



**MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT &
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

***"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy,
not on fighting the old, but on building on the new."***
— **Socrates**

ROBERT MAJKUT
PRESIDENT



VICKIE MORELAND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This past year has been a year of celebration and change. Sixty year anniversary celebrations continued into 2018. As we came to the end of our organizational year we celebrated our 60th Anniversary with the Bertie Historical Society hosting an event at the Crystal Ridge Library. The Fort Erie Historical Museum staff and volunteers organized historical newspaper clippings, founding letters and sixty years of photos for attendees to enjoy.

Guest speakers reminisced about the early years when people with intellectual disabilities had no services available to them in the Fort Erie community. Museum volunteers shared stories of our original founders and the struggles they faced as they advocated for change. A teacher from the first school built in Fort Erie in 1958 spoke about the excitement of having our community recognize that children with intellectual disabilities deserved educational opportunities. The evening highlighted the original small group of thoughtful, committed parents and citizens that dedicated their lives to advocating for rights for people with intellectual challenges. It was a nostalgic evening of celebration, but also an evening that provided insight and information on how far our organization has come in the past 60 years! These early pioneers envisioned more for their sons and daughters and their dedication and hard work brought about change. We should be very proud of our history!

We continue to see much change within our organization today. Without change we would not be able to move forward with our original founders' vision of meeting the needs of people with intellectual challenges in our community today. Our recent organizational restructuring was completed in the best interest of the people we serve and although the changes have created some apprehension we hope to move forward in a positive and supportive direction.

Our organization has had a history of thoughtful, committed groups of people who have brought about positive change. Volunteers have contributed thousands of hours this past year and have enhanced the services and supports we provide in many programs. Our Board of Directors, Leisure Buddies, and Fundraising teams have supported organizational decision making, individual growth and fiscal advancement. This month we will celebrate our volunteers during National Volunteer Week at an Appreciation Dinner hosted by The Greater Fort Erie Secondary School Pomegranate Restaurant. Volunteers share their time and talents without any compensation and we are very thankful for the many contributions they make to our organization!

The month of May annually marks Community Living Month across the Province of Ontario. It is a month we celebrate the many gifts that people with intellectual challenges bring to our communities. We invite people supported, family, staff and community members to join us as Mayor Redekop declares it Community Living Month in the Town of Fort Erie. Our organization anticipates the citizens of Fort Erie will continue to help us reach our goal of inclusion by creating a community that recognizes and values the abilities of ALL its members!!

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday June 26th. We will be hosting a BBQ at our Administrative office and highlighting our Summer Programs. Please join us as we complete a year in review and provide presentations on our Transitional Age Youth and Summer Camp Programs.

Robert Majkut
Board President

Vickie Moreland
Executive Director



Notice of Annual General Meeting & Awards Night

Tuesday, June 26th, 2018

**Will be held at our Administrative Office at
615 Industrial Drive, Fort Erie, ON L2A 5M4**

The following Awards will be presented:

The Community Inclusion Award

The Wendy Henderson Bursary

The Jacquelyn Sandelli Staff Award

**We will be reviewing 2017 events and high lighting our
TRANSITIONAL AGE YOUTH AND SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS.**

Please contact Tricia Dickie at the office to confirm your attendance. (905) 871-6770

THANKS FOR JOINING OUR TEAM!



**VINCENT
FRANCESCUT**

We wish to extend a very warm welcome to to **Vincent**

Francescut. After obtaining a business degree from the University of Miami Vince spent close to a decade on the trading floor on Bay Street in investment strategy and advisory for some of Canada's largest financial institutions. From there, he started his own business, which has brought him to Co-operators Group Insurance in Fort Erie. Currently Vince lives in Virgil with his wife Danielle and two year old daughter Violet. Vince joined the Community Living Fort Erie volunteer team in December 2017. As a Leisure Buddy to one of the gentlemen we support Vince has already made a difference. Vince and Stuart have quickly become friends, sharing their common interest in sports. Thank you for choosing us Vince!



ANITA D'AMORE

Anita has been involved in activities for youth for many years in our community. "Anna"

is described as being a very hard worker, reliable and a "great example to others". She has volunteered in many different capacities including children's camps, soup kitchens and at various community events. Anna has been homeschooled since Kindergarten, recently graduated and is hoping to further her education as a Developmental Service Worker. Anna reached out to our organization hoping to find a Leisure Buddy match with one of the people we support. Presently she is volunteering at one of the residential locations with a young lady. We are very happy to have you join us Anna and look forward to having you as a valued volunteer!

