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Happy Holidays!
from Community Living
Chatham-Kent



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Message from our Executive Director



The Community Living Chatham-Kent Wellness Fair on November 7th, was absolutely outstanding. The many vendors were tremendous, and over one hundred people attended.

The massage chairs appeared to be very popular. Thank-you to Wellness Committee Members Janna Stawarz, Brad Verfaillie, Aaron Watson, Rochelle Stothart, Heather Robertson, Nicole Jubenville, Lee McFadden, Megan McDermott, Norma Hunt, and Dava Grocott. Also, thank-you to Troy Calaiezzi, Jennifer Ganley, Velma Bachtold, Paul Vassallo, Lisa McAllister, Jenny McGregor, and Naomi Rivard for your assistance.

A big shout-out to Matt Landreault and his team from Entegrus for hosting the Electrical Safety Fair. Everyone enjoyed it.

Two teams from the agency participated in the Chatham Goodfellows Porchlight Campaign, collecting a combined total of \$1,111.40, several pounds of food, and toys. I extend appreciation to Josue Perez, Tabatha Hall, Christine Kent, Steve Kemp, Steve Stokley, Jenny McGregor, Jodi Skipper, Janna Stawarz, Sierra Simoni, Brad Phillips, Troy Calaiezzi, Aaron Watson, Brad Verfaillie, and Aaron Coristine. A terrific team effort.

CLC-K's Annual Community Christmas Concert was on December 6th. The performers were awesome! Thank-you to St. Paul's Congregational Church, Greg Homewood, Harry Arneill, the Optimist Club of Chatham, Cascades Casino, Unifor Local-444, Wright's Electric, Subway, the volunteers, Leaders Within graduates, Megan Siddall, and Jenny McGregor.

I am very pleased to welcome Dawn Balan, Kantlee Knight, and Brenda Sterling to the Administrative team.

On behalf of the Community Living Chatham-Kent Board of Directors, Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,

Ron Coristine
Executive Director
Community Living Chatham-Kent



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Supporting Important Causes



Goodfellows Porchlight Campaign

On December 2, two teams from Community Living Chatham-Kent volunteered alongside the Chatham Goodfellows, going door-to-door to collect donations for their annual Porchlight Campaign.

We are proud to support this incredible initiative, which raised an impressive \$57,000 to ensure that no child goes without a Christmas this year.



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In our community



Tracey had a great day at the Old Imperial Farmers' Market in Aylmer. She also went to Clovermead Adventure Farm for some yummy hunny treats.



Ron, Daniel, and Nicole were invited to King George Public School to be Mystery Readers for the JK/SK students. The children enjoyed the story and asked some great questions about the book afterward!



Good friends, good company, and good hot chocolate!

Samantha and Amber from Adult Respite enjoyed picking up their friends Mitch, and Kim, from Baxter and sharing lots of laughs while at Tim Hortons.





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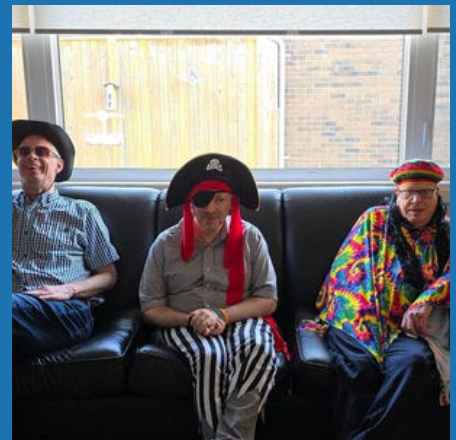


Bill fulfilled his dream of going to Disney World in October. Bill enjoyed the Aquarium, Nemo and Friends ride, and a movie at Epcot. Bill especially liked meeting the Disney characters at Magic Kingdom!



The men from Churchill are all decked out for a Halloween party they were invited to at the Llydican house.

H A L L O W E E N



Amber and Matthew spent the afternoon spreading Christmas cheer while volunteering for the The Salvation Army Chatham-Kent Red Kettle Campaign.





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2025
Lottery Calendar

Only 2000
calendars printed!

**EXCITING
UPDATE!**

Weekly prize bundles
with an average value of
\$320.00



53 chances to WIN

\$17,360.00

in cash and prizes!

Sales Locations

650 Riverview Drive, Unit 2
101 Stewart St.
CLC-K Library Café
Rubies (661 Grand Ave E)
Chantelle's Salon & Spa (52 Victoria Ave)
Swackhammer Services (1019 Richmond St.)

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

For more information,
call 519-352-1174, or
email info@clc-k.ca.



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Christmas Concert

Our annual Community Living Chatham-Kent Christmas concert took place on December 6 at St. Paul's Congregational Church. A special thank you to our Leader's Within speakers, performers and volunteers, who made this evening festive and memorable.

The night wouldn't have been possible without our generous community partners: Optimist Club of Chatham, Unifor Local 444, Cascades Casino Chatham, Wright's Electric, and Subway.

Thank you to all those who joined us and donated to our Snowflake Campaign at the concert. Because of your generosity, we raised over \$2,000 for inclusive recreation opportunities!



