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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is Fall so Community Living Chatham-Kent's 2023 Lottery Calendar must be for sale. Buy one today! This calendar focuses on health and wellness, and there will be a winner every day of the year.

CLC-K is very sorry for the losses of former Director of Human Resources Lesa Jansen, and Direct Support Professional Robbie Lynn Fowler. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families. In 2014, Lesa 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 was a person of high integrity, she had an incredible work ethic, and she was a role model for all of us.



On September 30th, the Every Child Matters flag was raised at three CLC-K locations. Employees donned orange shirts and at the Administration Building, people observed a moment of silence, and listened to a poem read by Angel N.

The agency donated \$1,000 from the Food Truck Crawl to children who had diverse abilities and resided in Ukraine. The money was utilized to purchase medicine and groceries. CLC-K was pleased to partner with the Rotary Club of Chatham Sunrise in the establishment of the Salute to Ukraine Rotary Park located at Grand Avenue and Victoria Avenue. Feel free to stop by and relax on one of the benches.

Welcome Lisa McAllister, CLC-K's new Volunteers and Events Coordinator.

Penny Cowell, Direct Support Professional II, worked her last day on September 22nd. She was an outstanding employee who was extremely well liked by everyone. Penny, have an awesome retirement.

On behalf of CLC-K, have a great Fall season!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Coristine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ron Coristine
Executive Director
Community Living Chatham-Kent

SUPPORTING IMPORTANT CAUSES



IN THIS FILE PHOTO, ROTARY CLUB OF CHATHAM SUNRISE MEMBERS
ROGER MCRAE, LEFT, LEIGH-ANNE PERRIN AND PAUL ROY.
(TOM MORRISON/POSTMEDIA NETWORK)

Article by Chatham Daily News

During a special ceremony dedicated to honouring Ukraine, Mother Nature also put on her best show to help pay tribute to the country's citizens in Chatham-Kent.

The colours of the nation's flag were on full display in a sense. In the bluest of skies, the sun shone down on beds of sunflowers, with monarch butterflies, as if on cue, arriving at the Salute to Ukraine Rotary Park.

The Rotary Sunrise Club of Chatham hosted the grand opening for the park, located at the corner of Grand Avenue East and Victoria Avenue.

A short program featured guest speakers, along with the raising of the Canadian and Ukrainian flags, followed by refreshments and conversation. "I am so grateful to Chatham-Kent," Nina Zeleney, who came to Canada when she was seven years old, told The Daily News. "I couldn't be more proud."

The sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine, and has become a symbol this year against Russia's invasion of the country.

Orest Tiahur has lived in Chatham for 30 years, and now resides near the park. He was impressed by the tribute and show of solidarity from the Chatham-Kent community. "Thank you Canada for supporting Ukraine," he said, adding he tries to talk to family members, most living in the western part of the country, at least once a week.

Through an interpreter, Olga Turovska, who arrived in Canada in May, said she was also touched. "(I'm) very thankful that they did this for Ukraine," she said. She called the ceremony especially emotional, given that her 45-year-old son is currently serving in the Ukrainian military protecting their homeland. "Every day I think about him and miss him," she said.

The tribute park is a co-operative effort by Rotary Sunrise and property owner Community Living Chatham-Kent.

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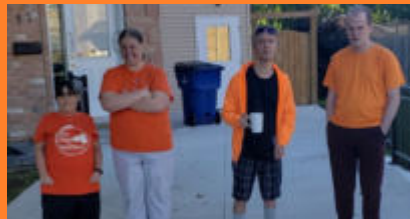
Each year, Community Living Chatham-Kent donates a portion of the proceeds raised from the Food Truck Crawl to a worthy cause. CLC-K has chosen to dedicate the 2022 Food Truck Crawl funds to children who have diverse abilities in Ukraine.

On February 24, 2022, Russia launched a full-scale attack on Ukraine. According to NGOs European Disability Forum, and Inclusion Europe, it is estimated that there are at least 2.7 million people who access services in Ukraine. This vulnerable group of citizens are being neglected, and desperately require medicine, food, and water to survive.

“We are saddened by the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. We extend our thoughts and prayers to everyone impacted by this war, and hope to provide urgent care to those in need,” said Nicole Roeszler, Manager of Community Relations with Community Living Chatham-Kent.

Ed Dickson, Overseas Director for Loads of Love Humanitarian Aid and Mission, has been instrumental in assisting with directing the funds to Ukraine. “This donation will be used in the city of Kryvyi Rih, Ukraine, to help fifty families and people who have diverse abilities. The funds will help with desperately needed groceries and medicine.” Ed added, “We are beyond grateful to Community Living Chatham-Kent for their generous support.”

