



Community Connections NEWSLETTER

JULY 2024 - ISSUE 2

Presenting Sponsor:

DAJCOR
Aluminum Ltd.

155 Irwin Street, Chatham, ON N7M 0N5

Toll Free: 1 (877) 556-9191

Phone: (519) 351-2424

sales@dajcor.com

COMMUNITY LIVING
INTÉGRATION
COMMUNAUTAIRE
Chatham-Kent

FOOD CRAWL

5:30PM-10:00PM
THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024

OLYMPIC THEME

Presented by: **CAMPBELL** **TOYOTA**

ROCK THE WALK

2024 WALKATHON

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 12
SOCCER FIELD HOUSE
425 GRAND AVENUE WEST (BEHIND THE COURTHOUSE)
REGISTRATION 5:00PM
5:30PM: TIME TO WALK AND ROLL!

Newsletter Highlights

Supporting Important Causes

Community Living Month

*Rob McLandress Make a
Dream Come True*

In Our Community

Events

Announcements

In Memory

COMMUNITY LIVING
INTÉGRATION
COMMUNAUTAIRE
Chatham-Kent

*Discovering Dreams,
Connecting Lives*



WWW.CLC-K.CA
519-352-1174
INFO@CLC-K.CA

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Welcome to the Summer Edition of Community Living Chatham-Kent's Community Connections Newsletter.

CLC-K was honoured to host a visit by the Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, MPP Trevor Jones, and MPP Steve Pinsonneault on May 24th.

I am pleased to welcome Qudsia Taranum - Accounting Assistant, Jenny McGregor - Manager of Community Relations, and Megan Siddall - Volunteer and Events Coordinator, to the agency.

Congratulations to Moira and Bob Kerr, recipients of the Joan Olive Risdon Memorial Award of Distinction, Jackie Choudhry, and Ben Wielhouwer, winners of the Rob McLandress Make A Dream Come True Fund, and Tepperman's, winner of the Joyce M. Carr Champion Award.

The Box Lunch, and Box Lunch for Kids were on May 9th, and 10th. There were one thousand, six hundred and twelve (1,612) box lunches, and four hundred and sixteen (416) box lunches for kids.

Lunches were delivered throughout Chatham-Kent and to schools in Chatham and Dresden.

A net revenue of \$11,927.00 was raised. CLC-K is grateful for the sponsorship provided by Enbridge, Enbridge Fueling Futures, and DK1-First Choice Disaster Restoration.

Community Living Chatham-Kent's Annual Golf Tournament was on June 7th, at the Links of Kent. The golf, food, and socializing were great. A net revenue of \$11,229 was generated. Thank you to our sponsors: Presenting Sponsor - Waste Connections of Canada, Gold Sponsor - Mathews Dinsdale, Cart Sponsor - Optimist Club of Chatham, Franklin Terrazzo, and GreenShield Pharmacy. We also extend our gratitude to Hole Sponsors: Canada Life, JOBWORX, KPMG, Linton Family, Alexander & Houle, and Baker Tilly - Kraig Quagliotto; Prize Sponsors: OPSEU Local-148, Links of Kent, and St. Clair College Alumni Association (hole-in-one); Volunteers: Connie George, Heather Robertson, and Bridget Tuinstra; and Leaders Within Speaker Kerri T. The sunshine and warmth have arrived, and on behalf of CLC-K, have a safe and enjoyable summer.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ron Coristine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Ron Coristine
Executive Director
Community Living Chatham-Kent

SUPPORTING IMPORTANT CAUSES



All Smiles!

Tim Horton's Smile Cookie Campaign took place from April 29-May 5! Supporting local charities including the Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent! A good excuse for a delicious cookie!



CLC-K Food Drive

As part of Community Living Month, our locations organized a food drive in support of Outreach for Hunger. Outreach for Hunger is a local food bank that provides non-perishable food and basic necessities for community members who are experiencing food insecurity. We were proud to collect 13 large bags, and over 120 items!





Community Living Month was a great success! This year's theme was Authentic Inclusion, which is always top of mind for Community Living Chatham-Kent.

