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Recommendation for CQL Accreditation/November 20, 2015

Community Living Brant is very pleased to announce that they have been recommended for a four (4) year Person-Centred Excellence® Accreditation through The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL), a recognized international leader in defining and measuring quality of life for people with disabilities and in those organizations who support them.

Although Accreditation is not yet mandatory in Ontario, Community Living Brant chooses to have an independent body measure the quality of its support because they want to continually enhance their services. The Accreditation process conducted November 16-20, 2015, provided Community Living Brant the opportunity to review and assess supports provided through Person-Centred Excellence and the impact of these supports on the personal quality of life of the people receiving them. The Accreditation also brought together employees, people receiving supports and their families, community supporters and Board members for strategic thinking, interactive dialogue, debate and action planning. Community Living Brant concluded the 5-day onsite review with organization-wide strategic directions, "The What Really Matters Plan", which identifies resources, timeframe for implementation and measures of accomplishment over the next 4 years. The three directions chosen are:

1. Community Connections 2. Supports and Services 3. Emerging Practices in Individualized Budgets
The commitment to these strategic directions formulates our agreement with CQL to meet the required validation over the 4-year term.

In 2015, Community Living Brant entered their 63rd year of providing quality support and services to people with developmental disabilities utilizing The Council on Quality and Leadership's Personal Outcome Measures, Basic Assurances and Shared Values. Accreditation is one of many processes that confirms Community Living Brant's commitment to further enhance the quality of life for people supported and organization-based planning.

Executive Director, Janet Reansbury, extended her sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who has made a difference in the lives of people!



Supported Employment



Saddle Up!

Emily has always had a very special bond with animals and just as much as she loves them, they love her. Emily has been taking English Riding Lessons for 10 years now and when Emily is around horses she feels calm, comfortable and confident and in turn the

horses feel calm and comfortable too. This is a strength and a passion of Emily's and because of this she is now working hard to achieve her goal of becoming a Therapeutic Horse Instructor. Once Emily has finished the Internship Program at Sunrise Riding and Learning Centre Emily will have completed her Horse Handler Certificate, Rider Levels 1 & 2, 100 hours of volunteer work, 20 hours of mentoring, a 10 week Theory Course, and countless hours of hands on lessons and practice. Emily is looking forward to teaching her future students how horses can help them just like they have helped her. You're awesome Emily!



Getting Up and Out

Tyler started his new job at Zehrs in August. He was ready for a change in his days. Though he loves video games and hanging out with his girlfriend,

he was ready to get back in the working world. He has said that it gives him a reason to get up and get out there. He has met some great people and is part of a supportive team.



Show Me the Money!

Kyle is now working as a cleaner for Prima Clean. He really enjoys his new job and although he is new, Kyle has already made a few new connections with those that he works with. Kyle says he is mostly happy about making extra money and earning minimum wage. Congrats Kyle!



Meals on Wheels

It all started when people partnered with Tyler Howes, the Community Services Coordinator for the Brant County branch of the Canadian Red Cross for Meals on Wheels. This service provides meals for those who are unable to shop for their own food or prepare nutritious meals for themselves. Nancy, Jenn, Bruce, Justin and David prepare, cook, and plate the meals. Nancy keeps the team on track, trains new staff and helps prepare, cook and plate the meals. Jenn

makes the desserts, purchases the groceries, and plates the meals. Bruce and Justin prepare the meals and Justin and David plate them.

David, Mike and Yvonne seal the meals by using the sealing machine. David creates the schedule, trains new staff, refills the sealing machine and solves any problems that arise. Everyone has a role and makes at least minimum wage. This is their partnership. GO TEAM MOW!

Community Living Brant Welcomes Guests from Australia



Community Living Brant was excited to spend time in August 2015 with a group of staff, family members and board members from the Gladstone Community Linking Agency from Australia. Gladstone Community Linking Agency's vision is to promote and defend the rights of people who have a disability, while carving a path to be innovative leaders in the disability service sector in Australia. The agency visited numerous organizations across Canada and the United States to learn about how person centered supports and innovative services are delivered across North America. It was a great learning opportunity for both of our agencies!

Building a New Story



In September the Parents Group of Community Living Brant held an information session for families with John Lord. John Lord is a community researcher, author, and founder of the Centre for Community Based Research in Kitchener. John has published widely on innovative community supports for vulnerable citizens and speaks wide about the "New Story". This was a great evening of discussion, story-telling and conversation about how we make community connections, expand social networks, and plan for a meaningful future for people.

