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*Celebrating 60 Years!!!*

Community Living Brant

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# Celebrating 2013

## Greetings from NEW Board President, Ryan Kirk!

I am very proud to be able to serve as the President of the Board of Directors for Community Living Brant.

As we enter our 60th year of service to this great community, we take time to reflect on the great contributions of all our team members who help deliver support services to over 350 people in our community who have a developmental disability.



As a Board of Directors, our goals for the year continue to be a message of promoting the advocacy for people with a developmental disability. Being our 60th year does not change that message, but rather lends well to the dedication of each Board Member. Your Board's dedication will be to continue to support both our team members who serve and our families who receive services.

I wish to send a special thank you to all the businesses and individuals throughout the community who not only dedicate their time, but also provide numerous donations to help support Community Living Brant.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I wish to thank everyone for their support and look forward to our 60th year.



## 60th Anniversary Logo Contest Winners!!!

Community Living Brant held a contest requesting submissions for a 60th Anniversary Logo. It was through the collaboration of several submissions a selection of winners were chosen!

**Picture Left to Right**– Dave Jordan, Committee Member; Debbie Pickering, contest winner; Kim Walsh, contest winner; Chris Ross, contest winner; and Gary Kusch, Committee Member.



# Community Living Brant 60th Anniversary Calendar of Events



Contact Stephanie Bennett for specific details on these events.  
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DTBD - Date To Be Determined

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Announcing of the 60th Anniversary Logo contest winners!	Pancake Dinner on Shrove Tuesday, February 12 at Moose Lodge	Associate Family Dinner - March 7th Community Living Brant – “Do You Know Trivia.” Submissions due March 29.
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Parent’s Group Hosting an Afternoon Tea - DTBD	COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH Flag Raising at City Hall - May 8th Box Lunch - May 1st Photography Contest Launch	60th Annual General Meeting & Staff Appreciation Dinner June 20th
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
60th Anniversary Themed Annual Summer Barbeque - DTBD	Circle Of Friends Annual Charity Golf Tournament August 15th	Guys Night Out - DTBD
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Launching 60th Anniversary Word Search Contest Announcing of the Photography Contest Winners	Annual Charity Bonspiel - DTBD Jaycee’s Christmas Parade 60th Anniversary Float - DTBD	Staff Christmas Open House - DTBD Formal Christmas Gala - Dec. 5th



# Regulation on Deemed Eligibility for Adult Developmental Services & Supports

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The finalized version of the regulation was approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on December 12, 2012.

The regulation deems the following groups of individuals eligible for services and supports under Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act, 2008 (SIPDDA):

1. Adults with a developmental disability who were receiving support under the Passport program on April 1, 2012, or who transitioned from the Special Services at Home program (SSAH) to the Passport program on April 1, 2012;
2. Adults with a developmental disability who were on the SSAH waitlist as of March 31, 2012;
3. Children with a developmental disability receiving SSAH who turn 18 before March 31, 2013;
4. Children with a developmental disability who turn 18 between April 1, 2012 and March 31, 2013 who are on a waitlist for SSAH before they turn 18; and
5. Individuals who applied and were found eligible for adult services and supports under the *Developmental Services Act* between January 1, 2011 and June 30, 2011 and began to receive support or were placed on a waitlist for support during that time.

People who are covered by the regulation do not need to do anything to become eligible under SIPDDA as the transfer of eligibility is automatic, as of January 1, 2013.

A copy of the regulation is now available on the government's e-Laws website at [www.e-laws.gov.on.ca](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca).



# Canadian Association for Community Living Day on Parliament Hill



On November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Dave Jordan and Paul Found represented Community Living Brant at Parliament Hill in Ottawa at the request of local Member of Parliament Phil McColeman. They attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Canadian Association for Community Living and People First of Canada's Federal Policy Forum on Inclusion.

Dave and Paul were part of a group of invitees from across Canada invited to meet with members of Parliament to share information about a proposed initiative to advance labour market inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities.

