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SAVE THE DATE
JUNE 18, 2022



CLC-K ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Registration April 6, 2022!





Community Living Chatham-Kent recently underwent the accreditation process with FOCUS Accreditation.

Two FOCUS Accreditation validators were onsite November 22nd – 25th, and another two validators participated virtually. During that week, FOCUS completed twenty (20) interviews (in-person and virtually), reviewed twenty-six (26) files (Board Members, people accessing services, and employees), and visited several sites. While visiting sites, they were able to speak with people accessing services. Prior to the onsite validation, two hundred and ninety-two (292) surveys were sent to various stakeholders including Board Members, people accessing services, employees, families, students, community partners, and funders. There were two hundred and thirty-four (234) survey responses.

Sandy Morrow and I were informed on January 11th, that CLC-K had achieved, with a score of 94.5 %, a four year accreditation for the period of January 2022 – January 2026. CLC-K is the first organization to be accredited using the newly revised 2020 FOCUS Standards.

I extend a thank you to every employee as each of you has made a tremendously valuable contribution to CLC-K.

Accreditation requires an enormous amount of work and kudos to Lisa Blonde, Janna Stawarz, Natalie Jansen, Cathie Verfaillie, Rochelle Stothart, Steve Stokley, Chantelle Linton, Stacie Dawson, Nancy Underwood, Barbara Hill, Steve Kemp, Shannon Williston, Christie Trudell, Brad Verfaillie, Lesa Jansen, Mickey Kovacs, Ryan Papps, Janice McFadden, and Jodi Skipper.

Sandy Morrow was the agency's Point Person and she did an outstanding job. She put hours and hours and hours into accreditation. Her leadership was terrific, and Sandy deserves a gold medal.

Team CLC-K, "we are the champions" (Queen)!!!

Ron Coristine

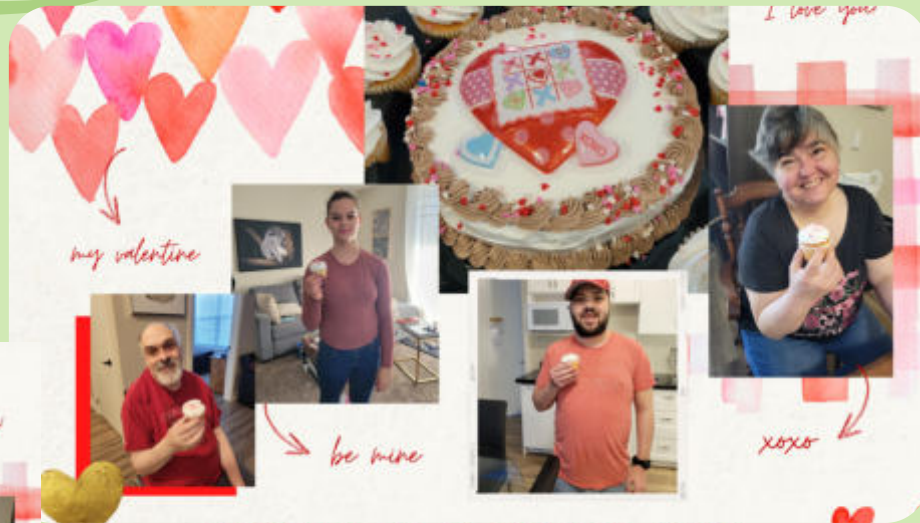
Language Nest Sends Thanks

CLC-K received a thank you tribute from Nwewnan Sasaang (Sounds from the nest) presented by Minogijzhgad for the contribution presented in August 2021.

On March 2, 2022, Ron Coristine and staff toured the site for the new location of the Language Immersion Program.



CELEBRATING TOGETHER



**make
kindness
the norm.**

**RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS
FOUNDATION**

Rae-Lynne made small cards with candy to deliver to our neighbours to spread kindness!

SUPPORTING IMPORTANT CAUSES



Pink Shirt Day is celebrated on the last Wednesday of February each year. People wear pink shirts to signify the stand against bullying. TOGETHER WE can put an end to bullying.

