

OUR VISION

A diverse community that respects the dreams and aspirations of all its members.

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A Message from the Executive

As the new Executive Director for Community Living Campbellford/Brighton I thought I would highlight who Nancy Brown is and how the agency has grown and will continue to grow.

I am married to my husband Bruce and have two wonderful children, Samantha 19 and Mitchel 10 years of age. I joined the Community Living Team in 1986 working at the Victoria St. Residence. I have had the opportunity to work in a variety of day options including Supportive Employment and the Career Opportunities Project. Over the last 14 years I have been Director of Residential, Director of Supports and Services and Director of Organizational and Community Development.

The last 2 years have been significant in supporting people with intellectual disabilities move back into the community through the Facilities Initiative. We have built 2 homes and have supported 10 people to move into the Trent Hills area. We have supported families and individuals to apply and receive Passport and Individualized funding. We dedicated staff support to ACE (Advocates for

Community Education) to increase their profile. We have increased employment opportunities through the Job Zone in the Brighton Area as well as opened a Café in the Medical Centre in Trent Hills. Our Community Resource Center continues to be a focal point offering courses through Loyalist College, employment & resume services and more... CLCB identified issues relating to the lack of housing for children of aging families. Keystone Community Supports Corp. was formed and the Keystone House project was started to raise funds to build homes throughout Northumberland County to help families cope with this predicament. We presently have over \$700,000.00 in donations and pledges.

Our most recent changes have allowed us the opportunity to reorganize the management team and to better respond to the needs of our direct support staff and families.

We have committed to developing a Family Support Plan for the entire agency, and ensuring that families are well informed and part of the process for Community Living Campbellford/Brighton.



We are a progressive and responsive agency to families and people we support, and will continue to grow to meet the needs of our communities. I promise we will continue to listen and work on your behalf for the best quality supports and services.

Thank you to all who have welcomed me to my new position as Executive Director your support is appreciated.

I look forward to an amazing 2008/09 year.

Please enjoy the following newsletter. I am committed to keeping you informed of agency happenings. We have tried to give a good cross section of events over the last little while and the near future. There are many that we have not been able to include due to space, but we would be happy to share information with you about these events as well, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Message from the President



Marion and Mary

"Yes You Can" is a book I recently read that helped me understand the ways we have of coping with our child's disabilities. As parents we have experienced feelings of denial, fear, guilt and grief which make us doubt our ability to cope.

We are more than coping though, we are providing a nurturing way of life for people with disabilities. We are doing this with the help of many people; family, friends, support workers, staff and community.

CLCB has been the right organization to help many families cope, and to support their child's daily care, while looking after their social fulfillment. We, as well as our staff, spend many hours helping people find the right organization or group to meet their interests. We are fortunate to live in communities such as

Trent Hills and Brighton, where people care for each other and take the time to have coffee or lunch with the people we support.

This can mean so much in the lives of people who are striving to become part of their community.

I would like to take this opportunity as a parent to thank everyone who has enriched my child's life; staff of CLCB, caregivers, friends, family, and community, people who have taken time to give to someone who really does appreciate their thoughtfulness.

Responding to Front Line Staffing Needs

Our most recent changes have allowed us the opportunity to re-organize the management team and to better respond to the needs of our direct support staff.

Leslie Steeves is our new Manager of Human Resources; Cindy Miller is the Manager of Supports and Services and will oversee all residential operations including the two new homes. Donna Winters is our new Manager of Supports and Services and will oversee community supports. Kim Lauder Business

Development Manager will continue to support our business and employment ventures, and Dawn Whalen is the Manager of Quality Assurance and Community Development and has adjusted her role to meet the community connection need. Cheryl Dunk is our Finance Manager. Pat Gozzard and Cindie Evans are supervisors responsible for supporting residential services, Angela Clarke is the Supervisor of Family Home and other residential supports. Shannon Colson is our new

Supervisor to support community supports. Shelley Althouse and Melissa Cowey are the two Residential Coordinators.



A few of the many dedicated and hard working CLCB staff

Meet Your Volunteer Board

Marion Fennell



Janet Jones



Christopher Park



George Wilkinson



Yvonne Smallwood



Shelley Storage



Donna McDonald



Gay Gray



Lynne Hanasiewicz



If you would like to contact one of the Board members please leave a message at the office and they will get back to you.

