

Community Connections







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## SUPPORTING IMPORTANT CAUSES



Each year CLC-K donates a portion of the proceeds raised from the Food Truck Crawl Event to a worthy cause. The 2023 funds are being dedicated to R.O.C.K. Missions in Chatham, and Wallaceburg.

R.O.C.K. (Reach Out Chatham-Kent) was founded in August of 2019. The locations in Chatham and Wallaceburg serve over seven-hundred (700) lunches every week.

Community Living Chatham-Kent is proud to support these vital programs as they provide essential services and resources to vulnerable people in our community," said Nicole Roeszler, Manager of Community Relations with CLC-K.

Jackie VanderLinden, Executive Lead with R.O.C.K., has been instrumental in assisting with directing the funds to the continued operations of the programs. "This donation will be used towards the purchase of food and hygiene products for the drop-in centres and outreach services. It helps us keep the doors open, and people nourished, which assists to build trust in hopes of connecting our friends to the resources they need." Jackie added, "We are very grateful to Community Living Chatham-Kent for their generosity!"

For information on how you can help, visit www.rockmissions.com.

## SUPPORTING IMPORTANT CAUSES









# TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WEEK

To honour Truth and Reconciliation Week, which runs from September 25 – 30, 2023, the Central Office employees hosted a flag raising ceremony, observed a moment of silence, and listened to a poem read by Angel N.

The Every Child Matters flag is hanging at Central Office, 101 Stewart Street, and 1099 Park Avenue West to show CLC-K's support.



## **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

#### SUNFLOWER CHALLENGE

The CLC-K Wellness Committee announced the 3rd Annual Sunflower Challenge in May 2023. It was very exciting watching everyone's progress this summer.

#### WINNERS

- Tallest sunflower at 9 feet, 7 inches
- Largest sunflower at 1 foot 7 inches in diameter

Congratulations to the winners!





## DREAMS COME TRUE











Ella was the one o f recipients of the 2023 Rob McLandress Make a Dream Come True Fund. Her dream true when she experienced a massage at the Scandinave Spa in Blue Mountain, as well as an overnight stay.

"I listened to calming music while taking in the smells of the essential oils during the best massage I could ever ask for!" Ella said.

After her massage, Ella enjoyed the thermal bath, cold plunge, and standing under the cold waterfall.

After that, she visited Blue Mountain village where she had dinner at an Irish Pub with Diane and Shelly, sipping a glass of red wine. She browsed the shops, and purchased souvenirs.

When they left Blue Mountain, she checked into the Rocklyn Inn Bed and Breakfast. Ella commented on how friendly the Inn owners were. She also liked meeting their dog, Oliver.

Ella had a comfortable sleep on her king bed. In the morning a delicious breakfast was served.

On the way home they detoured, stopping at the St. Jacobs Farmers' Market where she purchased gemstones, pickled eggs, and a bracelet.

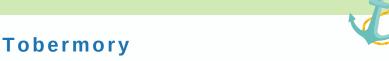
Ella absolutely loved her time away saying, "It was a dream come true!" She wishes to thank everyone who was involved in making it an extra special trip.

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## IN THE COMMUNITY





John had an excellent time in Tobermory. He saw some shipwrecks on the glass bottom boat tour, and felt the wind in his face as he cruised around Flowerpot Island. Special thanks to DSP Tracy for creating a memorable trip for John.



#### **British Beats**

Paige, Ken, Stewart, Tracey, and Jessica enjoyed tapping their toes and singing along to the band British Beats 66. It was a beautiful evening in Blenheim!











## African Lion Safari

Tonio and Doug had a wonderful time at African Lion Safari with DSPs Rachel and Lynnette. Every time they saw a new animal, they made the animal's sound and said, "Hello!"



## IN THE COMMUNITY



## Rondeau Sailing

BJ had such a great time learning how to sail in Rondeau. He was presented the Sailor Award for completing the program.









