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FOOD TRUCK Crawl

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THEME
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 Good fun,
 GREAT cause!

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**JULY 21,
2022**
**SONS OF KENT
BACKYARD**
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Ticket to be drawn
Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 9:30 pm
 located at Sons of Kent
 (127 Adelaide St. S., Chatham)
 during Community Living Chatham-Kent's

FOOD TRUCK CRAWL

ON SALE MAY 1 - JULY 21, 2022
 Winner does not have to be present to win.
 Winner will be contacted by phone.

ONLY 550 TICKETS PRINTED!

All proceeds to enrich the lives of people who have diverse abilities
by providing quality services, and meaningful and inclusive opportunities.

(*)No cash value. Fees, taxes, surcharges not included. Blackout dates and restrictions apply.)

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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This is a terrific time of year, sunshine and warmth, National Hockey League playoffs, Community Living Month (May), and the Community Connections Newsletter.

The Box Lunch and Box Lunch for Kids occurred on May 12th, and 13th. A record 1,777 lunches went out on the Thursday and 490 kids received lunch on the Friday. I extend a magical thank-you to Angela Corso and Nicole Roeszler for all of their work. The Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast was on May 26th, at the Links of Kent Golf Club. Congratulations to Michelle Bunney, and Zoli Horvath, winners of the 2021, and 2022, Joan Olive Risdon Memorial Award of Distinction.



CLC-K is very sorry for the losses of past Executive Assistant Mary Lou Kuni, former Director Lee Ann Mallett, George C, and Bev R. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families. During the last few years of Lee Ann's professional career, I had the pleasure of working alongside her. She had a very big impact on my life and for that, I am extremely grateful.

Having had an outstanding thirty-one-year career with Community Living Chatham-Kent, Lesa Jansen, Director of Human Resources, made the decision to retire. Her last day of work was May 31st. She was highly respected within Ontario, and she was a member of several provincial committees. Lesa was extremely instrumental in CLC-K implementing Core Competencies. In 2014, she was awarded the Making a Difference Award for her contributions to improving the quality of supports provided by Developmental Services professionals throughout Ontario. She always wanted the best for the people who accessed services and agency employees. Lesa is a person of high integrity, she has an incredible work ethic, and she is a role model for all of us. No question that Lesa the employee will be missed, however, more importantly, Lesa the friend will just be down the road in Merlin.

I am pleased to announce that Brad Verfaillie is the agency's new Director of Human Resources, Angela Corso is CLC-K's newest Program Director, and Nicole Roeszler is the organization's new Manager of Community Relations.

On behalf of CLC-K, have an awesome summer!

Ron Coristine
Executive Director
Community Living Chatham-Kent

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



Thank you to the Volunteers of Community Living Chatham-Kent. On May 26, 2022, we celebrated your empathy, compassion, and generosity that make a difference in our community.

We appreciate all your contributions to Community Living Chatham-Kent.

JOAN OLIVE RISDON MEMORIAL AWARD OF DISTINCTION

This award's namesake, Joan Risdon, was a woman who accessed services and she was a wonderful volunteer for Community Living Chatham-Kent.

After Joan passed away, this award was set up by her sister and her brother-in-law, Jane and Harry Goodwin to recognize one of our outstanding volunteers. The award plaque includes a handcrafted needlepoint star that was created and given to Joan by her sister and was displayed in Joan's home for over 30 years. It was always treasured by Joan and symbolized the commitment and closeness of family.



This is most fitting as our volunteers show outstanding commitment to Community Living Chatham-Kent and, most importantly, the people we serve.

Each year this award is given to a Board Member, volunteer, person who accesses services, staff or community citizen who has made an outstanding contribution to further the goal, vision, and beliefs of Community Living Chatham-Kent.

SUPPORTING IMPORTANT CAUSES

CLC-K Supports Organ



Donation Awareness



Every year, Canadians mark April 7 as Green Shirt Day in honour of the Logan Boulet Effect, supporting of organ donor awareness/registration across Canada.

Community Living Chatham-Kent is proud to be a supporter of organ donor awareness.

On April 6, 2018, Canadians were heartbroken to hear the news of the Humboldt Broncos bus crash. Of the 29 passengers, sixteen lost their lives and thirteen will all bear physical and emotional scars for life. On April 7, 2018, Humboldt Broncos defenseman Logan Boulet succumbed to his injuries. His parents, Bernadine and Toby Boulet offered to donate his organs so that six lives could live on. They did so because Logan told his parents he was registering as an organ donor and that he was inspired by his coach and mentor Ric Suggitt. Ric passed on June 27th, 2017, and was an organ donor and saved 6 lives.

SUPPORTING IMPORTANT CAUSES

ROSES FOR ROTARY



The 21st Annual Roses for Rotary campaign took place on April 6 throughout Chatham-Kent. The roses looked absolutely beautiful! This was a sell-out event for the Rotary Club of Chatham Sunrise - CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank you to the CLC-K Volunteers who helped load the vehicles and assisted with deliveries.