SUPPORTING IMPORTANT CAUSES



Truth and Reconciliation Day

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities.

The Every Child Matters flag was raised at three CLC-K locations. Employees throughout the agency wore their orange shirts proudly. At the Administration Building people observed a moment of silence, and listened to a powerful poem read by Angel N.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

2nd Annual Sunflower Challenge

The CLC-K Wellness Committee announced the 2nd Annual Sunflower Challenge in May 2022. It was very exciting watching everyone's progress this summer.

There were two prizes awarded:

Tallest Sunflower: 10 feet, 5 inches

Largest Sunflower: 13 ½ inches

Congratulations to the winners!



DREAMS COME TRUE



Angel has always wanted to travel to Toronto via train, and this year that dream came true. She was one of the lucky recipients of the Rob McLandress Make a Dream Come True Fund, which assisted to financially support the trip of a lifetime!

Angel boarded the Via Train in Chatham, and was very excited to sit by the window so she could see the world go by. As they approached Toronto, she was in awe of the tall buildings, and the amount of people.

The hotel had a beautiful pool and hot tub, which were utilized many times throughout the weekend.

Angel couldn't contain her excitement when she saw the CN Tower. She was nervous to step on the glass floor, so she happily took in the breathtaking view of the city of Toronto from the lookout. She purchased a few souvenirs from the CN Tower gift shop, and received a digital photo of her experience.

Ripley's Aquarium was the next adventure. Angel was amazed walking through, learning about all the different sea creatures that are in the lakes, oceans, and seas. She especially loved going through the Dangerous Lagoon, where the sharks and other predators were casually swimming. She even found out she would be worth \$16,948.00 if she were a tuna!

In Casa Loma, Angel was able to see the highly anticipated tunnel to the horse stables. She also visited Hollywood Walkway, where many movies have been filmed, including The Pacifier, X-Men, and many more.

Angel enjoyed the food options in Toronto, especially the Beaver Tails. She also had a Starbucks cold coffee for the first time and liked it, but didn't like the price!

Angel said it was a wonderful trip, and would love to visit again. She is very grateful to the Rob McLandress Make a Dream Come True Fund for making her dream come true!

IN THE COMMUNITY



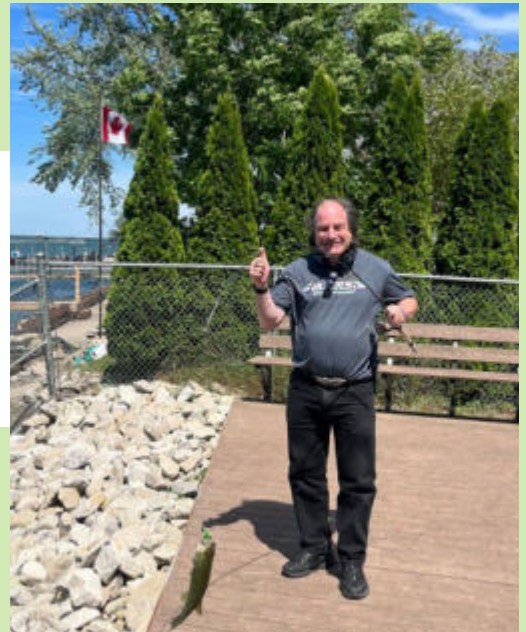
Beach Day

Lindsay, Laurie, and Medea enjoyed lunch from Molly and OJ's, while overlooking the beautiful lake, and then took an afternoon stroll in Erieau. We are blessed to live close to one of Canada's great lakes.



Catch of the Day

Phil was very proud of the fish he caught in Erieau. He enjoys fishing, but hasn't been having any luck lately, so this was an exciting day. Great job, Phil!



Kinsmen Fair

He shoots, he scores! Everyone had a great time exploring the Kinsmen Fair. It was wonderful to have the annual summer tradition back in Chatham.



IN THE COMMUNITY



Dresden Concert

Jim and Tim enjoyed the Eagles tribute concert in Dresden! The audience was treated to the legacy sound of the Eagles when they began to rule the airwaves with hits including Hotel California, One of These Nights, New Kid in Town, Take it Easy, The Boys of Summer, and many more!

Proceeds from this event went to support Chatham-Kent Crime Stoppers.



Turns and Tales

Jesse, Rose, Marissa, and Micaela, a group from Making it Happen, played a fast-paced game of Sorry, and had light refreshments at Turns and Tales.



