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M.C.S.S. Passport Funding Guidelines and Changes

For the complete MCSS Passport guidelines, please follow this link http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/documents/en/mcass/publications/developmental/passport/passport_guidelines_en.pdf or call your local Passports office at Contact Hamilton (905) 570-8888.

Here are some of the key changes in the new Passports Funding Guidelines that were released October 1, 2014:

Passports Funding- What Can I Use It For?

- Community participation and activities of daily living
- Caregiver Respite
- Person- directed planning (up to \$2500)
- Administration costs

Some Expenses are NOT covered by Passports Funding:

- Housing and home maintenance
- Holiday travel
- Groceries, food, and restaurant meals
- Services already received through the Ontario Disability Support Program
- Clothing and personal goods and services (e.g., toiletries, spa treatments, aesthetic and cosmetic services)
- Tuition for post-secondary programs which can be paid for by government assistance programs
- Assistive devices and specialized equipment
- Vehicle purchases and/or modifications, leases and rentals



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MEMBERSHIPS MAKE A DIFFERENCE... JOIN US!

Since 1952, Community Living Brant actively encourages and benefits from the input of family members, self advocates, volunteers, staff, community organizations and businesses.

An individual membership is \$15 for a year and the benefits are as follows:

- You will be part of an organization that believes in working together with people with a developmental disability to improve their quality of life;
- You will support the work of the organization through your membership fees and donations, helping us to open doors for people with a developmental disability;
- You will add your name to those advocating for the rights of people with a developmental disability;
- You will have the opportunity to become actively involved as a member of the Board of Directors and committees;
- You will have the opportunity to vote at our Annual General Meeting
- You will receive our newsletter "Images", which outlines our involvement in and contributions to our community.

Help our membership grow and remember Community Living means citizenship, inclusion, belonging and opportunities for all people! For more details, or to secure your membership call: 519-756-2662, ext 210 or go online to <http://www.clbrant.com/membership.php>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2014/2015 (as of June 20, 2014)

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MISSION STATEMENT

Community Living Brant is committed to providing supports and services to meet the diverse developmental needs of people within the community.

VISION STATEMENT

Community Living Brant envisions a welcoming, inclusive community where all are encouraged to reach their full potential.



*Supporting people with a
developmental disability since 1952*

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

2014 has been an inspirational year and we are not done yet! People are working, feeling valued and are contributing to our community. We have a lot to celebrate. Word is spreading as we have many new people accessing our services. One reason is the fantastic new employers we've worked with this year. They include: Dure Foods, Dr Afolabi, Toys R Us, Marco Corporation, Giant Tiger, Zanders, Sobeyes and Ferrero, to name a few.

We are looking to continue our partnerships and add to our growing list. Supported Employment is now working closely with Literacy and we are offering a Food Handlers Preparation Class in addition to helping people with WHMIS training, money skills and pre employment preparation. We are excited that we are empowering people to be involved and valued in their community.

The SEP program has assisted 59 people to achieve their employment goals. Who will be next on our list? Is it you?

Please feel free to contact our Supported Employment Office for more information at 519-753-6303.

~ Supported Employment Staff



"Cleaning up" at Toys R Us

Cassandra has been working at Toys R Us since September. She does cleaning and gets the store ready for customers before it opens in the morning. Cassandra is getting along with her colleagues and really likes her boss. She says that she feels respected by everyone there and that is why she is enjoying being part of the team. Cassandra is hoping to work towards more duties and hours in the New Year. She is looking forward to helping with the busy holiday season and making it a huge success at Toys R Us.



Papa John's Pizza

William has been working at Papa John's Pizza for over a year. William works 30 hours per week and is now the staff trainer for all new staff!!! William has worked very hard to achieve this and has completed many of the online Papa John's Pizza Courses to be able to move up in his position. William is currently working towards an Assistant Manager position! William's record for pizza making is 150 pizzas in one shift!



Bruce Jones receives services from Supported Employment. He is currently in between jobs and jumped at an opportunity to help a person learn how to use Brantford Transit.

Jason Clements has accessed Community Living Brant for many years and has always depended on staff for transportation. Jason and his family were concerned as these rides were stopped and expressed many fears for Jason to attempt to ride a bus; let alone independently. From this meeting, we connected Jason to DSO.