PINK SHIRT DAY

FEB 23, 2022

Stop Bullying Together



SUPPORTING IMPORTANT CAUSES

International Women's Day

break the bias



March 8, 2022

BE PART OF A MOVEMENT

Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions - all day, every day.

We can break the bias in our communities.

We can break the bias in our workplaces.

We can break the bias in our schools, colleges and universities.

Together, we can all break the bias - on International Women's Day (IWD) and beyond.

Central Administration is joining the efforts to #breakthebias.

SUPPORTING IMPORTANT CAUSES

World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD), March 21, is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012.

The date for WDSD being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.



COMMUNITY LIVING CHATHAM-KENT CELEBRATES ONTARIO NON-PROFIT APPRECIATION WEEK 2022.

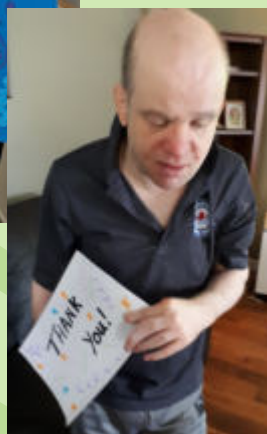
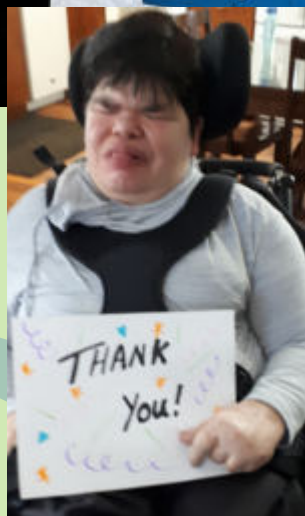
**Let's celebrate the
nearly 850,000
nonprofit workers in
Ontario dedicated to
serving our
communities!**

#NonprofitAppreciationWeek | February 14-20

This is a new recognition of Ontario's non-profit sector and its nearly 850,000 workers. It's based on legislation to recognize non-profit workers and organizations by the Government of Ontario, Bill 9, Non-profit Sector Appreciation Week, 2021. It is championed by MPP Daisy Wai and the Bhayana Family Foundation and celebrates the vital role non-profits and workers play in creating and maintaining healthy, vibrant, and inclusive communities in Ontario.



People who access services and employees from CLC-K celebrate and thank the dedicated Direct Support Professionals essential to our agency!





IN OUR COMMUNITY

Our volunteers can't wait to join everyone! Community Living Chatham-Kent is thrilled to partner with Riverview Charitable Gaming! Proceeds stay in Chatham-Kent enriching the lives of people who have diverse abilities by supporting programs for people who access services.

Rotary



Chatham Rotary Club hosted Angela Corso, Manager of Community Relations, and Amber M., Leaders Within graduate on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. Angela and Amber shared highlights of CLC-K, and the new Outward Bound Program.

Outward Bound provides individualized opportunities and support based on personal choice with a focus on connecting people to their communities.


BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2022

A SPOTLIGHT ON C-K COMMUNITY SUPPORTS & BLACK HEALTH AND WELLNESS


**JOIN US ON ZOOM
FEBRUARY 28, 2022
5:30PM-7:00PM**

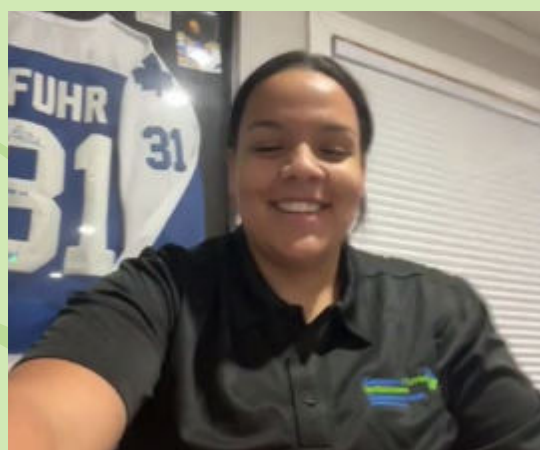
- ACCESS Open Minds Chatham-Kent, a Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario site
- Adult Language and Learning
- Black Mecca Museum
- Buxton National Historic Site & Museum
- Canadian Mental Health Association
- Chatham-Kent Children's Services
- Chatham-Kent Cultural Centre
- Chatham-Kent Fire & Rescue
- Chatham-Kent Health Alliance
- Chatham-Kent Police Service
- Community Living Chatham-Kent
- Home and Community Care Support Services
- Humans Community Services
- Lambton Kent District School Board
- St. Clair Catholic District School Board
- Uncle Tom's Cabin Historic Site