Wildwood Car Show

Annually, this show boasts the best display of hot rods along the water, featuring a wide variety of makes, models, and years. From the classics to the brand new, the group couldn't decide which was their favourite.



IN THE COMMUNITY



Wyatt's Staycation



Wyatt had a blast on his staycation in Chatham! He went bowling at Bowlerama, stayed at the Retro Suites, ate at Chilled Cork, listened to music in the park, played games, and ended the trip with hanging out at the park.



Butterfly Tour

Susan and David enjoyed the butterfly tour and information session at Rondeau. They saw a swallowtail, a monarch, and plenty of dragonflies.



Pelee Island



John was eager to ride the ferry across to explore Pelee Island. When they arrived on the Island, he intently read about the local wildlife, and caught a glimpse of a small garter snake. What a great experience!

IN THE COMMUNITY



Puddleford Farm

Everyone enjoyed the fresh air, the beautiful view, and making sunny memories at Puddleford Farm!



Ridgetown PMAC

Carol, Amanda, Robert, Matthew, and Richard, along with family and friends, were happy to celebrate the return of Ridgetown PMAC with a tasty BBQ, and a few games.

Ridgetown PMAC is back in action!



Flight Fest

Jim, Todd, Tyler, and Charlie had a soaring good time watching the planes flying, and especially found it appealing to watch them land.



IN THE COMMUNITY

50th Annual Pow Wow
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Pow Wow

Susan, Jason, Tim, and David attended the 50th Annual Pow Wow Eelunaapeewl Lahkeewiitin at the Delaware Nation in Moraviantown.

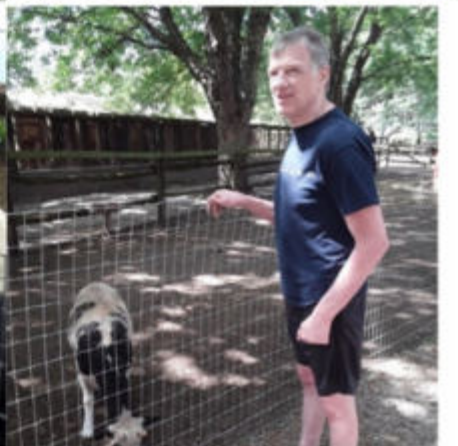
Did you know the Delaware Nation is one of the oldest settlements in the region, as it was founded in 1792? It was a great day spent learning, and dancing!



Greenview Aviaries

*Lions, tigers, and bears...
oh my!*

David visited Greenview Aviaries Park & Zoo, and had a wonderful time with all the animals. It was hard for him to choose a favourite, as he loved interacting with each one



IN THE COMMUNITY



JOBWORX Summer Employment Program

The program operated in July and August, with fifteen students attending from John McGregor, CKSS, and Ursuline College. Four university students were hired by Community Living Chatham-Kent to help run the program; Avri MacFarlane, Brandon Van, Brooke Michaud, and Megan Burk.

All students worked at local businesses in the mornings, and were paid minimum wage, or better, for their hard work. The students completed volunteer hours at local non-profits in the afternoons, which goes towards their high school volunteer requirements.

On Fridays, the students participated in different fundraising events, such as car washes, BBQ's, and a lemonade stand. The Students raised enough money to enjoy their final day at Bowlerama, and South Side Mini Golf.

We extend a very special ***thank you*** to the following businesses who support JOBWORX, and see the value in hiring students:

- Advanced Basement Systems
- Mama Maria's Ristorante
- Prodenchuk Produce Inc.
- Planet Print
- Boston Pizza
- Sweet C's Cookie Creations
- Campbell Toyota
- Taste by Tiff
- CK Cardiac Clinic
- Arby's
- Active Lifestyle Centre
- Community Living Chatham-Kent
- Swackhammer Services



UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS



2023 LOTTERY CALENDAR

Community Living Chatham-Kent is thrilled to announce the 9th Annual Lottery Calendar, "*Discover Your Health & Wellness*"!

The 2023 Lottery Calendar, presented by Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers, will be available for purchase on October 6, 2022.

This 12-month calendar features health awareness days, as well as monthly challenges to ensure health and wellness are a daily priority.

For only \$20, you have the opportunity to win cash or prizes every day, starting on January 1 - December 31, 2023. With cash and prizes totalling \$16,255.00, and only 2,000 calendars printed, the odds are in your favour!

If you are interested in purchasing a calendar, please call 519-352-1174 ext. 231, or email lmcallister@clc-k.ca for sales locations.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS



5K RUN & WHEEL

CLC-K is hosting the 1st Annual 5K Run & Wheel, presented by Devos Furniture, on Saturday, October 22, at Mud Creek Path.