#### **Dresden Raceway**

People who access services through Community Supports enjoyed the excitement of the Dresden Raceway. What a fun way to spend a Sunday!























## Blenheim Cherryfest

Ken, Dennis, and Brian attended Blenheim's Annual Cherry Festival. Good food, good fun, and of course... cherry pie!

## IN THE COMMUNITY



## Blenheim Freedom Library

Blenheim PMAC went on a guided tour of the Blenheim Freedom Library and Military Museum, which was established in 1995 by a group of local veterans. The museum holds over 2,500 historical local military artifacts, and describes the various jobs that men and woman worked during the war.





## Canadian Heritage Transportation Museum

Phil, Greg, and Lorden went to the Canadian Heritage Transportation museum in Essex. The men viewed the vintage cars, the motorcycle museum, and had lunch at the 50's diner.











## Lungovita Beach Retreat

Micheline and Kim had an amazing time at Lungovita Beach Retreat. Micheline delighted in her love for camping, and Kim took advantage of relaxation time. They also achieved a lot of firsts such as being in a hot tub, eating s'mores, and resting in a hammock.

## IN THE COMMUNITY



#### WAMBO

These ladies had a great afternoon looking at all the awesome cars at the Wallaceburg Antique Motor and Boat Outing. They especially enjoyed the refreshing glass of freshly squeezed lemonade.



#### **Point Pelee**

Ron celebrated his 65th birthday by camping at an Otentik in Point Pelee. He saw creative wood carvings, and relaxed on the beach. Ron stopped at Colasanti's on the way home where he saw a beautiful flower display.





#### Windsor Cruise

Susan, David, and Jason were excited to cruise along the Detroit River. Susan was familiar with many of the points of interest on the Windsor side. David was happy to see all the other boats on the river. Jason was grooving non-stop to the music on board!

## IN THE COMMUNITY



## Lori's Staycation

Lori and DSP Amanda went for a leisurely walk in Mitchell's Bay before checking into the Retro Suites. The next day they ate lunch at Boston Pizza, and went for a walk through Kingston Park. After, Lori went to Radiance Spa where she was pampered. What an amazing staycation!

## Storybook Gardens

Anthony and Holly explored Storybook
Gardens. They got up close with the
legendary Humpty Dumpty, and took a sneak
peek into Old MacDonald's Farm while with
the Outward Bound program.





#### **Pool Party**

A special thank-you to Mike and Peggy who hosted an awesome pool party for their son, David, and his friends. Everyone had a great time swimming, playing games, and taking in the sunshine!

## IN THE COMMUNITY

#### JOBWORX Summer Employment Program

The program operated in July and August with fifteen (15) students attending from John McGregor, CKSS, and Ursuline College. Three (3) university students were hired by CLC-K to help run the program; Brooke Michaud, Megan Burk, Josh Andari, Sarah Bellan, and Carson May.

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 a variety of fundraising events, such as car washes, BBQ's, and a lemonade stand. The students raised enough money to enjoy their final day at the Retro Fun House in Blenheim.

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

- Boston Pizza
- Myrtle Flower Shop
- Mama Maria's
- Chatham Mazda
- Billy Prodenchuk Produce
- Swackhammer Services
- RSD Maintenance and General Contracting
- The Pasta Pit
- Pour Decisions Wine Company
- Pizza Hut
- Central Tavern
- · Community Living Chatham-Kent



























## **EVENTS**



#### **DANCING IN THE PARK**



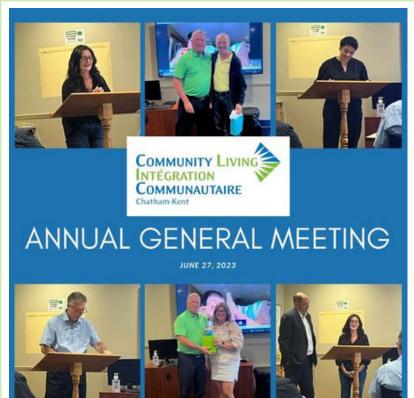
On June 22, at Kingston Park, CLC-K hosted Dancing in the Park.

