



## SUMMER EDITION

# 2017

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Thank you to all Members who attended the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Community Living Brant on Thursday, June 22, 2017, at the Best Western. Members approved the 2016 Minutes; the Annual Report, Audited Financial Statements and the Actions of the Board for 2016/2017; and the appointment of the auditing firm, Millards, as the auditors for 2017/2018. The Report of the Nominating Committee was also approved and the new Board of Directors for 2017/2018 were installed by Member, Maria Gallo.



### New Board of Directors for 2017/2018

Pictured from Left to Right: John Farley, President; Scott Hawthorn, Treasurer; Debi Pickering, Vice-President; Cate Breagh, Secretary; Marylou Chatland, Past-President; Philip Scott, Director; Pam Papez, Director; Claire Speirs, Director; Wayne Harris, Director; Rebecca Chapple, Director; Darlene Manzer-Hall, Director; and Bruce Jones, Director with Member Maria Gallo.

# ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE



Outgoing Board Members pictured with Executive Director Janet Reansbury are: (left to right) Gary Kusch (Director), Pat Barter (Director), Martha Hillier (President), and Greg Hall (Treasurer)

## FAMILIES IN ATTENDANCE:



*Evelyn and Chloe Zaluski*



*Angelo, Connie, and Tina Gabriele*



*Darlene Manzer-Hall, Shannon and Greg Hall*



*Irma and Adam Princz*

*Marissa Pickering, Debi Pickering, Bruce Jones, Diane Jones, Janet Reansbury, Gary Kusch, and John Farley*



## STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

*Katie Gard and Sandy Ellins, Supervisors*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017/2018 (as of June 22, 2017)

### OFFICERS:

**President:** John Farley  
**Vice-President:** Debi Pickering  
**Past-President:** Marylou Chatland  
**Treasurer:** Scott Hawthorn  
**Secretary:** Cate Breough

### DIRECTORS:

Rebecca Chapple  
 Wayne Harris  
 Bruce Jones  
 Darlene Manzer-Hall  
 Pam Papez  
 Philip Scott  
 Claire Speirs

### 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.

### GUEST PRESENTERS

Manager, Barb Vanry, and ECE Support Worker, Debbie Eberth, presented "Walking Through The Doors of the Ontario Early Years Centre: Brant".



# BUCKET LIST CHECK MARKS



## A GREAT DAY...

I've been following Carson Arthur for years on TV. He had a landscaping show and he also does guest appearances on CityLine. I found him on Facebook and talk with him every day. Carson sent me free tickets to Canada Blooms. I am so happy that I got to meet him in person!

-Stephanie Cartmel



## I GOT MY BOATING LICENSE!

Getting my boating license is always something I have wanted to do. I had talked about it long enough and decided that it was something that I was going to do. For the past few Saturdays for an hour or so I have been busy studying to do the online exam. One Saturday I just decided I was ready to complete the test and did it! I patiently waited for my card to come in the mail and here is a picture of me showing it off. I am looking forward to putting my license to good use this summer by driving a boat!

- Brian Ward



## A DAY AT THE RANGE

I have been continuing my connection with the military within the community and exploring everything military related. I have always wanted to shoot a gun like a soldier and heard about Urban Tactical which has a gun range. I went to check it out and I knew it was the place to be when I arrived there was a military statue outside and pictures on the building of soldiers. I met two of the employees and asked them some questions about the gun range. They gave me an urban tactical swag bag with two shirts; one I could shoot my first shot into and a key chain before inviting me back to try out the range. Once I left I had already decided I was going to go back and booked a time with the range for the next week. I met with Darius my range instructor who went over safety and made sure I was safe. I brought my target shirt back to use and I shot my shirt and even got a bullseye! Darius was excited for me because he said not many people are able to get a bullseye the first time around. I am looking forward to going back in the near future.