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LANE	TEAM NAME	\$ RAISED
24	HIGH NRG SERVICES	\$1,500
23	LIUNA 625 I	\$1,111
22	LIUNA 625 II	\$10,000
21	LIUNA 625 III	\$1,111
20	M4M FOODS-1st 4th/5th	\$3,000
19	M4M FOODS-2nd 4th/5th	\$1,500
18	KEN MARLEY	\$700
17	BREZZI-VLASMAN	\$1,000
16	KAREN EDWALD	\$4500
15	G4M LAPRISE	\$1285
14	PURPLE PANTRY	\$680
13	BRANDY TELCHAN	\$500
	CASCADES CASINOTHROW	\$500

Bowling for Bucks

On October 26, Community Living Chatham-Kent was proud to participate in Bowling for Bucks, organized by the Bowling Stones.

This year, a record \$34,000 was raised for St Clair College, Outreach for Hunger, and Community Living Chatham-Kent.

Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed a great night out, and a special thank-you to Paul Laprise, & Great Lakes Perma Column for sponsoring three teams for employees and people who access services.



5K Run and Wheel

Our 5K Run and Wheel took place on October 19 at Mud Creek Trail. Over 56 people registered, helping us raise more than \$3,000!

A special thank you to our Presenting Sponsor, Autoliv, for their support again this year.

We would also like to thank the volunteers who helped the day run smoothly: Amanda, Bill, Craig, Calvin, David, Hunter, Jim F., Jim C., JP, Nicole, Saaj, Trevor, Tracey, Mickey, Karen, and Shadd, as well as Jeff and May from WRace!



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Chatham Maroons

A special thank you to the Chatham Maroons for hosting a CLC-K Night! Brett and Derek had the honour of dropping the first puck of the evening, and the Maroons made a generous donation to CLC-K.

We also want to thank everyone who stopped by our table to purchase a calendar! Your support is greatly appreciated!



Halloween Party

Thank you to our friends at the Dover Rod and Gun Club, who hosted CLC-K for a Halloween party in October.

Over 100 people attended and enjoyed spooky tunes and dancing. We were thrilled to see so many fantastic costumes!



CLC-K was thrilled to be part of Chatham's Santa Claus Parade on November 15th!

A heartfelt thank you to Tammy Owen and Amanda Kelly for their creative vision in designing a wonderful candy cane float.

A special thank you also goes to Outward Bound for spreading holiday joy on the parade route!



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Technology Fair



Our first Technology Fair, held on October 8th, was a resounding success! Nearly 40 attendees, including employees of CLC-K, people who access services and their families, gathered to explore a variety of cutting-edge technologies. The event featured demonstrations of smart home devices, tools for visual impairment, low-tech solutions, communication aids, virtual reality, and more. The positive feedback and enthusiasm from both participants and vendors have set the stage for future events!

Thank you to the Enabling Technology Committee: Aaron Watson, Amanda Cartwright, Amy Shufelt, Angela Corso, Candise May, Chantelle Linton, Katelyn Meyerink, Kyle Lozon, Lisa Blonde, and Paul Vassallo for making this event possible. A special thank you also goes out to Janna Stawarz, CNIB and Lifeline for attending the fair and showcasing tech products!



Jonathan Daniel Stone Fund



The Jonathan Daniel Stone Fund was established to honour the life of Daniel, a child with autism who tragically passed away at the age of 11 in May 2013.

This fund aims to support initiatives that assist children diagnosed with autism and/or other diverse abilities, as well as their families. The fund can be utilized for various purposes, including recreational activities, educational workshops for parents and siblings, advocacy, vocational and life skills development, and assistive devices and equipment that promote and facilitate learning or communication.

Applications for the 2024 Jonathan Daniel Stone Fund are now open and will be accepted until January 15, 2025. Two awards of up to \$1,500 each will be presented. Applicants must reside in Chatham-Kent, and all requests must benefit children under the age of 18.

Visit: <https://www.clc-k.ca/our-impact/jonathan-daniel-stone-fund/> for more information



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Employee Wellness Fair



On November 7, the CLC-K Wellness Committee hosted their second annual Wellness Fair. The event featured a variety of activities, including:

- Opseu Local 148 serving gluten and dairy-free soup**
- Tepperman's massage chairs**
- Sound bowls**
- Zen gardens**
- Over 20 wellness basket door prizes**
- Covid and flu shots courtesy of Shoppers Drug Mart**
- A coffee and tea bar**
- Create-your-own holiday greenery arrangements**

Over 100 people prioritized their well-being and attended the event. A special thank you goes out to Tepperman's, OPSEU Local 148, and the CLC-K Wellness Committee for making this event possible!



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Work Anniversaries



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October

Peter Phang You – 5 years

November

Shannon Smith – 15 years

Michael Verfaillie – 5 years

December

Amy Groenenberg – 20 years



Congrats!



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Accessibility



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.

Recently, new exterior lighting was installed at our Outward Bound location to enhance security and safety. This addition will ensure improved visibility and accessibility for all visitors and staff.



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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*

George Wonnacott

Ann Beatty

Mary Devereux

Jonathan Daniel Stone

Scott Morton

Scott Paine

Larry Moore

Keegan Wright

Christina Tobias

*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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2024 Snowflake Campaign

Your donations to the Snowflake Campaign this year will help fund inclusive recreational activities like aqua games, Zumba, music classes, and therapeutic riding.

Every contribution, whether \$25, \$50, or more, plays a vital role in making these opportunities a reality. Your generous donation ensures that we can continue offering meaningful, inclusive experiences for all.

To donate, scan the QR code below or visit:
<https://www.clc-k.ca>



*On behalf of Community Living Chatham-Kent,
we wish you a safe and Happy Holiday Season!*