We were delighted to see so many community members at our Flag Raising ceremony and BizConneCKt, which we hosted for the first time! Did you enjoy a complimentary beverage at the Library Café in May? That happened in thanks to Postma Heating and Cooling, who generously sponsored free beverages at the Library Café for the entire month!

Thank you to all those who participated in our events and helped us celebrate!

ROB MCLANDRESS MAKE A DREAM COME TRUE FUND

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.

On May 2nd at our annual Flag Raising for Community Living Month, we presented two, \$1000 cheques for applicants of this fund!

Our first recipient was Jackie Choudhry. Jackie's dream was to be surrounded by tulips at the annual Canadian Tulip Festival in Ottawa. Thanks to the fund, Jackie was able to fulfill her dreams in May!

Our second recipient was Ben Wielhouwer. Ben is a big fan of both the *The Lion King* movie and musical, and his dream has always been to see the musical in Toronto. We look forward to hearing about Ben's experience fulfilling this exciting dream!

Congratulations to Jackie and Ben!



Dream
BIG



IN OUR COMMUNITY

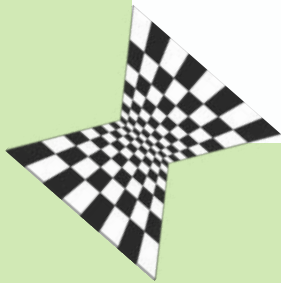


Spring Has Sprung!

Kaitlyn and Rae-Lynne went to Flowerbed Greenhouse to pick out some vegetable plants for their backyard and some flowers for the front porch planters.

Out of this world!

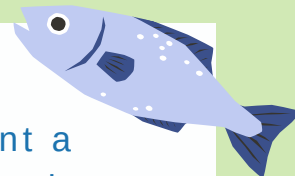
Tyler, Randy, Charlie and Jim took a train to Toronto to visit the Museum of Illusions. A great time was had by all!



Gone Fishin'

This group of friends spent a beautiful spring day fishing in Erieau!

Elynore was the big winner catching five fish!



IN OUR COMMUNITY



Puppy Love

Dallas, Angel and Stacey enjoyed a relaxing session of Puppy Yoga at Just Breathe!

Special Olympics Fun!

It was all strikes and smiles at the Special Olympics bowling tournament!



Batter Up!

David and Jason had a blast at the Barnstormers jersey reveal at Sons of Kent Brewing Co.



Upcoming Events!



Food Crawl



Walkathon



5K Run & Wheel



Christmas Concert



For more information:

www.clc-k.ca



EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

TICKETS SELLING FAST!

COMMUNITY LIVING
INTÉGRATION
COMMUNAUTAIRE
Chatham-Kent

FOOD CRAWL

5:30PM-10:00PM
THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024

2024 FOOD CRAWL

OLYMPIC THEME

PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS:
Chilled Cork
Sons of Kent
Links of Kent
Garden on King
and Match Eatery

Presented by: CAMPBELL

TOYOTA

Food Crawl is back on Thursday, July 18! Four buses will depart at 6:00pm sharp from Match Eatery. and begin their tour to a total of five different restaurants across Chatham.

This 19+ event is a fantastic opportunity for participants to indulge in delicious food, mingle with a group of friends, and celebrate summer.

The 2024 theme is Olympics! Will you win GOLD for best dressed?

Your Tickets include bus transportation to each of the five restaurants, appetizers/special menu items, and the opportunity to win great prizes!

Visit clc-k.ca to purchase tickets!

VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST

In celebration of Volunteer Appreciation Week, CLC-K hosted a volunteer breakfast at Links for Kent to honour our dedicated volunteers.

The event featured an esteemed guest speaker, Yejide Kilanko, who delivered a motivating and inspiring address to our attendees, and our Leader's Within Speaker Bill, who shared a bit about his experience with volunteering.

We were also fortunate to have Mayor Darrin Canniff join us, offering words of encouragement, and thanking volunteers for their time.

This year, the Joan Olive Risdon Memorial Award of Distinction was presented to long time supporters of CLC-K Bob and Moira Kerr. A great morning was had by all!



We ♥ our
Volunteers



BOX LUNCH AND BOX LUNCH FOR KIDS



Box Lunch, and Box Lunch for Kids were a great success this year.