- Sarah Orgar



What are the things on your "Bucket List"? Send us your stories and share your accomplishments

# Community Connections



## PACE WALKING CHALLENGE

Every Tuesday and Friday I take part in walking with PACE walking group through the Grand River Community Health Centre. I was asked if I would like to do a walking Challenge. This came easy to me as I love to walk everywhere!

I decided that I wanted to take part in a Six week Walking Challenge. I was given a pedometer and I recorded my steps daily. I would walk up to 27,000 steps in a 24 hr period. At the end of the six weeks the papers and the pedometer were handed in. I won the Challenge for achieving the highest number of steps in a day. I received an award, a gift card for Sport Check and a thank you for taking part. This challenge was so rewarding for me and I continue to walk daily.

I am looking forward to the next PACE Walking Challenge!!



Congratulations



In March I was invited to the GEMS girls club to talk about what it was like growing up hard of hearing and learning sign language at the school for deaf in Milton. I shared with ten excited eight year old girls who had a lot of questions for me. They were very eager and excited to learn about my life and sign language. They asked me how to say all kinds of words in sign such as: cat, dog, cookie, and bacon. I taught them how to sign their clubs aim and they were very proud of their accomplishment. Initially, I was nervous and scared but once I started to teach I became very comfortable and I loved it. Seeing the smiles on the girl's faces brought me a lot of joy. A couple weeks later I was given hank-you cards from each of the girls which had beautiful messages written inside. I enjoy working with children and love to teach sign language and would love more opportunities to do so.

- Sharon Woods



I've been volunteering as a Story Hour Assistant in the Coffee Break program at Hope Christian Reformed Church in Brantford since October 2016. I work with kids from the ages of 2 to 5 years old. This year we had a lot of rambunctious boys (and a few girls) in the program that kept me on my toes. While I am there we read a story, do a craft, sing and have a snack. It is a lot of fun. I work with two other wonderful ladies who I have gotten to know quite well. At Christmas the kids invited me to their Christmas concert which was a real honour. At valentines, I made homemade cookies and cupcakes for the kids which they loved. At Easter I treated them with assorted chocolates which we used for an Easter egg hunt. I love volunteering with this group and can't wait to do it again come the fall. My plan is to learn how to take the city bus over the spring and summer so I can get there on my own

- Diana



# Community Connections

I've been volunteering at the Resource Thrift Shop since July 2016. I started by working two hours every Tuesday morning but I recently started staying for lunch and working for another two hours. I sort, hang, price and put clothes out for the customers to buy. I enjoy this job and know that I'm good at it. I work mainly on my own and enjoy the responsibility. Right now I have been working on switching out the stock because the seasons are changing and the warm weather is coming soon. After lunch I vacuum the store and then work with Henny sorting donated items before heading home. There are a lot of other volunteers who also work at the store. We all work together as a team to make sure the day runs smoothly. If I have any questions I usually talk to Henny. She seems to have all the answers and is super nice. This volunteer job is giving me good experience, it makes me feel good and it's nice to get to know new people as well. My next goal is to obtain a job in the retail field.

-Pawel



## ELVIS HELPS OUT AT McHAPPY DAY

Rodney Kershaw and Marty Chapple were seen on Wednesday, May 4th helping out at McHappy Day sporting their Elvis costumes. Rodney, Marty and Walter Gretzky were a big hit raising money for the Arnold Anderson Sports Fund.

This past fall I joined the Bellview Senior's Club. Every Tuesday afternoon I go and play Bingo with about 30 other people. I've met a really nice lady, Sylvia who I considered to be a good friend. We sit by one another and joke around the whole afternoon. I've won multiple times but usually win the same day that Sylvia wins. It's almost like we are each other's good luck charms. On special occasions like Christmas, Valentines and Easter we have a big potluck lunches which I really enjoy. This Christmas the whole club hopes to go for a day out in Niagara Falls for lunch and a show. I'm really looking forward to that.

