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Outward Bound spreading
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In our community



Eric took a stroll through Puddleford Tree Farm to admire the sunflowers!



Jim, Tyler, and Todd experienced a breathtaking evening in a hot air balloon, surrounded by stunning views as they floated through the sky!



JP and Lindsay enjoyed a day trip to Toronto to see the CN Tower and Ripley's Aquarium.



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Dallas and Angel attended a kitten yoga session at Just Breathe Yoga. While the yoga was fun, it was the playful felines that captured their hearts.



Donald recently went camping at Point Pelee National Park, and had the opportunity to try out go-carting!



Bridget enjoyed a Turkish mosaic workshop in Sarnia. What a cool way to spark your creativity!



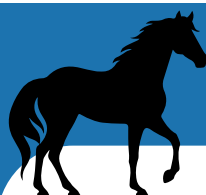


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In our community



Jackie has been enjoying horse riding at TJ Stables. She loved seeing the spirit horses and the other animals at the stables.



Patty enjoyed her weekend trip to Niagara Falls with a DSP. Her favourite part of the trip was the boat. She also experienced the journey behind the falls, the white water walk, and Niagara's fury.



The men from Churchill hosted an 80's dance for all their friends to enjoy. Musical styling was by DJ Dave!





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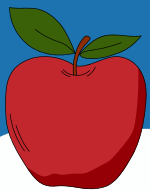
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In our community

After hearing about the fire at 99 McNaughton, Janet went through her clothing and decided to donate some of it to the people who have been displaced. Thank you Janet for your kind act.



Jeffrey enjoyed going to Wallaceburg with DSP Melissa. He went to Two Jays Vintage and bought two Elvis pictures.



James, Tod, Todd and Randall spent a wonderful afternoon picking apples at Van Koeverden Apple Orchards.





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Our Mission in Action



Every year as part of our Food Crawl fundraising event, Community Living Chatham-Kent donates a portion of our proceeds to different community partners. This year, we were proud to have donated to the CK Gay Pride Association and to have been a Gold Sponsor for CK Pride Week.

Our support went beyond financial contributions; it extended into active participation. We had the pleasure of walking in the Pride parade, joining in the festivities, and celebrating the vibrant diversity that makes our community unique. This involvement allowed us to affirm our dedication to inclusivity and equality, reflecting our core values as an organization.

At Community Living Chatham-Kent, fostering an inclusive environment is at the heart of what we do. We believe in creating spaces where everyone is valued and respected, regardless of their background or identity.

Through our partnerships with local organizations, we strive to make a positive impact and support the values of acceptance and inclusivity within our community.



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Coming Soon!

5K RUN & WHEEL

OCTOBER 19, 2024

Races begin at 10:30 am
Mud Creek Trail, Chatham, ON

ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME

Includes something for the whole family:

- 5 KM Run (any age)
- 2.8 KM Walk or Wheel (wheelchairs only, no bicycles)
- 1.2 KM Youth Run (8-13 years of age)
- 210 M Kids Dash (2-7 years of age)

Every participant receives a medal for participation

TO REGISTER VISIT:

visit www.clc-k.ca OR www.raceroster.ca

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(Chatham-Kent)

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BIG PRIZE
FOR HIGHEST FUNDRAISER

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Presents

BOWLING FOR BUCKS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

BOWLERAMA

100 Keil Drive, Chatham

Doors: 8:00 pm • Start: 9:00 pm

Join Us For A Fun Evening. Help Raise Funds For
Chatham's Outreach for Hunger, Community Living Chatham-Kent
and St. Clair College Thames Campus

A CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE FUNDRAISER

SIGN UP NOW!

Teams of 4 Bowlers - \$500 Entry Fee*
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& BOWLERAMA

Family Support Network Presents

FREE 2 WEEK WORKSHOP

TRAUMA INFORMED CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER

1099 PARK AVE WEST - CHATHAM



LAUREN VAN EWYK

GUEST SPEAKER

LAUREN VAN EWYK IS AN ENGAGING SPEAKER, REGISTERED SOCIAL WORKER, FOSTER MOM AND AGRICULTURAL MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE. SHE HAS APPEARED IN NUMEROUS RADIO, TELEVISION AND PRINT ARTICLES CONCERNING THE ISSUES OF ADOPTION, FOSTER CARE, MENTAL WELLNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH AND RESILIENCY. LAUREN JOINED THE FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE (FCC) TEAM IN 2018 AS AN AFFILIATE THERAPIST WORKING WITH VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES. SHE HAS PROVIDED TEACHING WEBINARS ON BEHALF OF FCC FOR MANY OF THEIR FSEAP PARTICIPANTS.

RECOGNIZING

Emphasizes the importance of recognizing the signs and symptoms of trauma

UNDERSTANDING

Understanding the impacts of traumatic events and the effects they have on the mental health of a parent/caregiver

PROMOTING STRENGTH

Help parents and caregivers create a sustainable foundation to promote strength, engagement, and healing

RESOURCES

Provide families with community resources and connections to help pave their path in developing resiliency, coping skills, healing and self-care

TUESDAY OCTOBER 22 and 29 6PM-8PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY: OCTOBER 7, 2024

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✉ njansen@clc-k.ca

Snacks and Beverages Provided

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2025 Lottery
calendar,
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Announcements



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JOBWORX

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Summer Employment Program

This summer, we were fortunate to have 11 summer students enrolled in our JOBWORX Summer Employment Program. All students finished the program with work experience, updated resumes, money earned for back to school, and many new friendships. A special thank you to Bluewater Pools & Spas, A Cut Above, The Shop, Chatham Mazda, Prodenchuk Produce, The Tile Gallery, Boston Pizza, Swackhammer Services, Mamma Maria's Ristorante, Fuel 4 You, Pizza Hut and Peavey Mart for providing meaningful employment opportunities for our students!