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New Provincial Legislation—Bill 77

Bill 77—“Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act, 2008”

The legislation is welcome as Ontario continues to progress in its attitudes and policies; pushing itself past a time when it was common practice to institutionalize people. “We’re very encouraged to see the concept of ‘social inclusion’ named in this legislation. This is a positive step for all of Ontario,” said Dianne Garrels-Munro, president of Community Living Ontario. “We have long pursued a

society where all people have the opportunity to live and participate in the community. We are past the time of large, government-operated institutions. This legislation will assist society to continue efforts to include people who have an intellectual disability in all aspects of community life.”

Community Living Ontario was among 83 groups and individuals that helped to shape amendments to Bill 77 through public hearings and consultations held this past summer by the Ontario Government’s Standing Committee on Social Policy. Seven of the 19 recommendations

Community Living Ontario made to the Committee were addressed in the new legislation.

“The recommendations and provisions we see reflected in the new legislation – including funding to assist individuals and families in personal planning and support options; more rational application processes to assist those who need support; and provisions for continued consultations on regulations going forward – hold the promise of providing support to people to plan and live their best lives in the community,” added Garrels-Munro.

1st Annual Relay for Life event



Relay for Life Team

A very strong team from Community Living Campbellford/Brighton was instrumental in launching the first every

Relay for Life in Campbellford. This event was a tremendous success raising over \$77,358.33. The original fundraising target was blown out of the water.

WHAT A WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

What a community and what a great TEAM effort from Community Living Campbellford/Brighton.

John and Marie



“The art of progress is to preserve order amid change and to preserve change amid order.”
Alfred North Whitehead

Applefest

Once a year Brighton comes together for the annual Applefest. The whole community, and many others come out for a fantastic harvest event. Community Living Campbellford/Brighton has a strong history of



Applefest 2008 Brighton

participating in this great community event. This year the Brighton team outdid themselves. They did a fantastic job in preparing a float for the parade, soliciting volunteers, getting in-

credible donations and hosting a fantastic booth. Make sure you mark your calendar for next year! Congratulations on winning the award for Best Agricultural Float!



Best Agricultural Float

ACE Conference 2008



ACE Conference Team

This year was another resounding success for the ACE committee.

People from across the province came together to learn, network and have fun at this year's annual ACE conference.

There were many familiar faces and a lot of new friends. This was the first year for our bursary and it was a huge success.

Thanks to David Hinsberger for his support and faith in ACE.

ACE is proud of this year's Conference and has already started to plan for next year.

Next year's conference will be much bigger and better.

ACE Conference Participants



99 Centre St. a New Home



99 Centre St. - Before

A housewarming was held on September 2, 2008 at 99 Centre Street. This was the culmination of an exciting journey for 4 men who had lived in the provincial institutions for the majority of their lives.

The completion of this new home fulfilled our promise to support 10 people to return to their communities from the institutions. The gentlemen have been warmly welcomed into their community by all of their neighbors. Many connections and friendships have

already been established.

George, Victor, Richard and George have reestablished relationships with their families and continue to have visits with them both in their home and their family's. These past few months the men have experienced many first in their lives for example getting their haircut at a barbers, visit to the Legion and a stay in a hotel just to name a few.



99 Centre St. - After

The building of this new home also provided the opportunity for Cliff to return from a Nursing Home back into his community of many years. His family are very excited and pleased that he has been able to reconnect with all of friends and the staff who have supported him over the years.

The next year will be a year of learning and challenges as everyone becomes more familiar (exposed) with everything life has to offer.



99 Centre Street Home House Warming
MCSS Minister Madeleine Meilleur, Honorary Keystone Chair, MPP Lou Rinaldi and Nancy Brown, Executive Director and Clifford McCrory.

TAKE FIVE



We are very fortunate to have community partners that are always thinking of ways to support inclusion.

This past summer the Campbellford Memorial Hospital approached Community Living

Campbellford/Brighton to see if they had any interest in operating the food kiosk located in the Campbellford Memorial Health Centre.

We did!

There are up to 8 people working within the Café each week. Every staff person has ongoing training and skills development.

The menu expands on a weekly basis and many new ideas are regularly being implemented.

Please watch for our Grand Opening in November, we hope to see you there.