- Vicki



## Helping out the Paris Mounties

I have looked for some good opportunities to become more connected in my home community of Paris. I have always loved hockey and hoped to one day get a position either volunteering or working for a local hockey team. So, I did some investigating and found out that the Paris Mounties were looking for someone to volunteer by; helping the team fill water bottles, help with equipment, and be a positive person spending time with the team. I met with the owner Todd, and he told me I got a volunteer position on the spot! I have helped with the team for one season and it has been a great experience getting to know the coaching staff and, of course, the players. I hope to be helping out with the team again in the fall. That's me in the far right corner next to my team.



# At Work -

## I Have a Great Job!

My name is Kyle. I have wanted to work at Canadian Tire in Paris since I had my high school co-op there. I was hired in January!! I love it there, I have a good boss. Everyone is really nice there; they are good people and help me out. I really like using the computer to sign in & out of my shifts. I feel proud wearing my uniform. I have my own locker; everyone has made me feel part of the Canadian Tire team.

I have a great job!!



## I'm Saving My Money

Hi name my name is Mike. I recently have been hired part time with Executive Janitorial Services cleaning the offices at Brant News.

I like everything about this job! The people are really nice & my schedule is perfect for my social life. I am already saving my money for I trip I planned to Niagara Falls with my friend in June. Then I am going to Cleveland Ohio in July. I'm happy to have this job because it is giving me financial freedom.



## MY FIRST PAY!

After the changes at the Dunn I started looking for a job. I have two volunteer jobs already, but wanted to have a paid position. I started doing housework for a lady in Brantford. I started out by receiving job coaching with Supported Employment and after a few months, I am now proud to say, I do this job on my own. I have a checklist with pictures, of my job duties, on an iPad and I learned how to use the iPad very quickly. My favourite thing to check off is when I get paid.



Mandy

## MY NEW JOB

I was recently hired on at Hartmann's Canada Incorporated. I am the new North American Administrative Assistant. I am in charge of sending and receiving courier shipments, making sure documentation gets approved, keeping inventory of office supplies and toners, ordering office supplies, and filing for multiple departments. I have my own desk, laptop, work e-mail, and extension. I work twice a week for 4 hours. My boss and the HR manager have been very accommodating and helpful and I feel very comfortable at Hartmann's. I am hoping to get more hours in the future and work here for years to come.

- Emma

*Check out my new space!!*



# At Work Continued ...



## What's your opinion?

Rebecca Porter, Norman Farrington, and Ford Leighton were hired by Lorenzin Market Research to help conduct a survey at the Sanderson Centre for "How the Gimquat Found Her Song". The team was successfully interviewed and hired for their bright and friendly personalities, as well as their ability to work at a fast

pace and organized mindset. The show was performed by the Brantford Symphony Orchestra as well as the Platypus Theatre. The team was put into action after both afternoon performances to entice people in the audience to fill out a short survey, and collect as many as possible. The survey was created to gather information on who was at the show, what they liked about the performance, and how this annual event can be better suited to the families in our community. Ford is taking care of all the data entry for the event, as he recently graduated from Mohawk College with a degree in network engineering and security analyst. Elizabeth Lorenzin, owner of the research company, has invited Rebecca, Norman, and Ford to help out at future events!

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# PASSPORT FUNDING

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Respite

Person Focused

Education

Employment

Volunteering

Flexibility

My Community

Customized Supports

## 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.**

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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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# CREATING CHANGE

With Lynne Seagle



Community Living Brant hosted Lynne Seagle on June 27 and 28, 2017 at the Best Western. Her sessions were attended by agency staff, parents and other provincial agencies. She presented “Creating Change—Supporting People to Live Lives They Choose”.



Lynne is the Executive Director of Hope House Foundation in Norfolk, Virginia. It is a private not-for-profit organization providing services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities exclusively in their own homes regardless of how complex their disabilities may be.