KINGDOM ASSIGNMENT

As part of the "Kingdom Assignment" through George P. Vanier School, grade 8 student Madelyn Galbraith received \$25 to build and grow her money to benefit a local community effort. Madelyn chose Autism Ontario as this effort speaks to her on a personal level. Together with a friend, Madelyn created t-shirts supporting Autism Awareness. She sold over 100 T-shirts raising over \$1400!! Incredible!

Madelyn decided to split the profits with Autism Ontario and Community Living Chatham-Kent providing each with \$736.25!! Madelyn embodies the agency's vision of Discovering Dreams, Connecting Lives.

THANK YOU!

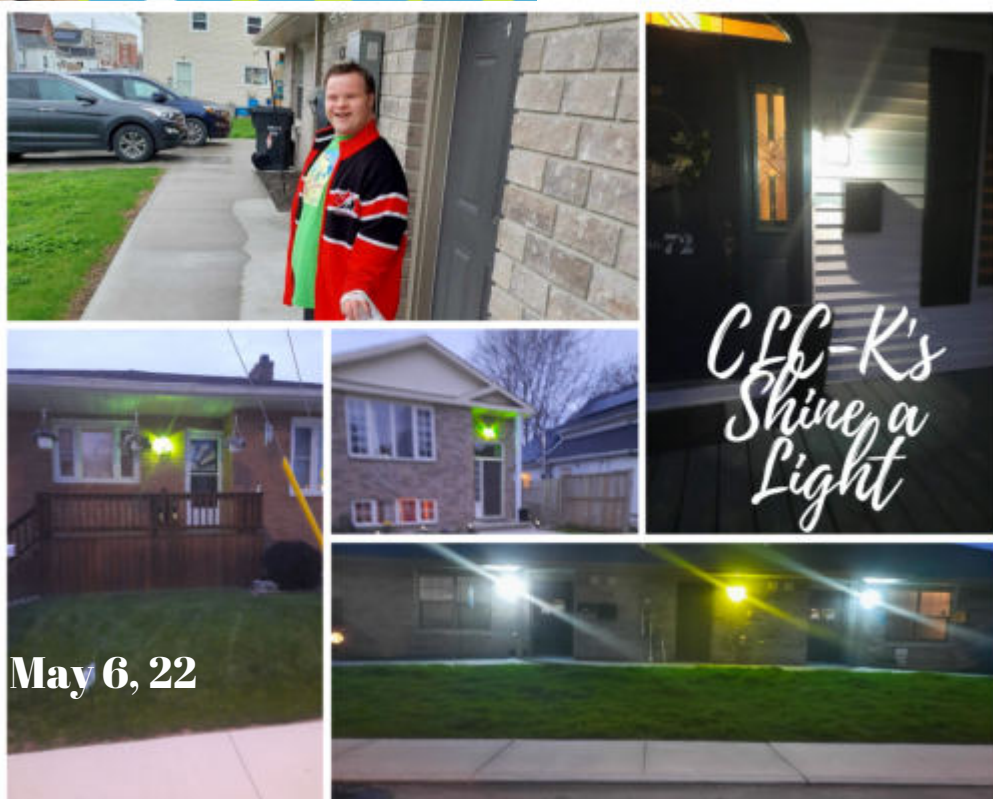


Pictured are Bridget Tuinstra (CLC-K), Madelyn, and Angela Corso (Program Director)

COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH



GREEN & BLUE DAY



May 6, 22

COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH



FLAG RAISING

JOYCE M. CARR CHAMPION AWARD

Congratulations to this year's Joyce M. Carr Champion Award winner, Churrascaria Steakhouse. Brian and Mel are outstanding people that truly see the value in hiring people who have diverse abilities. Stop by their restaurant to enjoy a fantastic meal. Join **JOBWORX: Employment Services** in thanking them for all they do.



The 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.

Two awards of \$1000 each are distributed annually to people who have diverse abilities to assist in making a dream come true. Seven applications were received by the Review Committee and after very difficult deliberations, they decided on the 2022 winners.



Marie can be heard singing, “Old McDonald Had A Farm” quite regularly as she has a fondness for all animals, but especially horses. Marie’s dream is to enjoy a wagon ride pulled by horses and have the chance to be around other farm animals. It is exciting to announce Marie will fulfill her dream in Watford, ON at Humes Horse and Carriage. Marie will also have the opportunity to visit, and stay overnight in Grand Bend, ON.

Angel has had the dream to visit the city of Toronto to enjoy the culture, the people, and the hustle and bustle of Toronto’s downtown city core. Angel is looking forward to travelling by train to Toronto and visiting places including the CN Tower, stand on the glass floor, and Ripley’s Aquarium. She is most excited to tour Casa Loma’s infamous tunnels that lead to the horse stables as she is very interested in horses. We look forward to hearing about Angel’s trip when she returns!



SUPPORTING IMPORTANT CAUSES



CLC-K GIVING BACK

CLC-K hosted a Food Drive during the month of May, in support of the Chatham-Kent Salvation Army. We received an incredible outpouring of donations to give back to our wonderful community.