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CHATHAM-KENT CHILDREN'S SERVICES
ONE VISION ONE VOICE COMMITTEE
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:
BUXTON'S NEXT GENERATION



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Thank you to DSP Camryn D, representing Community Living Chatham-Kent on the Black History Month panel on February 28, 2022. Camryn truly demonstrates our vision of Discovering Dreams...Connecting Lives.

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Community Living
Chatham-Kent
supporting Special
Olympics, "Choose To
Include" donut at Tim
Horton's.



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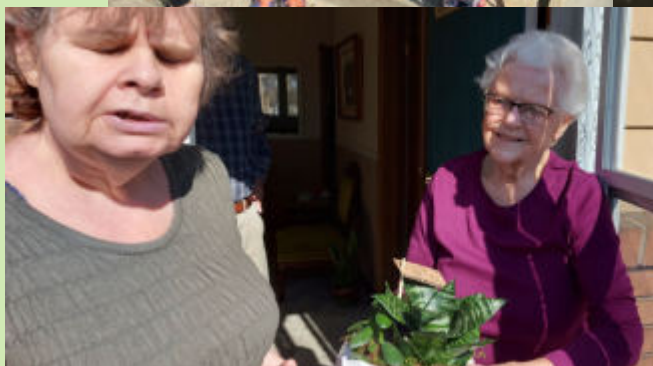
Providing service and support to people with diverse abilities and their families across Chatham-Kent. Community Living Chatham-Kent offers residential supports, out of home respite, community participation supports and more.

Sandy Morrow from Community Living Chatham-Kent shared information about services and supports offered to people who have diverse abilities and their families. With over 550 people currently accessing services, Community Living CK encourages anyone accessing service to be actively involved in directing their supports to identify their dreams, goals, wishes and preferences.

"WE'RE LUCKY TO BE YOUR NEIGHBOUR"



We are thankful to have so many supportive neighbours. This St. Patrick's Day, people took the time to send gifts of thanks to their neighbours!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2021 JONATHAN DANIEL STONE AWARD RECIPIENTS



Jonathan Daniel Stone

Community Living Chatham-Kent (CLC-K) is pleased to announce the recipients of the Jonathan Daniel Stone Fund. Awards were presented virtually on January 27, 2022.

Graceon C. is four years old and participates in the Children's Respite Program at CLC-K. Graceon received an iPad and educational tools to assist him with communication.

Ten-year-old Aiden D. received an iPad, noise-canceling headphones, and a keyboard to increase his communication skills and promote engagement with peers. Aiden's world will expand with the opportunity to explore educational resources and increase his confidence while communicating with others.

Jack B. is an energetic seven-year-old who participates in the Children's Respite Program at CLC-K. Jack's father received the funding to participate in parent education services through the Learning and Behaviour Clinic and Pyramid Educational Consultants.

In May of 2013, Daniel passed at the age of 11. The fund created by Jonathan Daniel Stone's family celebrates his life. The fund annually supports initiatives to assist children who have been diagnosed with autism and/or other diverse abilities and their families. A review committee comprised of Dr. Jonathan and Sarah Stone, a person supported by Community Living Chatham-Kent, two Community Living Chatham-Kent Managers, and a Community Living Chatham-Kent Board Member, selected recipients.



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. Father Williams was an ongoing supporter of the work of Community Living Chatham-Kent and his bequest was made in honour of Rob McLandress, whose family he was very close to.