The 5K course can be run competitively with time-chipped bibs, or take part in the 1.5K walk/wheel. We also invite kids up to the age of 10 to participate in the Kid's Dash.

No matter which element you take part in, everyone will receive a finisher medal, and a t-shirt.

Visit www.clc-k.ca, or raceroster.com to register today!



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join us as we celebrate the Holiday Season on Friday, December 2, at St. Paul's Congregational Church.

Prepare to be inspired and entertained by all the talented performers from throughout Chatham-Kent.

Admission is by cash donation.

Doors open at 6:15pm, and the Concert will begin at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome!

If you would like more information, please contact Lisa: lmcallister@clc-k.ca, or 519-352-1174 ext. 231.

EVENTS

FOOD TRUCK CRAWL

On July 21, CLC-K hosted the Food Truck Crawl, presented by Campbell Toyota, at Sons of Kent. Over 300 people attended this exciting event to enjoy food prepared by Chilled Cork, Curbside Eats, Dog Days Barbeque, Pretzel Central, Delizioso Italiano, and Sons of Kent.



The theme was 90's! Big Shiny Toons helped transport the audience back to the 90's with various musical hits throughout the decade. Best dressed was awarded, and everyone looked *"totally rad!"*

The winner of the WestJet giveaway was Jerry Corso.

It was a great evening that brought the community together. We extend a thank you to our sponsors; Campbell Toyota, Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers, Arrival Financial Solutions, Universal Health Products, Realty House, and TekSavvy.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event, which raised over \$24,000!

FOCUS Accreditation Celebration

CLC-K was successful in its bid to be re-accredited by FOCUS Accreditation, and was the first in province to achieve this new accreditation standard.

To celebrate this wonderful achievement, CLC-K hosted a delicious summer BBQ on August 18. The day began with the lovely voice of Camryn Dudley, followed with food provided by the Chatham Optimist Club, and sweet treats from Ohana Ice. A special thank you to Jacob Trudell for his fantastic DJ skills throughout the day, keeping everyone entertained while they enjoyed the various outdoor games.

It was a great day!



EVENTS

FARM TOUR

Leon Leclair and his family hosted a fun-filled day at the Leclair Farm.

The wagon rides were enjoyed by everyone, as well as the opportunity to view various farm machinery, including tractors, a combine, and a sugar beet harvester.

A delicious barbeque was held, providing time to relax, take in the sights, and connect with one another.

For some, being on the farm was nostalgic, bringing back wonderful memories of their childhood.

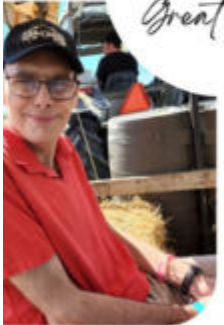
It was a beautiful day!

Thank You

CLC-K is grateful to Leon Leclair, his family, and his neighbours for hosting this fantastic event.



LEON'S FARM
TOUR
Great time!



EVENTS

WALKATHON

The Beijing Olympics were hosted in February 2022, and CLC-K's Olympic Walkathon was September 21!

The teams all won *GOLD* for their creativity! Some of the team names included; Golden Gladiators, Team Canada Outward Bound Movers & Shakers, and the Lightning Legends, to name a few.

Over \$17,000 was raised, and all proceeds will go directly to enriching the lives of people who have diverse abilities by providing quality services, and meaningful and inclusive opportunities.

Thank you to the Chatham Optimist Club for providing the food for the event. We also extend a special thank you to our community partners Eight Count Cheer Academy, and Motion Specialty.

Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, and pledged! You made a difference, and helped us surpass our fundraising goal!



EVENTS

MEMORIES OF THE PARKFIELD - TAKE OUT BAGS

The 2022 Community Living Chatham-Kent Lottery Calendar outlined a number of delicious recipes that were prepared by the former Parkfield Restaurant. CLC-K Chef's were excited to provide each person the opportunity to enjoy these wonderful recipes!

Memories of the Parkfield Take Out Bags were sold for only \$20 each, where each person received a single serving of all twelve recipes. It was a great way to celebrate the former Parkfield, and taste these unique and delicious recipes.

A special thank you to Barbara Hill, Wendy St. Pierre, and the many Volunteers who made this event a success!