BRITTNEY HELD



When **Brittney Held** contacted our organization she was very anxious to get started as a volunteer. Brittney is a neighbor to one of our Residential locations and she has become familiar with some of the staff and residents. She researched more about Community Living Fort Erie and was impressed with the work we are doing in the community! Brittney wants to volunteer in hopes of lending a helping hand to "good neighbours" and developing a Leisure Buddy friendship with one of the people who live at this location. Brittney loves animals, enjoys the outdoors and landscaping. She comes from a Health Care background, working as a Personal Support Worker with the Niagara Region. Brittney has been described as very motivated, caring, hardworking and a great team leader. Community Living Fort Erie would like to welcome Brittney to our volunteer team!!



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DHANESH ANJITHA RAMESHA BABU



Dhanesh is a student from the Niagara College Educational Assistant and Special Needs Support (EASNS) Program. His volunteer experiences have included St. Patrick's School in Niagara Falls. Presently he works for Person Centred Care and Paramount Care Nursing as a support staff. Dhanesh has heard many positive things about our organization, so he requested placement with us! He began his placement in January at one of our Residential locations. He feels he has gained many valuable skills and the staff and people supported have enjoyed having Dhanesh as part of the team!

JUDY BARTLETT



Judy chose Community Living Fort Erie for her educational placement because she has been a volunteer of the organization since 2014. She participated as a volunteer in our Summer Day Respite YMCA Program and at different fundraising activities. Judy is a 2nd year student in the Occupational Therapist Assistant/Physiotherapist Assistant (OTA/PTA) Program at Niagara College. We would like to welcome Judy to the Community Living Fort Erie Team and know she brings a wealth of knowledge and supportive ideas to her Residential Placement.

FELISCHA TULAGAN



In January a very enthusiastic student from Niagara College was placed in the Community Support Program. **Felischa Tulagan** is a first year Social Service Worker student. She felt her placement provided valuable training. Felischa learned about ways to communicate with Non-verbal people, different funding opportunities, community resources that help families, services that are available to youth and adults and how "success looks differently for everyone". The program benefitted in many ways through her placement and staff provided a very valuable educational experience. Thank you Felischa for your dedication to your placement over the past 4 months. She hopes for a Summer Camp Counselor position this summer with our organization!! We wish you all the best Felischa with reaching your future goals!!

MICHAELA HANNIGAN



Michaela is a grade 12 student at Lakeshore Catholic High School. She chose Community Living Fort Erie for her Co-op placement because she enjoys working with people who have special needs. Michaela has volunteered with

NSS/NTEC Children's Movement Program and the Teen Drop in Centre. She loves to read, play rugby, go for walks and really enjoys helping people. Michaela plans on furthering her education in the field of Educational Assistant Special Needs Support (EASNS) once she graduates from High School!! It is wonderful to have her placed in one of our Residential Programs until June.



BERTIE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CELEBRATES COMMUNITY LIVING FORT ERIE'S 60 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE FORT ERIE COMMUNITY



Volunteers from the Fort Erie Historical Museum held a celebration of Community Living Fort Erie's 60th Anniversary on March 21, 2018 at the Ridgeway Public Library.

The evening featured presentations, guest speakers, sharing personal experiences, historical displays and an information video.

A few of the students from Elsie English school and children of Founders were at the event along with our Executive Director and representatives of Bertie Historical Society.



Executive Director Vickie Moreland stated "The Historical Museum works to keep Fort Erie strong and proud by celebrating our community's shared heritage. We appreciate Museum volunteers arranging the celebration and for giving us the opportunity to share our story!" She added, "Without the enthusiastic support of the Fort Erie community and the hard work of many parent founding volunteers we would not be where we are today. It is important that we recognize and celebrate these early pioneers

through history Community Living Fort Erie has donated photo albums and documents to the museum to preserve



organizational history for the future. The Bertie Historical Society's Collection is housed in the 1874 Bertie Township Hall.

The Historical Museum features a program of permanent and changing



exhibitions as well as a public archives with genealogy and local history information. The Bertie Township Hall is located at 402 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway and is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Bertie Historical Society volunteers should be applauded for their efforts in preserving our community's history. *Thank you for the time you give to our community!*



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE STARTS PLANNING

DINNER & PAINT NIGHT... saying thank you to our fundraising committee



On February 15th, our Volunteer Fundraising Committee Members held their first fundraising meeting for 2018. The meeting consisted of planning this year's fundraiser celebrating Christmas In New Orleans "A Mardi Gras Christmas". The evening was also in recognition of all the hard work our volunteers did last year to ensure a successful event.