The evening was full of smiles, laughter, and amazing dance moves.

CLC-K is grateful for Cary Templeman's generosity. Cary not only waived his fee to DJ the event, but he had a wonderful way of engaging the crowd and allowing some to be a DJ!

A very special thank you to Ida for organizing this event that was enjoyed by all!





#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Thank you to everyone who attended CLC-K's 68th Annual General Meeting. It was great to reflect on the past year.

Thank you to Ely, a Leaders Within graduate, for sharing your story.

Congratulations to our elected Board of Directors including Stephen Andari, Liz Zantingh, Tony Carrington, Jack Barei, Connie Marion, Dr. Kayla Murphy, Leon Leclair, Zoli Horvath, Clayton Williams, and Gary Oriet.

A huge thank you to our outgoing Board of Directors - Val Oriet, and Doug Toland. We wish you the very best. Please remain in touch!



## **EVENTS**



FOOD TRUCK CRAWL

CLC-K's Food Truck Crawl was held on Thursday, July 20, at Sons of Kent.

The Food Trucks served delicious food, the limbo competition was entertaining, and the skies cleared for a beautiful evening.

Thank you to Campbell Toyota, the presenting sponsor, and to all the community partners including Autoliv, TekSavvy, Langford Law Offices, Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers, North/South Kent Wind, and Sun Life Arrival Financial Solutions.

Chris Denomy attended and pulled the winning ticket for the 75" television donated from Denomy's Audio and Video Unlimited. Congratulations to Justin Latam, who was the lucky winner.

A big thank you to Food Truck Crawl Committee members Jodi Goss, Tammy Owen, Rochelle Stothart, Natalie Jansen, and Diana Lambert.

We were grateful to have Chris McLeod from 94.3 CKSY as the Master of Ceremonies.

We are thrilled to announce this event generated over \$13,000 for CLC-K!

## **EVENTS**



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## AGENCY SUMMER BARBEQUE

The Dover Rod & Gun Club, led by Leon LeClair, and Joe Pinsonneault, hosted a barbeque for Community Living Chatham-Kent in August. Not only did they serve up delicious hotdogs, fries, and popcorn, but they organized wagon rides, face painting!

CLC-K is very grateful to all the volunteers from the Dover Rod & Gun Club who created such an amazing day.

A special shout out to Fairytale Face Painting for their incredible creations!



























## **EVENTS**























#### WALKATHON

CLC-K hosted the 26th Annual Walkathon, themed "Colour Your World," on Thursday, September 14.

The teams all won GOLD for their creativity! Some of the team names included Purple Posse, Team Skittles, and Tie Dye Titans.

Chatham Optimist Club provided the tasty food for the event.

We extend a special thank you to the employees at Motion Cares for joining the celebration.

Thank you to everyone who participated, pledged, and volunteered to make this event a success!











## UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS



#### 2024 LOTTERY CALENDAR

The 10th Annual Lottery Calendar, "Celebrating Diverse Abilities", presented by Entegus, is **NOW AVAILABLE!!** 

For only \$20, you have the opportunity to win cash or prizes every day, starting on January 1 - December 31, 2024.

Get your calendar today to qualify for the \$1,000.00 cash prize on January 1!



#### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PURCHASING A CALENDER?

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For more details, please click here.



## UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS



#### **5K RUN & WHEEL**

CLC-K is gearing up for the 2nd Annual 5K Run & Wheel on Saturday, October 21, at the Mud Creek Trail.

The Kids Dash is a short run/walk (210m) for ages 2-7, and the Youth Run (1.2km) is for ages 8-13. There is a route for Walkers and Wheelers (2.8km), and of course a timed 5K route for runners.

No matter which element you take part in, everyone will receive a finisher medal. It will be fun for the whole family!





# COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Let's celebrate the holiday season together! Join CLC-K at the Community Christmas Concert on Friday, December 1, 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!