We were also honoured to have a special guest, Ryo Suzuki, Associate Professor at the University of the Ryukyus in Japan, join us to learn about how services and supports have involved in Ontario. It was a great conversation about the differences and similarities between two different countries and cultures in supporting people who have a developmental disability.

In partnership with Community Living Access Support Services and Ontario Facilitation Network our agency hosted the Facilitation Leadership Workshop – Building a New Story. Four days of training were filled with brainstorming sessions, inspirational ideas and stories on how to dream big, think outside of typical in terms of providing support and assist people in getting a great life by Building a New Story. We learned a lot and had fun doing it. Brainstorming sessions ended up in presentations done through music, dance and poetry!



Values Training and Job Development



Mary Kealy, former Chief Executive of Clare Services from the West of Ireland, returned to Brantford for the week of November 23rd to do values training with people we support, families, and staff from Community Living Brant and surrounding agencies in our community.



Community Living Brant welcomed Shaun Wood, Project Manager, from the Washington Initiative for Supported Employment (WISE) for the week of November 30th to complete specialized employment and job development training with our agency.

Celebrating Life and Freedom

The end of summer brought an end to a Class Action Settlement for former residents of Huronia, Rideau and Southwestern Regional Centre. The process was very emotional and difficult for everyone involved as people were asked to re-live, bring back many painful memories and describe abuse and neglect they suffered for years. For many, the process brought closure and an end to what should have never had happened to a human being. As a result of the settlement, everyone who took part in it received some funds as a compensation for some of the horrible things that people had to live through. "No money can ever make it right!" – was heard over and over again....but at the end, people agreed that it was time to put history behind and focus on a future.

As a result of the Class Action Settlement, many people are now experiencing many things they could not afford before: time away with families, Alaskan cruises, travelling first class, vacations in Caribbean, hosting family Christmas parties and living out their dreams.

The process is over for the people who lived in those three institutions. It will soon begin for many more as the tentative settlement has been reached in a Class Action Lawsuit involving the Ontario government and formal residents of twelve institutions in the province.



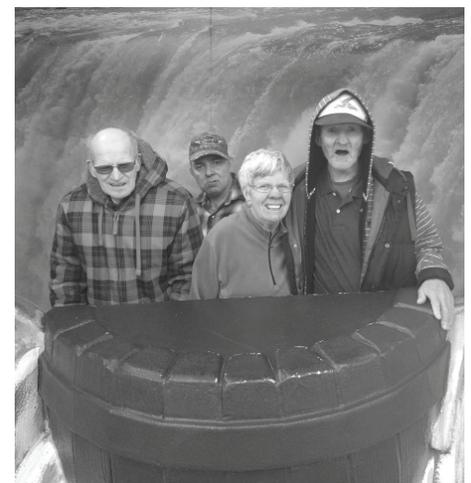
Maryanne Drago travelled to Windsor to visit friends and family. The trip was very emotional for Maryanne for many reasons; not only did she connect with the friends she had not seen in a very long time, but she also visited her mother's grave after many, many years.

Maryanne is now preparing to host her first Christmas get-together for family and friends.



I had a fantastic day watching my favourite team the Toronto Blue Jays. I decided to treat myself by travelling in style, so I rented a limo for the day. I loved that I could enjoy a cold beer on the way there. I had fantastic seats and was thrilled that my team won the game! I bought lots of souvenirs.

**I'm already looking forward to going again next year!
~David Park**



A group of friends went away to Niagara Falls for the weekend. Best hotel with the rooms overlooking the Falls, fine dining and trying their luck in the Casino - all checked off their list and some more...

Celebrations



It's a GIRL!

Michelle Horsley celebrates her new baby girl
Bianca Lyndsay Olivia.

"Bianca arrived October 7th weighing 7lbs 3 oz."



John with his wife, Yvonne, and baby
daughter, Rosaleigh
"She is the center of our world"

Volunteering



Brandon has been donating
back to the community with
some warm clothes for people
who could use some extra help.



Stephanie working in her community garden plot at the
Friendship House. Stephanie donated her veggies to the
Dunn Kitchen as well as the Food Bank.

Out & About



Brandon at Tiffany Falls in Ancaster



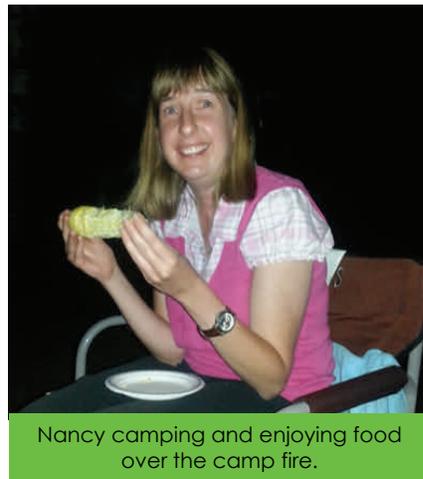
The Community Living Brant Summer BBQ was held Thursday, July 16, 2015 at Mohawk Park. The weather was perfect, the music was great and there was lots of food and friendship to enjoy.