Dave and Paul had breakfast on Parliament Hill and were a part of the launching of a booklet of stories about employment from every province and territory. "Ready, Willing and Able" was previewed, as was a short film featuring People First Canada member Scott Klassen and his long tenured employment.

The focus of this breakfast engagement was to engage people in sharing the message that people with intellectual disabilities are "Ready, Willing and Able" to be part of the solution to Canada's labor market and workforce challenges.

Dave and Paul met several Members of Parliament, representatives from Community Living organizations from across Canada and members from People First Canada. Dave and Paul were thrilled to have received a tour of the parliament buildings by Phil McColeman and his Legislative Assistant, Dennis Burnside.

Dave and Paul thoroughly enjoyed their time in Ottawa!

For more information on this event and the proposals that came from this event, please visit the Canadian Association for Community Living's website, [www.cacl.ca](http://www.cacl.ca)





# Giving Back



Bud and Daryl ran their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Neighbourhood Food Drive at Christmas time. The Spartan Drive residents helped by leaving a total of 198 pounds of food on their door steps, which was then collected and donated to the Christmas Baskets Project.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to our neighbours for their support and we have celebrated the success with "Thank You" notes to each home that donated to this drive.

Bud and Daryl also extend their sincere appreciation to their Community Living Brant connections who donated to their Toy Drive. We brightened spirits and put a smile on many little people's faces at Nova Vita on Christmas morning.



We have committed to these annual initiatives and will be in touch again come December!

We hope your holiday season was all you hoped for and then some.

All the Best for 2013!! Bud & Daryl

## Terry Fox Run



Every year, Trudy Whitehead raises money for the Terry Fox Run. This year, she was the top pledge raiser in the Burford run, raising \$775.00. She has been the top pledge raiser for the last 3 years, raising a total of \$2105.25.

When you ask Trudy why she does this, she will tell you "Terry Fox is my Hero!". Every year, she spends many hours collecting pledges from family, friends at the horse races, church, local businesses, and many more places. She knows a lot of people and has no trouble collecting money each year.

Trudy is very proud to have a collection of Terry Fox t-shirts. She gets a new one each year to wear in the Terry Fox race and loves to show them off. She is very proud of herself for her accomplishments.

# Giving Back

## Canadian Cancer Society



Rob had the opportunity to volunteer a few times for the Canadian Cancer Society. At the beginning of Breast Cancer Awareness month, Rob went to various stores to drop off pink ribbon boxes. At the end of the month he also helped to collect those boxes and bring them back to the Cancer Society office. Rob also had the opportunity to help the Cancer Society on a Saturday by helping the volunteers who were selling items at various stores. Rob would restock their supply of items and collect money to take back to the office. When one volunteer was late, Rob stepped in and collected money from passersbys until the volunteer was able to get there.

## Breakfast Buddies

Leslie goes to breakfast buddies every Wednesday morning bright and early to help prepare food and serve the children their breakfast. Leslie says her favourite part is "serving the food to the children". She has enjoyed helping the program and seeing the people from her church. At the end of the morning, Leslie helps to clean the dishes so they are ready for the next day.



## Pizza and Praise

I attend St. Jude's Church on Peel St. Where they have a program called Praise and Pizza. It's held on the first Saturday of the month and the program feeds anyone who wants to attend.

I attend each month. I enjoy going to this program and my job is to help clean up when it is all finished. We pray at a short service and then we go downstairs to eat.

On October 27, 2012, I had a sale and sold books and various items for Praise and Pizza so I could donate it to help support and keep it going. I made a total of \$132.30 that day and I am very proud. Submitted by: Thys



# Best Buddies Fundraiser

Best Buddies held a fundraiser on Sunday, January 27 at Echo Bowl to raise money for their year end event. Their goal was to raise enough money for all buddies to attend the Science Centre in Toronto in April. Everyone who attended had a Blast!





# Community Living Brant's Christmas Dinner and Dance



On Thursday, December 6, 2012, Community Living Brant held its Annual Christmas Dinner and Dance. Over 300 people dressed in their finest participated in this event. A delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed by all followed by dancing to music. Santa even remembered to drop by for a short visit despite his busy schedule.