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THANK
YOU

Summer BBQ at Dover Rod & Gun Club

A special thank you to our friends at the Dover Rod and Gun Club! For the second time this year, they have graciously hosted us at their club. Most recently, in August, CLC-K visited for a BBQ. Members of the club cooked, provided popcorn, and gave wagon rides. We extend a special thanks to Leon LeClair and Joe Pinsonneault for their generosity.

We also want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Barichello Family for generously funding this event.



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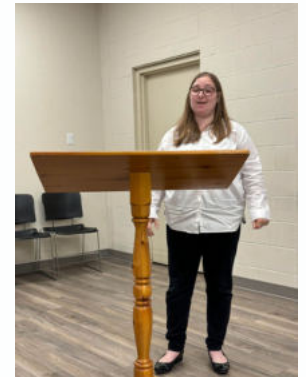
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Aktion Club Yard Sale

On August 24th, the Aktion Club hosted a yard sale at our Park Avenue location. Many people stopped and shopped, helping the club raise over \$400 to support its programs!

The Aktion Club is a community service group for adults who have diverse abilities, supported by the Kiwanis Club of Chatham-Kent and Ridgetown, as well as Community Living Chatham-Kent. Its purpose is to develop talent through service.



Annual General Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM on June 25th and helped us reflect on our accomplishments over the past year.

We were honored to have Morgan K., our Leaders Within Speaker, join us and share a few words.

A special thank you to our outgoing Board Chair, Liz Zantingh, and our new incoming Board Chair Zoli Horvath. Please see our updated 2024/2025 Board list on the final page of our newsletter.



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Food Crawl

Our 2024 Food Crawl was a great success! Over 150 people joined us as we made our way to Chilled Cork, Garden on King, Sons of Kent, Links of Kent, and Match Eatery, raising over \$12,500 for Community Living-Chatham Kent!

We were proud to contribute a portion of the proceeds to two community events, CK Pride Week and the Craig Spence Memorial Golf Tournament.

A special thank you to our attendees, volunteers, and sponsors: Campbell Toyota, North and South Kent Wind, TekSavvy, Arrival Financial Solutions, Langford Law.



Announcements



Walkathon

Walkathon 2024 was a huge success! Our locations fully embraced the theme “Rock the Walk,” with incredible costumes, and props.

We are excited to announce that our Llydican location won the Team Spirit Award with their creative interpretation of the theme.

Together, we raised a record-breaking \$22,890 and had an amazing time doing it! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to making the afternoon such a resounding success. A special congratulations to this year’s top fundraisers: Rob Vandersluis, Derek Gore, and Jackie Choudhry, and a big thank you to our volunteers Robert Whittington, Lisa McAllister, Heather Robertson, Macy Pinsonneault, and our friends at Motion Specialties for bringing their adorable goats!



Announcements



CLC-K Collection Drive

Each Fall, CLC-K organizes a collection drive for winter jackets, but this year, our community faced an urgent need following a devastating apartment building fire that displaced over 100 people. In response, our organization mobilized quickly to gather essential items for those affected.

The outpouring of support was overwhelming.

Thanks to the generosity of our locations, we were able to provide donations to not only those impacted by the fire but also extend our support to three other deserving organizations: Hope Haven, Chatham-Kent Women's Centre, and Pet and Wildlife Rescue.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to this drive. Your kindness has made a significant difference in the lives of many.



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Work Anniversaries



Congrats!



Anniversaries

July

Grace Negri-Stirling – 35 years
Jeffrey Grainger – 25 years
Lisa Rigby – 25 years
Janna Stawarz – 20 years
Kate Postma – 15 years
Troy Calaiezzi – 5 years
Chantelle Linton – 5 years

August:

Amy Meredith – 25 years
Lauri Gilbeault- Ryan – 20 years
Sarah Hutten – 5 years

September:

Brian Kelly – 35 years
Cheryl Butler – 20 years
Aaron Watson – 20 years
Priyanka Francis – 5 years
Elizabeth Myles – 5 years
Pamela Hoste-Wonnacott – 5 years



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Sponsor Spotlight



We extend our genuine thanks to our friends at Entegrus for their ongoing support as the presenting sponsor of our Lottery Calendar again in 2025.

This year, their dedicated staff are also organizing an Electrical Safety Fair for those who access their services, along with their families. We truly appreciate their commitment to supporting our community.

To register for the Electrical Safety Fair on October 23rd, please contact Jenny McGregor at jmcgregor@clc-k.ca.



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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 September, a washroom at one of our locations was upgraded to include a fully accessible shower, vanity, and door. This update will allow people to use this washroom free of barriers.



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*"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

Christina Tobias

Marie Cadotte

Joe Mezenberg

Jonathan Daniel Stone

Scott Morton

Marilyn Bouquez

*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.*



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Did You Know?

Did you know that just 1% of your Will can make a substantial difference to Community Living Chatham-Kent?

Legacy Giving is a meaningful way to support us without affecting your current finances, and it often comes with tax benefits!

If you're interested in learning more about Legacy Giving, visit our Will Power page by scanning the QR code below!





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Goal, Mission, and Vision

Goal

That all people live in a state of Dignity, share in all elements of living in the community, and have the opportunity to participate effectively.

Vision

Discovering Dreams . . . Connecting Lives.

Mission

Community Living Chatham-Kent enriches the lives of people who have diverse abilities by providing quality services, and meaningful and inclusive opportunities.

2024-2025 Board Officers & Directors

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