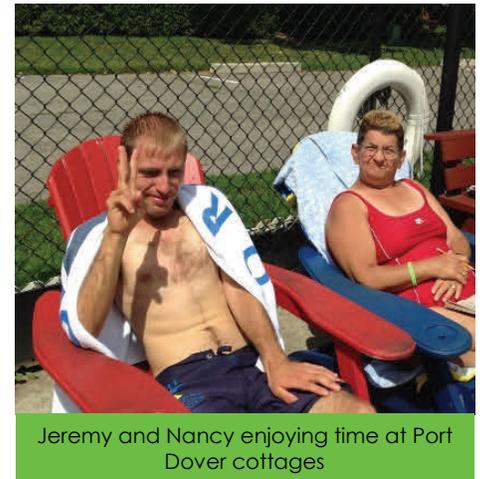
Brent wearing a Million Dollar Wrestling Belt!



Rebecca and Mike both enjoying the day in Niagara Falls.



Nancy camping and enjoying food over the camp fire.



Jeremy and Nancy enjoying time at Port Dover cottages

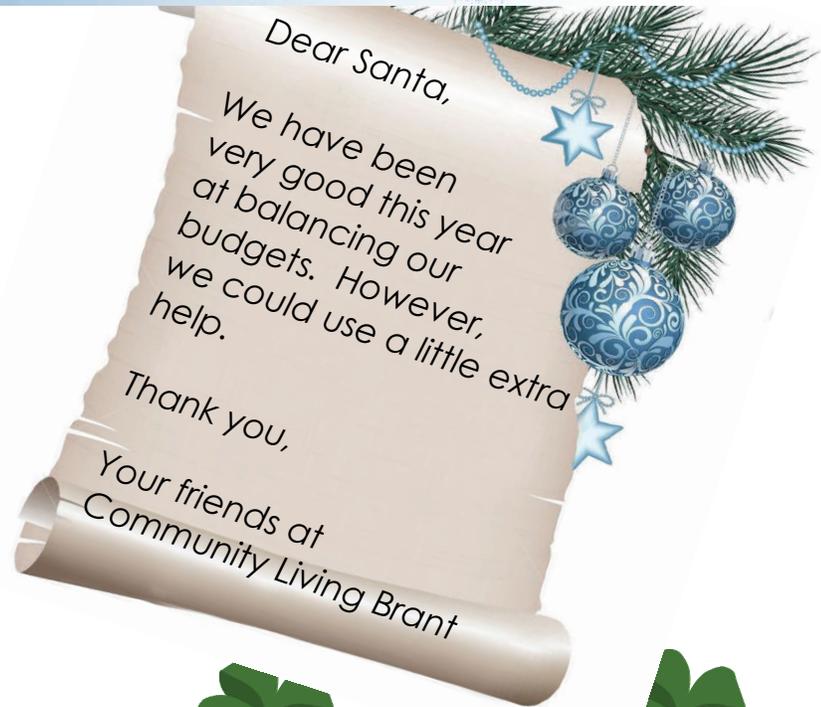


Brantwood Farm Fun!



Over the summer I got to go to Ohsweken Speedway, where I got to meet Team Dickie, they made me feel so welcomed and included me as one of the guys. I can't wait for next summer as I will be a member of Team Dickie. ~Stephen

Christmas Wish List



Christmas Wish List Continued



Please contact Kim Walsh if you have any questions or wish to make a donation 519-756-2662 Ext. 213 or via email kimwalsh@clbrant.com

Trips



Christopher is an upbeat 28 year old man who has a love for all kinds of music. Recently, Chris attended a Queen concert here in Brantford called "It's a Kinda Magic" at the Sanderson Centre. Chris demonstrated his love for music by getting up and dancing and applauding after every song. His spirits were lifted in ways that words cannot express.



I decided for the end of summer to use some passport money and go on a daytrip to St. Jacob's Farmers Market. I enjoyed looking around at the various vendors' and purchasing some interesting items. We stopped for lunch then decided to end the day with an open air train ride on the Waterloo Central Railway. It is a living piece of History, which takes you through Mennonite Country. The whistle is blown frequently while crossing many different sections of road. It travels to Elmira and back again. It was a great day and I look forward to going again next year. ~Kristie Beckham.