On May 9th, we delivered over 1600 lunches all across Chatham-Kent for Box Lunch.

Thanks to the generosity of the community, over 410 lunches were donated to schools on May 10th for Box Lunch for Kids.

A special thank-you to our volunteers for delivering lunches, and our sponsors Enbridge, Enbridge Fueling Futures, DKI First Choice Disaster Restoration, and Subway.

26TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Our Annual Golf Tournament successfully raised over \$11,000 for CLC-K. We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this event a success:

- **Presenting Sponsor:** Waste Connections of Canada
- **Gold Sponsor:** Mathews Dinsdale
- **Cart Sponsors:** Optimist Club of Chatham, Franklin Terrazzo, and GreenShield Pharmacy
- **Hole Sponsors:** Canada Life, JOBWORX, KPMG, Linton Family, Alexander & Houle, and Baker Tilly-Kraig Quagliotto
- **Prize Sponsors:** OPSEU Local 148, St. Clair College Alumni Association and Links of Kent
- **Volunteers:** Connie G, Heather R, and Bridget T.
- **Leaders Within Speaker:** Kerri T.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



THAMES HORIZON SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB

Community Living Chatham-Kent recently supported Thames Horizon Shuffleboard with a grant application to enhance their club space.

As a thank-you, the club is generously providing opportunities for people who access services to try shuffleboard. We are excited for our new partnership!



A NEW CHAPTER

Looking for a good book to read or have books to donate? Outward Bound (130 Sass Road) is home to a FREE Little Library!

A special thank you to Chatham LaSertoma for generously donating this beautiful stand! We are looking forward to a summer full of reading!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



A NOTEWORTHY VISIT

In late May, we had a special visit from the Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, along with MPP Trevor Jones, and MPP Steve Pinsonneault.

It was a great honour to welcome them to Community Living Chatham-Kent and discuss our organization's accomplishments and efforts in the community.



OASIS CONFERENCE

In April, CLC-K employees attended the Ontario Agencies Supporting Individuals with Special Needs Conference (OASIS) in Windsor.

Our very own Information Systems Manager Aaron presented at the Conference, alongside Community Living Essex County.

Aaron hosted a fascinating presentation on Innovative Efficiency- Using Generative AI to enhance Direct Supports in Developmental Services.

ACCESSIBILITY



BEFORE



AFTER

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) is intended to reduce and remove barriers for people who have diverse abilities, in hopes 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, employees, and visitors.

In early June, new sidewalks were added in the backyard at one of our residential locations. This new pathway allows people to comfortably use their backyard.

Celebrating employee work anniversaries



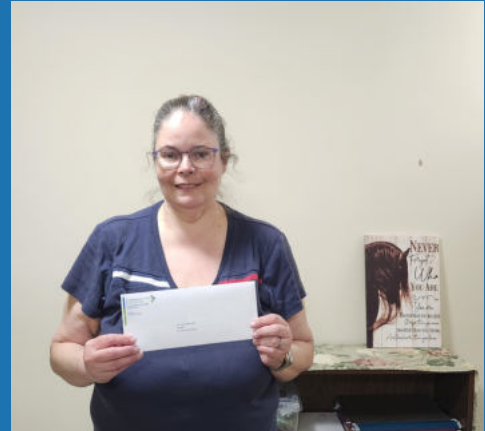
May

Velma Bachtold – 25 years
Michelle Tong – 5 years



June

Barbara Hill – 40 years
Steve Kemp – 15 years
Dava Grocott – 5 years



CONGRATULATIONS!

*"Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near.
Loved, missed, and very dear."*

- Alex MacLean

 in
loving
memory

Lois Bachynski

Adam Wolfe

Marilyn Boucquez

Tonio De Luca

Carol Stevens

Richard Tellier

Doug Darby

Jonathan Daniel Stone

*If you are interested in donating in memory of a loved one, please contact Jenny at jmcgregor@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.*



CONTACT US

www.clc-k.ca

info@clc-k.ca

519-352-1174 ext. 239

650 Riverview Drive, PO Box 967, Chatham, ON N7M 5L3