FIRE SAFETY

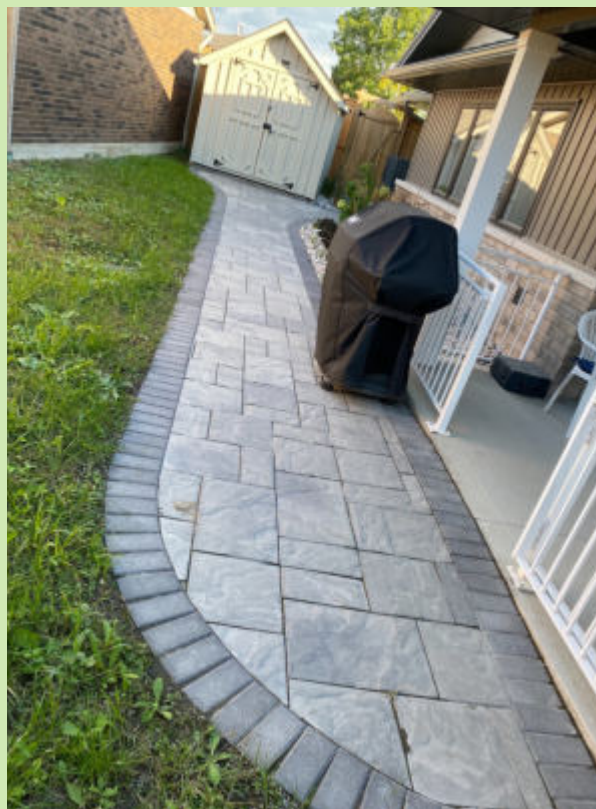
The Making it Happen Program hosted a Fire Safety presentation with approximately forty-five people in attendance. Topics included the role of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, the danger of extension cords and power bars, and kitchen safety.

All participants enjoyed putting out a virtual fire using a real fire extinguisher.

It was an interactive, and informative presentation! Thank you to Whitney, from the Chatham-Kent Fire and Emergency Services, for your efforts!



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 to accommodate the individualized needs for the people who access services, our employees, and visitors.

Pictured above is one of our residential accommodations showcasing a newly installed sidewalk in the backyard, which runs from the driveway to the covered patio.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pictured is Brad Verfaillie, Heather Robertson, Henry Jansen, and Ron Coristine.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

CLC-K was honoured to receive the Making a Difference Award from the Provincial Network Human Resource Forum on October 3, 2022, in memory of Lesa Jansen.

This award recognizes her valued contribution to Ontario's Developmental Services Sector.

Lesa was a valued employee, whose efforts contributed to improving the quality of support provided by Developmental Service professionals throughout Ontario.



JONATHAN DANIEL STONE FUND

CLC-K is pleased to announce that applications will be accepted for The Jonathan Daniel Stone Fund beginning on November 1, 2022.

The Fund can be used to support initiatives to assist children and their families who have been diagnosed with autism, and/or other intellectual disabilities. Daniel's fund can be utilized for, but is not limited to: recreational activities, educational workshops for parents and siblings, advocacy, vocation and life skills development, assistive devices and equipment that promote and facilitate learning or communication.

There will be two recipients awarded \$1,500 each.

This fund celebrates the life of Jonathan Daniel Stone. Daniel was a child who had autism, and died suddenly at the age of 11, in May of 2013. He was a student at Indian Creek Road Public School in Chatham. Daniel loved to cook, swim, and spend time with his family at the beach.

For more information, please visit our website at www.clc-k.ca.



FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK



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FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK

This network is driven by families, friends, and supporters of children and adults who have diverse abilities.

CLC-K's Family Support Network continues to update the calendar online with upcoming online events, and seminars.

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

VOLUNTEERS - YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Many people say that volunteering has changed them in ways they would have never expected, from making new friends, learning new skills, or perhaps even landing a job opportunity, the benefits are endless!

CLC-K has many unique and meaningful volunteer opportunities.



Please contact Lisa at lmcallister@clc-k.ca, or 519-352-1174 ext. 231 to become a volunteer today!

THANK YOU to our Volunteers for contributing your time, energy, and talents to CLC-K.
You are valued, and truly appreciated.

Thank you!



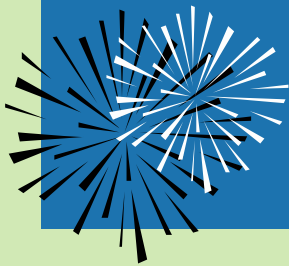
Celebrating employee work anniversaries



**Congratulations to our
many dedicated employees!**

JULY

Nicole Roeszler – 10 years



SEPTEMBER

Tracey Papps – 35 years
Janet Burk – 15 years
Lynn Coll – 15 years
Norma Hunt – 15 years
Darlene Joyce – 15 years
Jody McGee – 15 years
Marc Roman – 10 years
Diane O'Neill – 5 years

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