Victor's dream for a very long time was to give kayaking a try one day. His dream came to life in August when he went kayaking with Abilities in Motion that makes kayaking accessible for anyone interested in that sport. Victor had a great time and decided to do it again next summer. For anyone interested in learning more about Abilities in Motion please access their website: www.abilitiesinmotion.ca



Kara and Kim made plans to launch down the river from Paris to Brant Park which turned into a 3 hour journey full of laughter and smiles.



This summer I got to try Kayaking for the first time. I met new friends – from Brampton – who also enjoy kayaking. I look forward to seeing them again next summer and doing some more kayaking together. ~Stephen



TJ booked a scenic flight through the Brantford Airport and was geared up with a head set radio and off he flew into the wild blue YONDER.

Partners for Planning

Community Living Brant and area are 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 center 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?



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

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.

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We believe in ...



BELONGING

Cultivating Authentic Relationships and Connections

Every child has a sense of belonging when he or she is connected to others and contributes to their world.



EXPRESSION

Fostering Communication and Expression in All Forms

Every child is a capable communicator who expresses himself or herself in many ways.



ENGAGEMENT

Creating Contexts for Learning through Exploration, Play, & Inquiry

Every child is an active and engaged learner who explores the world with body, mind and senses.



WELL-BEING

Nurturing Healthy Development and Well-Being

Every child is developing a sense of self, health, and well-being.

Ontario Early Years Centre: Brant offers a number of FREE services for parents, caregivers, educators and young children ages 0-6 years in Brantford and the County of Brant.

Some services include: parent & child “stay and play” drop-in programs; parent workshops/parent & child workshops; professionals, educators and caregivers services and supports; information about other community programs and services.

To receive more information, drop by for a tour at our main location-**30 Bell Lane**, Brantford, visit www.eycbrant.ca/oeyc or call **519-759-3833**.

In Loving Memory

Richard Smetana
01/19/1959 - 10/19/2015



James Earl Hazlett
06/28/1944 - 07/22/2015



Janice McHutchion
11/04/1949 - 08/08/2015

PASSPORT FUNDING

Respite Person Focused
Education Employment
Volunteering Flexibility

Community Living Brant: Invested in Inclusion. Invested in You!

All supports we offer are focused on the goals, interests and needs of each person.

- ◇ Contact us to develop your individual supports
- ◇ Get involved in your community
- ◇ Literacy and education
- ◇ Employment and volunteering
- ◇ Respite (in and out of home)
- ◇ Person directed planning

Have you received Passport Funding?
We can help.

Providing supports and services to adults with an intellectual disability through Brantford and Brant County.

- ◆ Customized supports
- ◆ Flexible options and reliable services
- ◆ Experienced, trained support staff
- ◆ Let's figure it out together!

Make Passport Funding Work for You!

Community Living Brant offers a broad range of services that are person focused, as well as a large qualified team of staff ready to support you and your family with your Passport Funding.

Contact us today!

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Christmas Closures:

Head Office will be closed:

December 24, 25, 28, 2015 and January 1, 2016

Dunn Vocational Services will be closed:

Friday, December 25, 2015 to January 3, 2016

Ontario Early Years Centre: Brant will be closed:

Thursday, December 24, 2015 to January 3, 2016



EVENT UPDATES

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS 28TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

28 Years and going strong!!!

116 golfers braved the weather to participate in Community Living Brant's 28th Annual Circle of Friends Tournament at Brantford's Northridge Golf Course.

Including the funds raised this year our tournament has generated over \$500,000.00 which is directed to supporting young adults with a developmental disability as they transition from secondary school to independent community life. This program has helped people get their driver's license, start their own business, continue their education, develop relationships, explore their future and more! Your dollars truly make a difference...**thank you!**

2015 Circle of Friends Golf Tournament



7TH ANNUAL CHARITY BONSPIEL ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS!

On Saturday, November 21st, IPC "The Davies Moffat Team" Charity Bonspiel in Support of Community Living Brant held its 7th Annual Bonspiel at the Brant Curling Club.

Much thanks to the Brant Curling Club for donating the ice! This bonspiel raised over \$10,000 for Community Living Brant's Literacy program. This service assists people with a developmental disability to enhance their literacy skills. Community Living Brant's Literacy program is committed to helping people reach their learning goals. These goals assist people to improve the quality of their lives and fully participate in their community. *"Literacy for jobs, Literacy for life"*



IPC "The Davies Moffat Team"

Charity Bonspiel

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