## THE PERFECT FIT: INNOVATIVE EMPLOYMENT STRATEGIES

Community Living Brant hosted their first “**Employment Summit**” on March 9, 2017 at the Best Western in Brantford. The summit was geared for Employment Specialists, Direct Support Professionals and Managers with the focus on promoting a person’s passions and gifts to find meaningful employment; how to apply the positives to discover skills and go where the dream makes sense; learning how customized employment can lead to an inclusive labour market and to enable people’s success at work through the use of technology.

Over 80 people attended and enjoyed presentations from keynote speakers Sean Wiltshire, Avalon Employment and Shaun Wood, Washington Initiative for Supported Employment. Breakout sessions were conducted by Joe Dale, Ontario Disability

Employment Network and CLBrant Supervisors Brenda Braund and Steve Csordas. Our guests left feeling inspired and motivated!



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# May was Community Living Month

Here is how we CELEBRATED....

Did you see our Community Living Brant

## Street-Wide Banner

Located on Wayne Gretzky Parkway

between

April 24—May 6, 2017?



Our Much Anticipated **Flag Raising** took place at City Hall on Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 as Mayor Chris Friel officially dedicated **MAY** as **Community Living Month!** We were joined by a number of people from Community Living Six Nations "Ronatahskats".

## Proclamation – May is Community Living Month

May 2017

**WHEREAS** Community Living Brant and Community Living Six Nations "Ronatahskats" are participating in "Community Living Month" in the Province of Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** Community Living Brant and Community Living Six Nations "Ronatahskats" provide a vital service for Brant County serving over 440 individuals with intellectual disabilities; and

**WHEREAS** Community Living Brant and Community Living Six Nations "Ronatahskats" envision a welcoming community where all are encouraged to reach their full potential;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford hereby proclaim the month of May as "Community Living Month" in the City of Brantford.



# Ontario Early Years Centre: Brant

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Ontario Early Years Centres  
A Place for Parents And Their Children.



Centres de la Petite enfance  
Un endroit pour les parents et leurs enfants.

A big thank-you to a hard working group of volunteers, Jayclynn, Will and Gary from Community Living Brant who spent half a day May 11<sup>th</sup> helping the Ontario Early Years Centre staff wheel barrel mulch from our back parking lot to the playground. Their support helped us replenish all of the play areas for the children's outdoor drop-in program and to support the creation of our Community Garden.

On May 29<sup>th</sup> we invited parents/caregivers to a Community Garden party to plant peppers, beans, carrots, cherry tomato plants, lettuce, cucumber and zucchini together with their young children. What a success! We had 25 families participate in the gardening experience. By planting and caring for a garden children learn about plant life cycles as they observe the vegetables growing and they experience ownership and pride that comes with providing care for a garden. Planting and maintaining a garden also teaches important life skills since we are teaching them to grow their own food which supports a going green philosophy and our environment. We are all excited to see the garden grow. Please drop by for a visit anytime to see the fruits of our labour.





# Thursday, August 17, 2017

## Northridge Golf Course



All-inclusive registration \$135 per person. This includes:

### 1:00 pm shotgun start

- \* 18 Holes of Golf
- \* Golf Cart
- \* BBQ Lunch
- \* Giveaway
- \* Tax Receipt
- \* Chicken and Beef Dinner
- \* Raffle & Auction

**Funds raised at this tournament are dedicated to the agency's Young Adults in Transition Program - a service that supports young adults with a developmental disability as they transition from secondary school to independent community life.**

For more information, if you would like to enter a team, or to become a sponsor of this event, please contact: Cathy Johnson, Community Relations at 519-756-2662 ext. 213, [communityrelations@clbrant.com](mailto:communityrelations@clbrant.com)

or visit our website at [www.clbrant.com](http://www.clbrant.com)

# SAVE THE DATE...



IPC "The Davies Moffat Team"  
*Community Curl*  
In Support of  
Community Living Brant

## ENTRY INCLUDES:

- 2 four-end games
- Dinner
- Prize for each curler
- Raffle & Auction



## Saturday, November 18, 2017

For more information please visit our website at

[www.clbrant.com](http://www.clbrant.com)