Planning for an event of this size takes many months, and dedicated volunteers who donate many hours of their time to our organization. Our 2017 "Christmas In Canada" event raised over \$36,000.00.

Community Living - Fort Erie hosted a Dinner and Paint Night to recognize the many contributions made by our fundraising team. Volunteers created their very own masterpieces with a "Mardi Gras" theme while enjoying an evening with team members.

From left to right: Marina Parkes, Pauline Wilson, Linda Beach, Sue Doan, Kristina Phillips, Marg Fidler, Debbie Eggleton, Elena Polko, Pennie Ruch, Bobbi Raymond. Absent Sandy Miskolczi



Hosted by: Ray Rosettani & the SellingFortErie Team

FORT ERIE CORPORATE CHALLENGE 2018

SUNDAY JUNE 10TH

INCLUDES:

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Pre Party at Bridgewater	Warm Up Exercise
Live Entertainment	10 Events
24 Drink Tickets	Lunch Provided
	Awards & Prizes

PRIZES AWARDED TO 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE
PROCEEDS GOING TO FORT ERIE COMMUNITY LIVING

\$800

*Per Team
*12 Members (no referee this year)
*No limits on males or females

REGISTER BY:
Friday March 30th, 2018

WWW.FORTERIECORPORATECHALLENGE.COM

CONTACT: HOLLY OR RAY (905) 871-5555 TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM!! SEE YOU THERE!!



THE FORT ERIE ITALO CLUB HOSTS FUNDRAISER FOR COMMUNITY LIVING FORT ERIE



ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA DINNER

THURSDAY, MAY 10TH, 2018

4:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

FORT ERIE ITALO HALL

1101 DiPietro Street, Fort Erie, ON

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE. CALL TRICIA (905) 871-6770

TICKET PRICES: ADULT : \$9.00 CHILDREN (AGES 5-12): \$5.50 TAKE-OUT: \$8.00 AT THE DOOR: \$10.00

All you can eat pasta and meatball fundraising dinner. Includes pasta, meatballs, rolls, salad and coffee.

ATTENTION GOLFERS!!

Wednesday Night Guys
Golf League



Charity Tournament

Charity Golf Tournament

(4 Person Scramble)

Saturday, July 7, 2018

1PM

Fort Erie Golf Club

You are cordially invited to participate in the **3RD ANNUAL FORT ERIE GOLF CLUB WEDNESDAY NIGHT GUYS GOLF LEAGUE CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**; **Saturday, July 7, 2018 (1PM)** at the Fort Erie Golf Club located at 1150 Sunset Drive, Fort Erie Ontario.

Our League is made up of community minded individuals who like to get together every Wednesday Night during the warmer months to participate in a fun game of golf. Our enthusiasm for the game and the love of our community compels us to give back to others in our community!!

For 2018, we have chosen a local Fort Erie area family that is supported by Community Living as the benefactor of our group's charity golf tournament event.

Joshua (17 years) currently lives at home in Crystal Beach with his family. Joshua has been diagnosed with Congenital Muscular Dystrophy. Our goal is to provide funds to allow construction of a ramp for benefit of lifestyle and safety.

To help us raise funds for this worthy local Charity, please join us in the **3RD ANNUAL FORT ERIE GOLF CLUB WEDNESDAY NIGHT GUYS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**. Whether you submit a four person team, join us as an individual (open to anyone), sponsor a hole, make a donation, come for the meal, or simply contribute to our prize table, you will make a definite and immediate impact.



Please contact: **RUSS EDMUNDS (905)871-3616**, email: bigr.edmunds@gmail.com

OR **WALT EMPEY** at **(905)871-3787**, email: walt.empey@ch2m.com

Let's Have Fun



CAMP IS FUN FOR EVERYONE

This year we have partnered with YMCA, Boys and Girls Club of Niagara, Heartland Forest, I-Canter and, new to us, Safari Niagara. Camp Programs range in age from 6 to 12 years of age. Heartland Forest, I-Canter and The Boys & Girls Club of Niagara start their camps at the age of 4.

Camp will run from July 3rd through August 24th 2018. No camp on the August Holiday!

We encourage our families to visit the websites for each of our partnering camps and choose your camps based on your child's interest and most suited for their best experience. Each of our camps has themed weeks such as Exploring the Outdoors, Arts and Crafts, Sports and Recreation. The camps offer different types of experiences so when choosing camp opportunities we encourage families to look for those their little ones will enjoy most. We have a limited number of spots at each of these camps so we encourage families to register on line if your camper does not require support from a Camp Inclusion Facilitators. We are also asking families to consider when choosing the programs, will this be engaging for my child. We encourage you to choose more than one camp to give your camper a variety of experiences.