We then introduced Jason to Bruce, who is vice president of our REACH OUT Self-Advocates Committee and knows the bus system very well. Bruce and Jason's family were committed to

teaching Jason the bus system. This has been very successful and Jason now takes the bus independently to and from work. Bruce and Jason realized they have a lot in common and have become friends. Bruce often will go to Jason's home to have coffee together.

TRIPS

My 4 day Bus tour through Great Canadian Tours included many modes of transportation which, of course, was the reason I went. I took a shuttle van to meet up with the main coach, did the 30,000 Island boat cruise and back to the coach to finish day 1 in Sudbury.

Day 2 started at Science North with lots of hands on exhibits to enjoy before the coach took us to Sault Ste. Marie. Day 3 and truly the highlight of the trip was the all day train trip through the Awaga Canyon with a lunch stop on route. Some people I met on the train invited me to relax with them and have our picnic lunch while my support staff climbed 326 steps up to the look- out point (and of course 326 steps back down).

I was much happier enjoying the company of the new friends I had met on the trip. The train ride was very scenic but the funniest was when the train had to stop for the moose on the tracks who decided he wasn't moving. Day 4 was a very early (5 AM) start so we and the coach could make our boarding time on the Chi-Chi-Cheemaun Ferry across the Georgian Bay and head our way back home. Lots of pictures were taken and a photo collage hangs in the living room so I can share some memories from my trip. I am all about modes of transportation and this trip certainly featured many of my favorites. ~ Bud Barkley



Jack Spence's Fishing Trip

This past summer, Jack Spence enjoyed a fishing trip to the French River where he set up camp at The Bears Den Lodge. The fishing was great, he caught lots of fish and saw ample wildlife. Jack had a personal tour by the name of Gill who guide Jack all the hot fishing spots! Jack spent every moment he could in his boat fishing. Jack enjoyed excellent food at the lodge and all the employees fulfilled every need that Jack desired. Jack is currently planning his next adventure as we speak and without a doubt there will be fish involved!



Brandon had a blast up north at Crystal Lake with Marty. He went fishing, had bon fires and enjoyed the hot tub every night he was there. This picture is with Brandon (on the left) and Marty's brother Joe, fishing and getting ready for a fast seadoo ride! He is already excited for next year's trip!

TRIPS CONTINUED

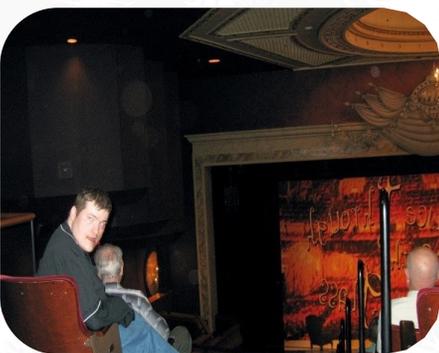
Trips to Niagara - Just the boys!

Brian Ward, Kyle Pickering and Chris Taverner, three friends, decided that they needed a break to go have some fun. The three decided to go to Niagara Falls and spend 2 days and 1 night. A date was set for September 3 and 4/14, then plans were set in motion. Josh Panton provided transportation to get the men to their destination. One of the first stops was at the wrestling store where Brian, Chris and Kyle bought a shirt of their favorite wrestler. Later they were off to Hooter's for a nice dinner and to top off the evening, fun and games at an arcade. When the men were finished playing their games, they retired to their rooms at the Days Inn. After a good night's rest, Brian, Kyle and Chris were ready for a hearty breakfast and slowly making their way back home. Great way to spend time with friends!



Erica King, Julie Sproul, Diane Jones, Michelle Job, Diane Richardson, Jacky Patten & Turbo

From August 11th-13th these ladies had a "girls night" camping at Long Point Provincial Park. Surviving a torrential down pour they still had a great time and named themselves "The Fire Flies". They are wanting to go again next year and make it an annual event.



On September 3rd, Dan went to Stratford Theatre to see "Alice Through The Looking Glass." This was his first time to see a live action play on a big stage. He was a little nervous at first, not knowing what was going to happen, but when the actors appeared on stage he relaxed and really began to enjoy himself.

Dan found the play very interesting and fun, especially the scenes with "Humpty Dumpty" and the twins " Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum" Dan also enjoyed when the actors ran in and out through the seating and interacted with the audience stopping where he was several times and handing out jelly beans. The costumes and scenery were very bright and colorful and made the play easy for Dan to follow. When I asked Dan, he indicated that he'd like to see more plays in the future.