Bruce Jones did an excellent job as Master of Ceremonies and Ronald Hutzler provided the opening prayer.

A BIG shout out and THANK YOU to everyone who helped organize and prepare for this wonderful event.



Thank you Carolyn Jarvis for your continued involvement with this function. You do a wonderful job keeping everyone and everything on track leading up to the big night!

We are looking forward to and are already planning the Community Living Brant 60th Anniversary Christmas Gala in December of 2013!



Riva Ridge had a family/friend Christmas Open House. Santa decided to stop by for a visit. Great get together for everyone!!





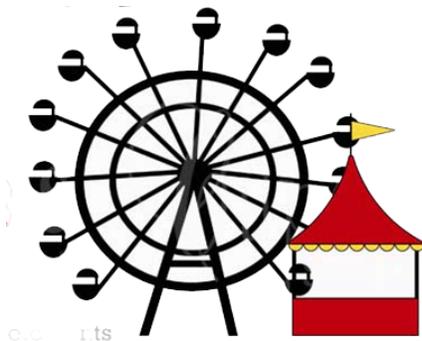
# We Have Been Busy



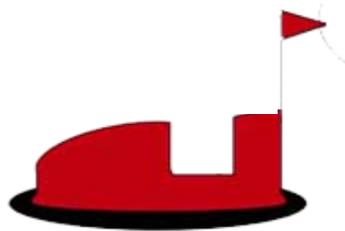
On Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, Tom, Frank and Victor went to the Royal Winter Fair. All three gentlemen enjoyed what the fair had to offer from animals, booths that sold cool things, and yummy food. It was a great day!!



Brenden, Jason and some other folks from the Bell Lane Respite Program went to Winter Wheat in Sparta. It was a beautiful day to wander the property and take in the beautiful scenery and the wonderful scents of serenity candles. Everyone enjoyed the day!!



Christopher had a good time at the Norfolk County Fair. It was a beautiful October day. He enjoyed lots of rides, the fair food and entertainment.





# We Have Been Busy Continued



This past September I took a trip to the KOA Campground in Niagara Falls, Ontario. There I got to do lots of adventurous things like the butterfly conservatory, the upside down house, a dinner theatre and much more. One of my favourite activities I did while in Niagara Falls was the Birds of Paradise exhibit. I found all the birds and reptiles fascinating. During my visit I was lucky enough to have my picture taken with one of the Parrots who lives at the exhibit! Submitted by: Shaun



Valerie Douglass embarked on a New Adventure. She went on a Disney Cruise on December 16th, 2012 and spent four days touring the Bahamas. Valerie left Port Canaveral Florida headed to Nassau and Disney Castaway Cay Island .

"I had the time of my Life on this trip, met lots of new people and tried all kinds of new foods while on the Disney Cruise .

The highlight of my trip was being treated like a queen for a week which was very exciting .

Here are a couple of pictures of me and the ship I was on and one of me standing in the ocean waters at the Castaway Cay Island .

"~Valerie



This past year, I had the opportunity to enhance the decor of my apartment.

I used the money I saved up to purchase a new couch and matching chair for my apartment. Shortly after, my landlord installed new living room flooring and kitchen tiles. I am very proud of my apartment and my new decor.

Submitted by: Doug Boos



## Thank You Cookie Lovers!



Jenn Sywyk and Sam Verberk

After many weeks of hard and very diligent work, I am proud to announce on behalf of "The Cookie Ladies", Jenn Sywyk and Sam Verberk that the Christmas Cookie program for the 2012 year was a huge success!!

The response from the community as well as from co-workers, family and friends was overwhelming. It was quite astonishing to watch the different orders pour in as the Christmas season came closer.

The shortbread master, Jenn, had herself very busy and buried in butter, but that never stopped her for a minute, as she continued to bring in new orders each and every week!

The magnificent macaroon maker, Sam, had her recipe down to a science, and was able to pull off making at least four or more dozen during each baking session; and took the lead on packaging many of the orders. I would like to shout out a giant THANK YOU LADIES to these ambitious ladies!

