped build their social and team-building skills and self esteem.

We also held a public performance and pasta dinner at Our Lady of Fatima School. This was a great opportunity to show family, friends and the general public what the RESPECT Tour show is all about. A highlight of the evening was when Deb Rollier, Community Living Ontario Board President presented the entire cast with the Community Living Ontario James Montgomerie Community Award (originally presented in June) for its impact on the community while promoting the positive perception of abilities of individuals who have an intellectual disability.

Community Partners Spotlight



Left to right in this photo Joanne Vanservenant, Jodi Maroney, Rose Vanthuyne

Community Living extends a welcome and thank you to Kent & Essex Mutual Insurance for joining the RESPECT Tour Fall 2011 as a Title Sponsor. They join Sun Media and Blackburn Radio who are also Title Sponsors. Their support of this project has really made a difference.



Jodi Maroney is presented cheque from CIBC Manager, Angie Schreve

Also thank you to to CIBC and The Order of St. John Knights Hospitaller and Ridgetown Foodland for their support.

Jodi Maroney is pictured here with St. John Knights Hospitaller representative, Mr. Don Watts



Additional supporting partners include

- *Subway
- *Tony's One Stop Music Shoppe
- *Chatham Optimist Club
- *MSSC Canada
- *Wheatley Lions Club
- *Chatham Orthodontics
- *Scotiabank Group
- *Tilbury Knights of Columbus 2356

- *Kinsmen Club of Chatham
- *Knights of Columbus, Fr. Ladislaus Council 7744, Blenheim
- *Royal Canadian Legion Branch 243, Ridgetown
- *Knights of Columbus, Council 7251, Thamesville
- *Knights of Columbus 1412

- *Knights of Columbus, St Ursula Council 9551
- *Florence & Sydenham District Optimist Club
- *Evans Wholesale
- *Ahcom Shrine Club
- *Mr. & Mrs. ten Doeschate

Thank you for your support of the FALL RESPECT TOUR



DREAM RIDE DAY

On Thursday, September 8, 2011, Rick Walker and Street Sport Television hosted a Dream Ride at the Chatham Civic Centre.

A number of people we support were invited to go for a ride in one of several sports cars -- new and classic including Mayor Hope's Corvette.

J.P. was very happy to have the opportunity to ride in Mayor Hope's corvette. While in the car, he called his mom on his cell phone and had the Mayor say hello to her. That was definitely a highlight for him.

Despite the rain, everyone had a great time!

Footage from the event will be aired on Street Sport Television sometime in January.

FAIRVIEW'S NASCAR TRIP



August 20 - 22, Beverly Ronson and David Grocott went to NASCAR at Michigan International Speedway (MIS) and spent two nights in a hotel. Both men really enjoyed the experience of the overall trip. Bright and early the day of the race, Bev, Dave, and staff took a bus to the races to enjoy the sites and buy souvenirs. Prior to the race, they enjoyed bike jumps/stunts, listening to a driver talk and throw out t-shirts. (We were too far in the crowd to catch

one, but the guys tried hard.) They went to the pit area to get a closeup look at the cars before the race. While in the pit area, Dave and Bev were both able to see the preparation of the tires and some of the cars being moved in to the pit area to be prepared for the race. The real excitement for both men was the actual competition. Dave was cheering the cars on to the finish line and Bev smiled and clapped the entire time.

Submitted by: M. Dulong & C. Martin



COTTAGE GETAWAY

The men and ladies at Carolinian got to "extend" the feel of summer vacation by enjoying a cottage stay at Rondeau Bay! Thanks to the efforts of support worker, Kate Postma, she found a wonderful cottage just a few steps away from the gates of Rondeau Park. Fishing, hiking, campfires, and just relaxing were the order of the day.

The difference with this holiday was that the owners of the cottage, Mike Moynihan and his family donated the use of their cottage to the men and ladies at not cost!! The Moynihan's have been so generous, and enthusiastic, you would think Carolinian was doing them the favour. Thanks Mike and family for your thoughtfulness in opening up your cottage to offer a recreational experience for all.

Thanks also to the support workers at Carolinian. Their willingness to volunteer time to make this a reality for the men and ladies was so appreciated. You are the best!



FAMILY BARBECUE

Sunshine and wonderful temperatures helped make the first family barbecue at Carolinian a success. On the evening of August 3, the men and ladies at Carolinian hosted a barbecue, inviting their immediate families and friends to attend. The attendance was wonderful and everyone enjoyed the chance to relax and visit. Thanks goes to all of the Carolinian staff who attended the



Picture compliments of Mike Hope

evening and provided potluck dishes to add to the barbecue. Thanks also goes to support worker Kim Goyette who organized the evening... Great evening, great food, great fun, great families.