Brian also made it to the Stratford Theatre to see a stage play during the summer. With the summer being so busy for him, he decided that October 10th would be the day. Brian left around lunch time for Stratford to see "Alice Through The Looking Glass". The show was quite enjoyable. After that, Brian went shopping at the Rocky Mountain Chocolate shop where he bought some decadent treats for himself, then onto Montana's for a great supper. Brian said he had a great time in Stratford.

FEELING PROUD



My name is Bret Page and I receive support through Community Living Brant's Enhanced Supported Independent Living Program. This summer I participated in a Mosaic for Indoors Workshop at the Brantford Arts Block. In this course I learned where to find materials needed to make mosaics and what to look for and avoid. I learned different

techniques that included cutting and laying pieces in my project. I also learned how to complete the project by grouting it together. This was the messy part. Here is what my finished project looked like!



Jacob Catherwood became a member of the Ontario Steelheaders. In October, he entered the Fall Fishing Derby. The event took place in South Hampton at Denny's Dam Conservation Park. Jacob and many other people put in a lot of effort to catch the "Big Fish" on the Saugeen River.



Stephen and Alec's New Place!

In May of this year we moved into our own apartment at 77 Albemarle. Living together has given us more opportunities to widen our horizons and try new things. We were both very excited to go out and purchase items for our new home. We have had a great summer, and enjoyed having friends over for a BBQ. We look forward to a great 2015!

~ Stephen Lalonde and Alec Swan

When it comes to having a good time, Josh Willits knows how to celebrate. On October 27th, Josh along with staff and friends from Bell Lane Respite took an evening trip out to Brantwood Farms. Greeted and accompanied by Brantwood Farm's owner Farmer Tom Pate, Josh and company enjoyed a hayride with frequent stops throughout the farm. The evening concluded with smiles and laughter as all had enjoyed the excitement and fun of the excursion along with a bag full of goodies, delicious and decorative memories of Brantwood Farm's fall festival.



"New York, New York.. I want to wake up in a city that never sleeps.." And I did!

My name is Marg Robinson, and I wanted to tell everyone about the fabulous time I had this fall in New York City! It was a trip that I had planned back in February and had been looking so forward to all year long. At 7:45 am I boarded the bus along with the other tourists and headed for The Big Apple.

My two day tour in the city consisted of going for a walk through Central Park and learning a lot of history about how NYC was founded and formed. We spent hours walking around and driving in the bus to many other popular spots, such as Trump World Tower, Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island (which was a ferry tour), I was even able to spend some time at Rockefeller Center and Time Square; taking in all the sights and sounds and watching all the local people go about their days. It was wonderful! The food in NYC is great. My favorite part of the trip was visiting Grand Central Station. It was so beautiful inside and very big. There were lots and lots of people coming and going, catching their trains and shopping. I have many, many pictures of all the fun and exciting things I did. I loved shopping for all my souvenirs and trinkets and enjoyed it so much, I am even thinking of going back again next year!

If there is anyone out there thinking they'd like to go and see the sights of NYC, let me be the first to say, GO! You won't regret it one bit! I know I didn't!



OUT AND ABOUT

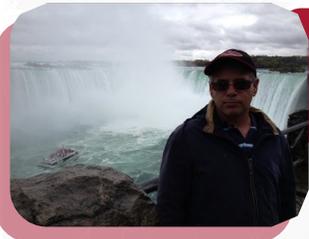
Victor and Frank stopped at Circle Square Ranch to feed the horses carrots. They love being out in the country with the horses!



Judy Johnson and Kathy Richardson went to Collingwood for the week. According to Kathy her favorite memory of their trip was when she had her picture taken with Priscilla Presley. Judy's favorite part of the trip was the shopping!!



Brandon and Laura have been friends since she was in high school and playing basketball. Now, Laura is a basketball referee and Brandon still enjoys watching her.



On October 15th Frank Dzsudzsak and Jim Hladish travelled to Niagara Falls for the day. Frank and Jim enjoyed visiting the Bird Kingdom, and taking in all the splendid scenery that Niagara Falls offers its visitors.



This past year, Mickel started to learn how to play golf. He enjoyed it so much, he celebrated his birthday on the course.



Kim and Terry enjoyed an evening at the Paris fair. They really enjoyed the Monster Truck show and the rides!!