On April 11th we will be hosting a day to come in to register for camp through us. Please email me at nboon@clfe.ca to have the forms emailed to you if available. Registration will open Monday April 9th and will close April 30th 2018. YMCA registration is only available on line now. We endeavor to meet all support requests but any registrations received after this date may not be accommodated.

Due to Bill 148 (Changes to the Employment Standards Act) the cost for camp has significantly increased. We know and understand that this may cause concern for some families and we hope that knowing ahead of time will allow you to plan for summer. The weekly rate for camp will be \$340.00. Camp programs will run 9:00 am to 4:00 pm unless you are at I Canter and the cost will be \$330.00 but the day will end at 3:00 pm. We look forward to spending time making wonderful inclusive memories and opportunities with the campers this summer.



www.heartlandforest.org



www.ymcaofniagara.org



<https://safari Niagara.com/>



Boys & Girls Club of Niagara
A good place to be

www.boysandgirlsclubniagara.org



www.icanter.ca

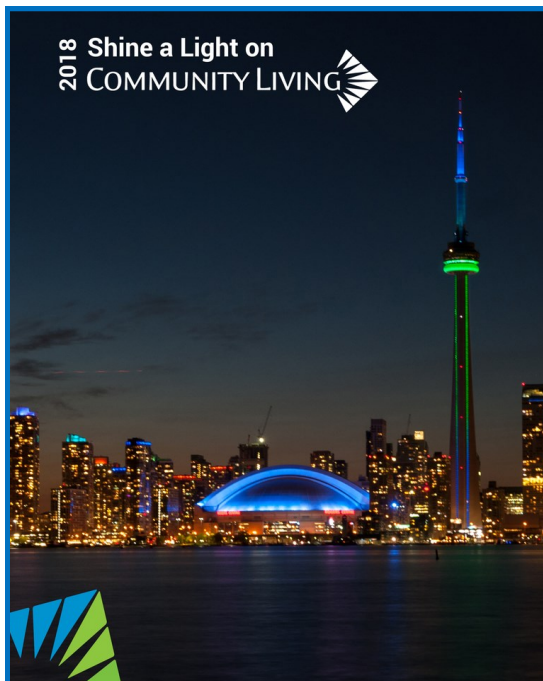
Contact Nikki Boon at the office. (905) 871-6770

REGISTRATION WILL CONTINUE UNTIL APRIL 30TH, 2018



MAY IS COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH

SHINE A LIGHT ON COMMUNITY LIVING 2018



May is the month in which we celebrate the gifts & talents that people with intellectual challenges bring to our community.

"This year – **on the evening of Friday, May 4th** – we will once again leverage our collective voice through this campaign to advocate for the full participation, inclusion and citizenship of all people who have an intellectual disability. We can confirm that Canada's most iconic structure – **The CN Tower** – will be [lit] in blue and green." -Community Living Ontario

Again this year, the **Fort Erie Peace Bridge** will be lit in blue and green in celebration of Community Living month on **May 4th, 2018**. **The lights will come on at dusk and remain on until midnight.**

In **Welland**, **Bridge 13** will be lit, as well London, Espanola, Sault Ste Marie, Chatham, Bancroft, Essex County, Morrisburg, Newmarket, Windsor, Sharbot Lake, Wallaceburg, Flesherton and Oshawa to name a few are getting involved by having offices and city-owned buildings being lit to **"Shine the Light on Community Living"**.

UPCOMING EVENTS...*Please come out and show your support !*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
APRIL 23	Presentation to Town Council and Mayor, Town Hall, 6:00 P.M.
May 1	Flag Raising, Town Hall. 9:00 A.M.
May 10	Pasta Fundraiser Thursday, May 10th. Italo-Canadian Hall. Tickets will be made available through the office. Contact Tricia Dickie at (905) 871-6770. Please check our facebook page for more information.
May 4	Fort Erie Peace Bridge will be lit in honour of Community Living month. Lights will be on from dusk until midnight.
June 10	Corporate Challenge sponsored by Ray Rosettani. Please see the Fort Erie Corporate Challenge facebook page for more information.
June 26	AGM, AWARDS NIGHT & BBQ 615 Industrial Drive, Fort Erie.
November 17	Christmas Fundraiser: Christmas in New Orleans: A "Mardi Gras Christmas"