The Fund will accept applications from persons who have diverse abilities to assist them to make a dream a reality for them. The applications will be reviewed by a committee and two awards of \$1,000 each will be granted annually.

Applications will be available February 21 – April 15, 2022.

Recipients are advised of their status during Community Living Month Flag Raising being held May 3, 2022, at the Civic Centre.

Visit www.clc-k.ca/our-impact/rob-mclandress-make-a-dream-come-true-fund/ to download an application.

COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH 2022



BLUE & GREEN DAY

May 2 - Celebrate with us by wearing BLUE & GREEN. Send photos to show how you are celebrating to info@clc-k.ca. Use #inclusion while sharing on social media.



FLAG RAISING & BBQ

May 3 - Join the Annual Flag Raising ceremony at the Chatham-Kent Civic Centre. Festivities begin at 11:00 am and will include presentation of the Joyce M. Carr Award and the Rob McLandress Make A Dream Come True awards. A charity BBQ will follow sponsored by OPSEU Local 148.



COMMUNITY FILM NIGHT

May 5 - Join us at the Chatham-Kent Capital Theatre for a FREE movie night. Sign and dance the night away while enjoying "Mamma Mia!" Donations welcome at the entrance.



SPRING CRAFT FAIR & YARD SALE

May 7 - Located at 1099 Park Avenue West, Chatham, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Browse local vendors as they shine a light on their products while supporting Community Living Chatham-Kent.



CRAFT NIGHT

Rustic Little Home is hosting a 3-D Craft night at Hidden Hills Golf & Country Club. Call the office to register!



RETROFEST

Visit Community Living Chatham-Kent's Booth at Retrofest May 27-May 28 in Tecumseh Park. Tickets to WIN WestJet Gift of Flight for Two will be available to purchase.

LEARN MORE AT WWW.CLC-K.CA

EVENTS

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**WILLOW RIDGE
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**

**WASTE CONNECTIONS
CANADA**

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07/21/22

**FOOD TRUCK
CRAWL**

**Sons
OF KENT**

Sponsored by:

CAMPBELL **TOYOTA**

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GENEROUS SUPPORTERS OF CLC-K

Thank you!!

Deb donated walker caddies.
Making life a bit more stylish.



Deb is always going above and beyond to help the community!

THANK YOU Deb for your on-going support of Community Living Chatham-Kent! Deb is a retired Community Living Chatham-Kent employee who continues to fulfill the vision of discovering dreams and connecting lives.

Thank you to Howell's Marine and Barletta Pontoon Boats for their recent donation of \$6644.50. Community Living Chatham-Kent is honoured to receive this incredible gesture which will go toward services for people who have diverse abilities by providing meaningful, and inclusive opportunities.



Pictured top left: Zoli Horvath (Board Past President), Ron Coristine (Executive Director, and Dustin (Staff Howell's Marine). Pictured bottom right also includes Bob and Tammy Howell and Howell's Marine staff.

FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK



WWW.CLC-K.CA/FAMILY-SUPPORT-NETWORK/
519-352-1174 EXT. 250

The Family Support Network (FSN) is driven by families, friends, and supporters of children and adults who have diverse abilities.

A Family
Support
Network
helps
families:



Come together to share experiences and information with each other.



Make connections to support and encourage each other, build strength and resilience.



Seek out and share resources that are relevant and valuable to members.



Learn about supports, services, and opportunities in the community, and how to access them.

To learn more visit
www.clc-k.ca/family-support-network/
or call 519-352-1174 ext 250



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MANY DEDICATED EMPLOYEES!

JANUARY

SHELLY DELYZER – 10 YEARS
KRISTEN LAPRISE – 5 YEARS

FEBRUARY

IDA THOMAS – 15 YEARS

MARCH

SHERRY CHEVALIER – 30 YEARS

**JOIN
OUR TEAM!**



Looking for a rewarding career?

Join our team of
Direct Support Professionals today!

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Jayne Audrey Soutar

Ruth Ann VanBynen

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