In June, Kerry Lane was reconnected with her long-time friend Jane. She had not seen Jane in 9 years. They spent the week catching up on each other's lives over the years. Kerry is looking forward to visiting Jane again soon.



OUT AND ABOUT CONTINUED

Jacque Franklin enjoying her day at the Ripley's Aquarium in Toronto



In September Frank and Susan went to Charlton Dairy Farm. They were able to see and learn about the milk collected from the cows to go to the Dairy.

It is always fun to decorate, and Halloween is a good reason... Barb and a staff put a lot of effort into this year's creation!



One of Virginia's favourite things is attending Snoezelen at Brantwood. It is a peaceful environment for her, and her time is uninterrupted. She loves the fiber optic lights the most.

Jeremy is in his element when he is outdoors. It was a beautiful fall day, and Jeremy enjoyed a day trip to Crawford Lake exploring the beautiful trails around the lake.



Debbie enjoyed a hike around Crawford Lake with one of her neighbouring housemates. She was a trooper, making the 1 km trek in the woods, along the boardwalk.

JC went to the Paris Fair and checked out the midway and visited with the animals in the agricultural building. He enjoyed his time amidst the crowds and cheered and waved at the brave people who went on the rides.



OUT AND ABOUT CONTINUED

Matthew Sowinski, Kevin Oldershaw and Tim Quibell having a great time at the Ripley's Aquarium in Toronto



Stephanie and Rebecca at the African Lion Safari



Josh loves his fall hikes in the park



Rebecca and Michael at Wacky Wings playing a game of pool



Frances Scott took 2 day trips out on the Go-Train since she enjoys trains and how fast they go. She went to both Oakville and Oshawa and once arrived, they took a Greyhound bus to a local shopping mall to shop and have lunch.



Peter Miklos went camping again for the second year now to a place called Eagle Wood. He enjoyed the trails and the nearby Beach area and just laid and relaxed in the sun.



Sharon was at the cottages in Port Dover with her friends this summer. They were having a BBQ and invited some friends to spend the afternoon. Sharon wanted to show her friends that she knew how to dive! It's pretty impressive!



CHRISTMAS WISHLIST

With the efforts of fundraising, there is still a need to fill gaps in furnishing certain locations across the agency.

Below is a list of items which we feel would be worthwhile additions. While your donation of any of these items would be a great help to us, we realize that times are getting tough for all of us, If you wish to make a donation towards a special item, we would be very grateful to accept it.



CHRISTMAS WISHLIST

Stationary
Bike

Exercise
Balls

Carpet
Cleaner

Linens

Washer

Heating
Pad

CD Player

Christmas
DVD &
CD's

Outdoor
xmas
decorations

Indoor
xmas
decorations

Bath
Towels

Word
Search
Books

Linens

Tea
Towels

Christmas
Tree

Please contact Kim Walsh if you have any questions or are able to deliver ANY of these items at 519-756-2662 Ext. 213 or via email kimwalsh@clbrant.com

Any little bit counts :)

GIVING BACK!

Many of the people we support in our programs take great pride in giving back to their community. We facilitate volunteer opportunities, such as delivering lunches, sorting clothes in the local thrift stores, raising money and awareness and spending time with seniors in long-term care facilities. Volunteering gives many people a great sense of purpose and belonging in addition to expanding their social network.



Jamie and Tina along with others at Bell Lane respite decided they would like to give back and have taken the responsibility of selling poppies this November to help support our veterans.



Christopher Drysdale received an award for all his help this year volunteering for Child Hunger Brant. Every week Chris picks up and delivers bagged lunches and takes them to various elementary schools in Brantford.



Tavia volunteered with the Cancer Society for pink ribbon breast cancer awareness month in October



Every Minute Counts

Everyday is Nelson Mandela Day at Habitat for Humanity Brant. The organization, which builds homes for families who couldn't otherwise afford one, relies on volunteers like Gary Kusch, Gary Guillemette and Paul Henhawk - just three of a crew of volunteers who were helping out at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore on Henry Street on Friday. They were behind the scenes taking in donations, sorting and pricing them while other volunteers were in the retail section serving customers. "We're a social enterprise agency and rely on our volunteers," Lynne Davidson, the organizations coordinator of volunteers, said Friday. "In fact, I'd say at least 90% of what we're able to do here - maybe even more than that, is because we have such good volunteers. "They're the reason we've been successful and continue to be successful." ~Article from Brant News

GIVING BACK CONTINUED

On June 13, 2014 Bruce and Diane Jones did the Relay for Life. It was a 12 hour walk from 7:00 pm till 7:00 am and in that time, Bruce and Diane took over 18,756 steps which works out to 25 and a half laps!