Patricia hard at work at The Take 5 Cafe



Annual Accreditation Review



**Maureen McFadden
CQL Canada**

October brought our Annual Review with CQL. Once again it was a tremendous opportunity for us to reflect on all the things that we have accomplished over the year, and what directions we need to focus on for the next year.

Community Living Campbellford/Brighton had the opportunity to report on planning, accomplishments, and challenges on each of the following areas:

-Rights Protection and Promotion/Abuse Management and

Prevention

-Staff Resources and Supports/

-Positive Services and Supports

-Natural Support Networks/Social Roles

-Best Possible Health/Continuity and Security

-Work/Day time Activities

-Safe Environments

As always we need to thank the staff, people we support, the community and CQL for making this such a positive and rewarding experience,



**Dawn, John and Shelley
Annual Review**

Congratulations!

Jennifer Grol and Jason Rae are an important part of Community Living Campbellford/Brighton. They work, volunteer, participate, and advocate on a regular basis within the agency and community. If there are things to do you can be sure that they will be involved and helping make things happen.

On a beautiful Saturday October 18, 2008 Jennifer and Jason were married. We

wish them all the best in their exciting new future.

Jennifer and Jason very kindly agreed to share their special day with an important project.

PhotoSensitive is a group of photographers creating a visual celebration of Community Living success throughout Ontario. The photos are projected to be displayed in May 2009 at BC Place in Toronto.

Mr. Jason Rae and
Mrs. Jennifer
Grol—Rae



2008 Provincial Passport to Citizenship Conference



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We are very excited to present the 5th Annual Passport Conference on November 12th and 13th at beautiful Blue Mountain. This year's theme is Citizenship

and we are proud to be able to have Dr. Gordon Porter as one of our Keynote speakers.

Dr. Porter is an internationally known expert on inclusive education who

has consulted, lectured and conducted training in numerous countries around the world.



Registered Disability Savings Plan

Are you aware the government has not yet made clear whether or not an investment in an RDSP will result in a claw-back of benefits paid to an individual through other government programs such as the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)?

There are indications that the government is preparing soon to announce publicly its position regarding RDSP.

A representative from the Premier's office has agreed to meet with a group of disability advocates from various organizations in the near future to discuss the province's response to the Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP). The purpose of the meeting that has been arranged with the Premier's office is to make very clear that people with disabilities in

Ontario want the RDSP protected from claw-backs and will applaud the actions of the Ontario government should it choose to provide such protection and thereby support the efforts of people with disabilities to plan and save for their future needs.

You have an opportunity to support this effort by taking a few minutes today to send a message to the Premier and share your point of view.

Campbellford Community Resource Centre

A Place For You and Your Family



Camps



Courses

IMPACT (im' pakt'): Look in the Webster's Dictionary and you will see a picture of the Campbellford Community Resource Centre! In 2007-2008, over 30,000 visitors walked through the front doors of 65 Bridge Street and were afforded the best customer service available. Career Opportunities Project assisted more than 350 individuals in their search for employment with the guidance of Barb Rockwell, Morgan Rowe and Karin Cummings. Their highly successful 5-week full-time program includes the development of hard skills such as power-packed resume and cover letter writing, and job retention skills such as decision making, problem solving and communication skills. Another Employment Ontario funded service includes the Employment Resource Centre facilitated by Carrie Wilson. In the last year, 2,217 customers made use of the free services such as assisted resume writing, job search direction, market trends, interview tips and access to the Job Bank and local job board.

All demographics in Trent Hills, head to the Resource Centre for myriad skill-based learning opportunities offered through Loyalist College and CCRC. At least 240 courses are offered from September to June. During the summer session, 12 adult courses and 16 kids' day camps round out an exciting year. In total, we see some 8,256 learners/visits - from octogenarians to young children. Hot courses include Boxercise, Yoga, Digital Photography, Belly Dance, Computers, Cooking, Ballroom Dance, Salsa and Fine Art.

This busy centre is also home to Taoist Tai Chi, Campbellford Rotary Club, Probation and Parole, Northumberland Business Advisory Network, Northumberland Children's Aid Society, Adult Basic Literacy, The Planet: an After-School Computer World, Canadian Red Cross and many other occasional users such as IODE, Kinettes, fundraisers, Campbellford Memorial Hospital, Community Care and Campbellford Seymour Community Foundation.

The energy - the life - the focus - the commitment to our community is shown best in these walls at the Campbellford Community Resource Centre.

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