## **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 people who access services, the employees, and visitors.

Pictured above is the newest CLC-K residential accommodation showcasing a fully accessible sidewalk and ramp, with the entire facility outfitted with accessible components and equipment to meet the needs of people who reside at this home.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### MAYRAND FAMILY FUND DONATION

Paul Mayrand, representing the Mayrand Family Fund, presented a cheque for \$2,584.00 to Stephen Stokley with CLC-K at the Chatham-Kent Community Foundation Annual General Meeting.

The funds will be used to help operate the JOBWORX Summer Employment Program, which gives high school students the opportunity to work at local businesses to improve their skills for the future.

CLC-K appreciates the long-standing support from the Mayrand Family!



# DISCOVERING DREAMS, CONNECTING LIVES

The Retired Women Teachers of Ontario presented a donation to CLC-K which will be designated to making a dream come true through the Rob McLandress Make a Dream Come True Fund.

Angel N. presented to the group about being a recipient of this award, and how her dream became reality.

CLC-K extends a thank you to this wonderful group of Women for their generous donation.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### CHATHAM-KENT WELCOME NETWORK

CLC-K is a proud member of the Chatham-Kent Welcome Network (CKWN).

The CKWN is committed to making Chatham-Kent a welcoming community to newcomers by connecting residents to services that can assist with a variety of settlement or immigration issues.

Together we will aim to improve cultural awareness, cultural sensitivity, diversity, equity, and inclusion.







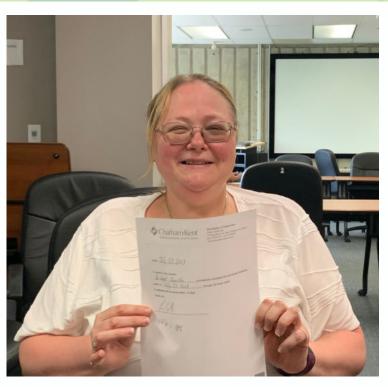
#### **CONGRATULATIONS KYLE**

Tech First SHIFT announced, during Direct Support Professional Recognition Week 2023, Kyle Lozon from CLC-K was chosen as a recipient of the Dustin A. Wright Tech Champion Award. This award was established to memorialize Dustin A. Wright, Founder of Disability Cocoon, and pioneer in the Technology First movement. Annually, the Dustin A. Wright Tech Champion Award honours five Direct Support Professionals actively working for an IDD support provider who demonstrates a commitment to Technology First education, and transformation.

Congratulations, Kyle, for embodying what it means to be a Tech Champion, and being committed to a Technology First culture.

Kyle, thank you for all you do!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### FOOD HANDLING CERTIFICATION

Bridget was proud to receive her certification after completing the Safe Food Handling course.

This course provides participants with comprehensive food safety training to help prevent foodborne illness, and maintain safe practices while handling food.

CLC-K congratulates Bridget on this incredible accomplishment!



#### **CERTIFICATE OF CONGRATULATIONS**

Derek and Brett Gore were quite excited to receive a Certificate of Congratulations from Parliament acknowledging their volunteer efforts.

CLC-K truly appreciates the contributions, talents, and dedication of these men. They selflessly give back to the community in so many ways.

Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition, Derek and Brett. You are an inspiration!







#### **JULY**

Heather Floin – 25 years Bailee Middel – 15 years Jodi Skipper – 10 years

#### **AUGUST**

Kim Breedon – 20 years Ashley Reid-Burgess – 5 years Jessica Rudorfer – 5 years

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Christine Matte – 35 years
Stephanie Chavigny – 20 years
Calvin Antaya – 15 years
Hannah Saunders – 5 years
Shannon Skinner – 5 years
Brittney Poissant – 5 years













CONCRATURATIONS!



If you are interested in donating in memory of a loved one, please contact Nicole at nroeszler@clc-k.ca.

Donating in memory of someone special is a meaningful way to honour their life, create a lasting impact,
and ensure that their influence continues beyond their lifetime.



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