This was to help raise money for cancer. They wanted to do their part because they had just lost both of their mothers to cancer. They are looking forward to putting in their own team next June!



Brandon has been volunteering at Bell City Auto for the past three months. He has always wanted to work in the automotive industry and Bell City Auto has been very encouraging with mentoring him in developing new skills! Brandon is very excited to be part of the team at Bell City Auto.



Stephen Lalonde chose to volunteer this August at the Brantford Airshow which took place at Brantford Municipal Airport. Stephen has always had a passion for cars and airplanes and this gave him the opportunity to combine both.

Upon arriving to the Airport Stephen received his official volunteer t-shirt. Then he met the Air Boss Melissa who took Stephen behind the scenes of the Air Show, which included meeting the CF-18 Hornet Demo Team posing for photos with one of the team members; and completing a "fog walk" behind the crowd line.



Stephen observed the landing of a Canadian Forces Griffin Helicopter. Then went and met the pilot.



Hi!
I'm the
AVON
Lady!

"Fall into Christmas" sale at the Dunn on October 18, 2014.

Karen McCartney has been an Avon rep. for many years and still has fun with selling her products. Karen really enjoys meeting new people and is an accomplished sales lady.



Between October 22-24th, the kitchen staff from Dunn Enterprises put on a fundraiser for Breast Cancer Research Month. We raised \$22.00.

Representatives Jenn Sywyk and Leanne Byrne presented the funds to the Canadian Cancer Society, Brant-Norfolk Community office on November 5th.

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser event!

PATHWAY TO ACCREDITATION

What Really Matters Person Centered Excellence Accreditation

How did this accreditation process with CQL come to be?

In 2009, CQL's What Really Matters Initiative took a new look at the challenges and solutions in realizing person-centered services and supports across a range of human services. CQL redefined quality in terms of person-centered supports and services.

This revised definition resulted in the identification and development of a key set of indicators that characterize excellence in person-centered supports and promote personal quality of life outcomes. *Person-centered Excellence* promotes quality improvement in services and supports for people. These best practices and the resulting quality improvement initiatives can be applied across the full range of supports and services. These success factors and indicators in person-centered supports acknowledge the person's life story. Supports and services must incorporate the person's passions and priorities and provide the opportunity for the person to continue to address his or her interests and dreams.

What do these factors and indicators mean to someone who receives services from Community Living Brant?

FACTORS	WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO THE PERSON?
Person-centered Assessment and Discover	Learn about Me
Person-centered Planning	Plan with Me
Supports and Services	Support Me
Community Connection	Connect Me
Workforce	Partner with Me
Governance	Lead with Me
Quality and Accountability	Be Open with Me

What happens during the Person-Centered Excellence Accreditation process?

- Representatives from the entire organization (managers, board members, staff, people served, community members, families, etc.) meet and work together in one place, at the same time.
- Open sharing of ideas is allowed and encouraged to develop a common base of information.
- The large group explores the current status of person-centered services, and quality of life through the 8 factors and their corresponding 34 indicators.
- Small groups identify issues, assets, obstacles, resources, plans, partners, etc. for three priority areas that were prioritized by the group.
- Groups present their work – plans, actions, timelines, and responsibilities.
- The organization leadership further develops the action plan and commits the organization to act.
- Together the organization moves forward through an Accreditation agreement and partnership with CQL for the next four years.



CELEBRATIONS AND PARTIES

Dianne Hopkins retired from the Dunn Building on Thursday August 21st.
Dianne can now enjoy her early retirement.



We all have seen those birthday cards that make a joke about the candles on a birthday cake and calling in the fire department. Well, John celebrated his 65th birthday accordingly when the sparklers set off the fire alarms at his house on Broadway Street. The fire department was alerted prior to them coming that it wasn't a real emergency but they arrived in style bringing birthday wishes.

Dianne's Birthday was on October 28th. Being a person who really loves trains, she decided to take a ride for her birthday.