And THANK YOU to all the COOKIE LOVERS out there that were able to order and show their support. The ladies and I had so much fun putting it all together, we all hope to and truly look forward to, doing it all again next year!! Submitted by: Jenn

## A Family Reunites



Over 10 years ago when John came to Community Living Brant for support services, we were unaware of any family John may have had.

About two years ago, John's cousins Elaine and Edith contacted Community Living Brant looking for their cousin John. Once making this connection, Elaine and Edith came to visit John at his home in Paris. During their visits they would bring pictures and stories about John and his family. John has not seen his family in over fifty years. John's cousin Elaine lives in Scarborough and he has made the trip to see her.

That day, John and Elaine enjoyed lunch while Elaine told John stories about their childhood time they spent together. She shared a story about them riding the Toronto subway by themselves when they were 10 years old.

John's life has truly been enriched since reconnecting with his family!



# Celebrating Milestones

## Don celebrates his 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!



Don was quite surprised when he walked through the door after 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon of February 13, 2013 and saw balloons and cake and people saying Happy Birthday!

A surprise 50th birthday celebration was planned for Don!



He had a great time socializing with his friends and was very excited to have a chance to chat with some old friends whom he hadn't seen in a very long time. Several of his coworkers were also there to help Don celebrate. Congratulations Don!

## 75th Birthday

Christopher Guest celebrated his 75th birthday on January 3rd with family, friends and neighbours. His brother John, sister Jillian, and, brother-in-law, Stuart, travelled from Toronto to celebrate with Christopher. The party was held in the spacious social room of the Lorne Towers, where Christopher has resided for many years. To the delight of the partygoers, John treated everyone to pizza. Everyone sang Happy Birthday with gusto. As Chris blew out the candles on the cake.





## *Did you know.....?*

Community Living Brant is hosting a "Did You Know" trivia contest and we need your help!

We are looking for factual information about Community Living Brant for a 60th Anniversary project we are working on.

Come up with a unique and interesting fact about Community Living Brant and submit it for a chance to win prizes and have your fact and name in print!

**Deadline for submissions is Friday, March 22nd**

Send your information to Stephanie Bennett via

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## *Education Works Champion Award*

I was nominated for the Education Works Champion Award as I always want to learn new things and have a strong drive to keep improving myself. I was happy to hear that I had won this award because it makes me feel good about all the things I have done.

I attend the Literacy program at the Dunn once a week and I attend GELA (Grand Erie Learning Alternatives), three times a week to work on my literacy skills. When I was in High School, my guidance counsellor wanted me to switch to the Special Education Class, but I didn't want to and told them if they did, I would quit school. It was important for me to graduate with a Diploma, not just a certificate. I did stay in the regular classes and graduated with my diploma in 2002.

My next dream is to attend Dogport Academy of Grooming to become a dog groomer because I love animals and want to have a career working with them.

Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do anything. If you have a dream and want to keep learning new things then Go for It!

Michelle Horsley





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# CHANGE 2013

Ontario Early Years Centre: Brant is hosting its 15th CHANGE Conference on Friday, April 5th and Saturday, April 6th at the Best Western in Brantford.

This conference is for educators and professionals working with children ages 0-12 years. For more information or to register, visit: [www.eycbrant.ca/oeyc](http://www.eycbrant.ca/oeyc) and click on the CHANGE link.





# WHO SAYS WORK CAN'T BE A PICNIC?

Get into Community Living... get a Box Lunch!

On **May 1, 2013**

Community Living Brant will be delivering...



Strodes Box Lunches to workplaces throughout Brantford.

Lunch will include your choice of either the **STRODES Meat Sandwich** or the meatless **Vegetarian**, (condiments on the side), apple, fresh veggie sticks, cookies, bottle of water and a **reusable lunch bag!**

**Order your lunch today** and/or become a **sponsor** of this great event and help Community Living Brant in our efforts to provide supports and services to over 350 individuals with a developmental disability!

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**to find out how you can support this great event!**