CAROLINIAN PLACE GOOD TIMES



Children's Respite Gets a New Bed

Children's Respite recently received a generous donation of a wooden safety bed to be used by Randy Palocz and other children while at Respite. Randy utilizes a wheelchair and requires a safe bed with high railings for safety purposes as he frequently sits up and moves about in his bed throughout the night. When he outgrew his crib as a young child his mom, Barb, knew he needed a larger and secure bed. At this time, Barb and the people at *Bedrooms and More* in Wallaceburg designed a custom bed that was safe for Randy to use at home.



The Royal Canadian Branch 18 Legion in Wallaceburg hosted a Mother's Day Brunch and graciously donated the proceeds to purchase a new bed for Children's Respite. The bed is solid wood with drawers underneath for storage. It has a side rail that can fold down easily to transfer children in and out of bed.

Thank you to the Palocz family, Branch 18 Legion in Wallaceburg, and Bedrooms and More.

ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION

Community Living Chatham-Kent has received a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to start the *Leaders Within* leadership training program. This program will provide public speaking and leadership skill training for people we support.

It will also help them to build self confidence, gain self esteem, and become stronger self advocates. A Speaker's Bureau will be developed for the graduates of the *Leaders Within* project with a variety of topics in which they have the opportunity to participate.



In this photo Ron Coristine, Director presents Yeny Romero with a farewell gift. Yeny recently retired her volunteer services on our Board of Directors. We wish you well.

Thank you SUBWAY

We are proud to announce a partnership with Dave McCready of Subway. This partnership started with our Annual Walkathon extended to the RESPECT Tour and will continue to be utilized through the coming year for various events.



Pictured here Sue Halbauer (left) and Carol McNiff, Manager Sass Program (right). On Sept. 2, Sue Halbauer celebrated 25 years with Community Living Chatham-Kent, Congratulations Sue!



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

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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)_____

Telephone Number _____

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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

1. DONOR INFORMATION

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

2. PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please make cheque or money order payable to:

Community Living Chatham-Kent,

PO Box 967, Chatham ON N7M 5L3

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Signature

NEW! *Community Connections* is now available by e-mail. You can help us save our printing and postal costs by subscribing to our newsletter electronically. More than 150 people are now e-subscribers. Thank you!

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 November 30. Draw to be held December 1.



Annual Walkathon Wins the Race!

Thanks to the participation of more than 220 walkers, and the hard work of volunteers and staff, Community Living Chatham-Kent's Annual Walkathon held on Thursday, September 15 smashed its goal of \$15,000 raising more than \$23,000. What an amazing job. This year, the event was held at the Ursuline College (The Pines) athletic track. Not only was there a great turn out, but the team spirit was astounding! New this year was the Team Spirit Award that was presented to Park Power. Honourable mention went to the Lacroix Roughriders and the Calais Cuties.

Other prize winners include:

Top Pledges Collected by:
 Derek Gore - 1st place - Collected \$1,430
 James Bedford - 2nd place - Collected \$900
 Cristina Corsini - 3rd place - Collected \$850



Employee collecting the most pledges - Penny Cowell - \$1,360

Programs with TEAMS with pledges over \$2000

Park Power (Park Avenue)
 Riverview Rockets (Riverview Day Program)
 Big 3 (Stewart Street)



Winner of Flat Screen TV and DVD Player - Crystal Dittmer

Thanks go out to Subway and Chatham-Kent Energy for their sponsorship.



Remembering Loved Ones . . . Memories are forever

July - October 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	Coe, Lance	Jansen, Martin	Mather, Bart
Barichello, Charlotte	Colby, John	Larsh, Ray	McInnis, Jimmy
Barichello, Oscar	Cowell, Bailey Sarah	Layson, Alf	Newcombe, Janet
Beattie, Ruth	Cowell, Paul	Layson, Madeleine	Reekie, Kenneth
Bennett, Rose	Dick, Doris	Lesperance, Jimmy	Smith, Andy
Boley, Douglas	Greenhaugh, Edith	Marchand, Harold	Stocker, Tara

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 450 people and their families across Chatham-Kent, and employs more than 250 staff.

Approximately 90% of our funding comes from the Ontario Ministry of Community

and Social Services. We raise the 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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