Dianne's house friends surprised her at Swiss Chalet for a birthday lunch and she was happy to see everyone. Once they drove back home, the real party started! Dianne's friend Thys came over for pizza and cake and she was pleased when everyone sang happy birthday.

Dianne loved all of her birthday gifts, which were personally picked out by her roommates. A special day for a special lady!



Hallowe'en Dance Update

R.E.A.C.H. Out, the Self Advocate Committee of Community Living Brant enthusiastically hosted a Hallowe'en Dance on Friday October 17, 2014 at the Dunsdon Legion. This year's dance was extra special because not only did we have a DJ playing music, we also had a live band. Our own Jim Hladish brought along his band, The Dusty Dads, to entertain the crowd. About 125 people attended the event and, by all accounts, had a great time. We are happy to announce that we raised \$580.00 that we will be using to help offset costs at this year's Community Living Brant Christmas Dinner and Dance.



Many, many thanks to everyone who helped out to make this event the success it was!

DREAMS COME TRUE

On Saturday, August 10th, I had the privilege of helping someone I support fulfill a lifelong dream.

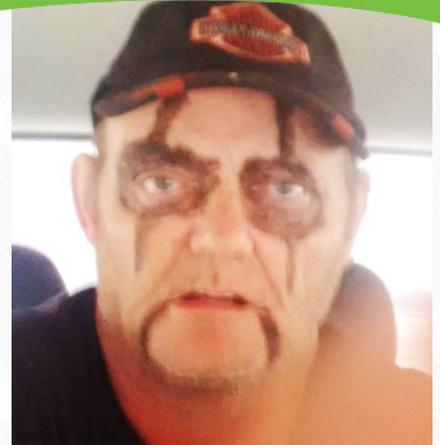
When I was first introduced to Joel McCreery, I quickly found out that he was a major Alice Cooper fan and his dream was to see Alice Cooper. Not only does Joel listen to Alice Cooper frequently, he has flags hanging in his apartment, has Alice Cooper t-shirts and lots of CD's and videos of his favorite singer.

In early May, it was announced that Alice Cooper would be going on tour with Motley Crue for their farewell tour. Unfortunately the concert was sold out within minutes of tickets being released and Joel's only comment was "maybe next time".

A search on the Internet showed some available tickets on-line, yet they were double the price for lawn seating. Through discussion with Julie, my supervisor, she instructed me to do whatever I could to secure tickets. She realized how important this would be for Joel!

Luckily, we found overpriced lawn tickets and Joel was approached due to the high cost of this event. His reply was it didn't matter what the price was; he desperately wanted to go.

Joel and a few of his friends attended the Motley Crue/Alice Cooper concert, and as you can see, he was very excited to go this concert.



Steve Csordas



[Local Special Olympian Athlete Selected to Represent Team Canada 2015](#)

Special Olympics Ontario Brantford is very excited to announce that **Betty Farr (Powerlifting)** has been selected to represent Team Canada at the **2015 World Games in Los Angeles, California**.

Betty was one of five athletes from Brantford who competed at the 2014 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games in Vancouver, July 8-12, 2014. She had a remarkable showing at the Games resulting in the collection of five (5) gold medals and being named "Best Female Lifter of the Games". This effort earned Betty a position on Team Canada.

The Special Olympics Brantford organization is very proud of Betty's accomplishments. She has worked very hard to reach this point and I know that she will do well at the World Games". -Paul Wilson (Coach, Community Coordinator)

This will be the second time that Betty Farr has had the opportunity to represent Canada at the World Games. Betty competed in powerlifting at the 2007 Games in Shanghai, China. Betty said that she "can't wait" to compete in Los Angeles and announced that she will retire from powerlifting after the 2015 Games.

Article from brantfordpolice.ca, Sept 24th



PARTNERS FOR PLANNING

Community Living Brant and area is excited to introduce you to *Partners for Planning Resource Network*, a FREE innovative online resource that assists families in creating a good life and secure future for their loved one. The Resource Network makes the planning process easier by offering immediate access to critical information and advice from professionals and experts.

Features

- Live Webcasts
- Access to informative and inspiring documentaries
- A comprehensive learning centre filled with interactive, video-based learning modules featuring key planning tools and strategies for families
- An online directory of lawyers, financial planners, facilitators and accountants who specialize in disability issues

<http://hub.partnersforplanning.ca/>



Are you the parent of a child with a disability?