The Salvation Army was thankful and very appreciative of everyone for all the donations.



SUPPORTING IMPORTANT CAUSES



On Tuesday, May 31, CLC-K celebrated the end of Community Living Month by "taking a break" together!

Celebrated annually since 2000, Community Living Toronto's "I Took A Break" social media campaign sees thousands of voices across Ontario join together to "take a break" in support of the rights and choices of people with diverse abilities. #ITookABreak22

WELLNESS COMMITTEE CHALLENGES



The CLC-K Wellness Committee set a winter challenge to create "Creative Snow Masterpieces".

The winners are:

First Place - "Here We Gooooooo!"

Second Place - Small But Mighty!



Bethann, Lindsay, Saaj, and Bernadine can not wait to participate in our 2nd Annual Sunflower Challenge! Did you know the tallest sunflower on record was over 30 feet tall?? We look forward to watching them grow!



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Wow! It's not every day that you get to see a bird of prey up close and personal. Ontario Falconry provided the opportunity to interact with beautiful Birds of Prey including eagles, owls, hawks, and falcons. Thank you to Lisa Gee for organizing this fantastic event!

Ontario Falconry - Birds of Prey



IN OUR COMMUNITY



Greenvew
Aviaries



IN OUR COMMUNITY



EVENTS

THANK YOU to everyone who supported CLC-K's 2022 Box Lunch. Over 1,700 lunches were delivered throughout Chatham-Kent.

Special thanks to all forty-four Volunteers who delivered. We could not have done it without you!



Appreciation also to everyone who donated to the Box Lunch for Kids program. In 2019, Box Lunch for Kids was introduced - delivering free lunches to schools across Chatham-Kent.

This year, almost 500 lunches were sponsored.

Thank You

This initiative has allowed us to provide over 4,500 lunches to students across all school boards. Thank you to our wonderful community for your ongoing support, and to the Volunteers for ensuring prompt delivery!



EVENTS

CLC-K's Spring Craft Fair & Yard sale was a BIG success.

The community truly stepped up, raising over \$1000!

Thank you to our Craft Vendors!

Tupperware in Tilbury
Pampered Chef
Polished Perfection Colour Street with Jessica
Your Uniqueness
Juls Lotion & Bath
Tablecloth Wreaths
CLC-K Community Supports
Tammy's Creations

Imagine It Creations / Simple Pleasures
Sweet Legs Windsor with Lynn
VoxxLife-Sox and Sole
Norwex
Happy Fidgets
Community Living Sales
J.C. Schippers Honey
Leanne's Creations
Kent Regiment Chapter IODE



EVENTS



Thank you to The Optimist Club in Chatham for being one of the Golf Tournament sponsors. A very special thank you to Steve and Bridget, as they spend a lot of their free time volunteering at CLC-K events. We are grateful for your continued support!



EVENTS



Community Living Chatham-Kent held the 24th Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 18, at Willow Ridge Golf and Country Club. The food was delicious, the course was in excellent shape, and many laughs were shared throughout the day.

Thank you to the golfers, prize donors, sponsors, and Volunteers for making the event a success.

EVENTS

Thank You

to our Sponsors



24th Annual Golf Tournament

Presented By:

Waste Connections of Canada



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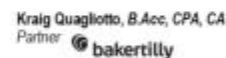
GOLD SPONSORS



GOLF CART SPONSORS



HOLE SPONSORS



Thank you to Willow Ridge Golf & Country Club, our sponsors, prize donors, golfers, and Volunteers for making this day a success!

MEETING ACCESSIBILITY



The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) is intended to reduce and remove barriers for people who have diverse abilities so that Ontario can become more accessible and inclusive for everyone. Collaboration among businesses, organizations, communities, and all levels of government is key to reaching this goal.

Community Living Chatham-Kent attains the highest standard to meet accessibility achievements. Pictured above is one of our residential accommodations showcasing a new porch and ramp. Other recent improvements to locations include heat recovery ventilation systems to assist with better air quality in the homes, and the installation of pot lights in a living space designed for better lighting specific for medication administration.



Families enjoyed CLC-K's Family Support Network's paint night, sponsored by a grant through the Ontario Caregiver Organization on, April 27, 2022. The Family Support Network is driven by families, friends, and supporters of children and adults who have diverse abilities.

To learn how to join the Family Support Network call 519-352-1174 ext. 250.





CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
MANY DEDICATED
EMPLOYEES!

APRIL

DIANA LAMBERT – 15 YEARS

MAY

MARLEAH BURNETT - 35 YEARS
GERDA LAROSE - 30 YEARS
KIM GOYETTE - 25 YEARS
LOIS NICHOLSON - 15 YEARS
ALEX ST. PIERRE - 5 YEARS

JUNE

NANCY UNDERWOOD – 20 YEARS
RENEE KNIGHT - 5 YEARS
PHILIP LATFORD - 5 YEARS

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