Are you concerned about their future?



Introducing the Partners for Planning Resource Network, a dynamic online resource for families caring for a child or adult with a disability. Available for free on our website!

It is never too early or too late to start planning for the future of a child living with a disability. Recognizing this, **Community Living Ontario, the Ministry of Community and Social Services and Partners for Planning** have collaborated to produce a **FREE**, dynamic resource hub for parents and caregivers.

www.clbrant.com



The Partners for Planning Resource Network provides families with helpful tools, information, and expertise on a range of topics relevant to creating a good life and a safe, secure future for your relative with a disability.

Launch the Partners for Planning Resource Network to gain access to many FREE interactive resources:

- Live webcasts that you can easily view from home;
- Access to informative and inspiring documentaries;
- A comprehensive learning centre filled with interactive, video-based learning modules featuring key planning tools and strategies for families;
- An online directory of lawyers, financial planners, facilitators, and accountants who specialize in disability issues.

Available at www.clbrant.com



OEYC: BRANT

Ontario Early Years Centre: Brant

Sends out a big **THANK YOU** to all of the companies that volunteered and brought their big vehicles to the annual “Touch A Truck” event.

Over 900 adults and children enjoyed the day!



Thank you to 56 Field Regiment; Brant County Fire, OPP, Power and Community Services; Wayne Harris; Essroc Canada; Great Lakes Helicopter; Ken's Towing; and Tigercat.

For more information about this event or other upcoming events contact OEYC: Brant at 519-759-3833 or www.eycbrant.ca/oeyc

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FUNDRAISING UPDATES

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS 27TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS!

On August 14, 2014, **124 golfers** participated in Community Living Brant's 27th Annual Circle of Friends Golf Tournament at Northridge Golf Course.

To date, this Tournament has raised over half a million dollars, which has been used to enhance the supports in our Young Adults in Transition Services. Throughout the years, we have seen this program genuinely change the lives of young adults with disabilities in our community.

This program has helped people find homes, get their driver's license, start their own business, continue their education and much more! Your dollars truly make a difference...**thank you!**



COMMUNITY LIVING BRANT'S FLAG RAISING CELEBRATES COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH



Mayor Chris Friel joined Brent McEachern to raise a Community Living Flag at City Hall in honour of Community Living Month. Mayor Friel read a proclamation declaring that the City of Brantford recognizes the month of May to be Community Living Month.

Community Living Brant provides a variety of services for over 350 people with developmental disabilities in Brantford and Brant County.



IPC "The Davies Moffat Team"

Charity Bonspiel

In Support of
Community Living Brant

6TH ANNUAL CHARITY BONSPIEL

On Saturday, November 15th, IPC "The Davies Moffat Team" Charity Bonspiel in Support of Community Living Brant held its 6th Annual Bonspiel at the Brant Curling Club.

Much thanks to the Brant Curling Club for donating the ice! This bonspiel raised over **\$8,500** for Community Living Brant's Literacy program. "Literacy for jobs, Literacy for life"



*Community Living Brant would like to wish you
and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas
and a wonderful New Year!*

Head Office will be closed:

*Thursday, December 25, 2014, Friday, December 26, 2014, Thursday, January 1, 2015 and
Friday, January 2, 2015*

Dunn Vocational Services will be closed:

Thursday, December 25, 2014 through to January 2, 2015 and will re-open Monday January 5, 2015

Bell Lane Respite Program will be closed:

Thursday, December 25, 2014 to January 2, 2015 and will re-open Monday, January 5, 2015.

Ontario Early Years Centre: Brant will be closed:

*Wednesday, December 24, 2014 to January 1, 2015 inclusive
and will re-open Friday, January 2, 2015.*

Jeremy is learning to drive, and taking lessons now. He received Llya Cox funding to take more lessons, and would like to share these Winter Driving Tips.

Tips for Safe Winter Driving:

1. Inspect your wipers - Buy new ones if needed
2. Drive more slowly
3. Brake BEFORE you turn the corner
4. If you go into a skid, turn your wheels INTO THE SKID and accelerate slightly to regain control of your vehicle.
5. Pack an emergency road kit. This should include a blanket, snacks, water and emergency flares. Take your cell phone, if you have one, so you can call for help.
6. Drive carefully and pay attention to other drivers; not everyone is as well-prepared for winter driving as you are.



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