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MAY IS COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH

May is the month in which we celebrate the ABILITIES of people with intellectual challenges. This year 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. Canada's most iconic structure – The CN Tower – was [lit] in blue and green. Again this year, the Fort Erie Peace Bridge was lit in blue and green in celebration of Community Living month on May 3rd, 2019.

"Shine the Light on Community Living" campaign continues in 2019.



Exploring the Idea of a Merge

Message from the Board President & Executive Director



**Betty Talbot, President
Community Living Fort Erie**

Recently, the Boards of Directors of the two organizations met and decided to explore the idea of merging Community Living Fort Erie and Community Living Port Colborne-Wainfleet.

They felt that a merged organization would build on the strengths of both.



**Vickie Moreland, Executive Director
Community Living Fort Erie &
Community Living Port Colborne-
Wainfleet**

A merge would offer benefits to people with an intellectual disability, to their families and to staff, benefits that would be achieved through the efficiencies that come with having one organization rather than two. Initially the merged organization would focus on streamlining and increasing administrative capacity.

Merging is a process that takes time and involves a number of steps. We will only proceed if all those steps are completed and if both the Boards of Directors and the members of Community Living Fort Erie and Community Living Port Colborne-Wainfleet decide that merging is in the best interests of both organizations.

We will keep everyone posted on these steps as they are undertaken. In the interim, Community Living Fort Erie and Community Living Port Colborne-Wainfleet will continue with their important work as they always have.

We look forward to exploring the possibilities that this new partnership will inspire.

Annual General Meeting & Awards BBQ!



When & Where:

Tuesday, June 25th, 2019 - 5:30 pm at our Administrative Office at 615 Industrial Drive, Fort Erie. Contact Lisa Noyes to confirm your attendance.

🌭 Hot Dogs & Hamburgers will be served 🍔

At this meeting, the following awards will be presented:

- The Community Inclusion Award, The Wendy Henderson Bursary, The Jacquelyn Sandelli Staff Award
- We will be acknowledging the Ontario Trillium Foundation and their donation of our new wheelchair accessible Van!

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Take notice that in accordance with its constitution and bylaws, the Annual General Meeting of Community Living For Erie will be held in Fort Erie, Ontario on Tuesday June 25th, 2019 beginning at 5:30 pm for the following purposes:

1. Reading and Approving the minutes of the AGM meeting of the members held in 2018
2. Receiving, considering and approving the financial statements for the past fiscal year, together with the Auditor's report therein and all the transactions reflected hereby
3. Election of Officers
4. Appointment of Auditors for 2020
5. Transacting of such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

		MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION	
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ADDRESS: _____			
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TELEPHONE: _____		EMAIL: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> (please email newsletter)	
YES! I WILL SUPPORT COMMUNITY LIVING ~ FORT ERIE!!			
<u>CATEGORIES:</u>			
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615 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE, FORT ERIE, L2A 5M4			
Phone: 905-871-6770 • Fax: 905-871-3339			
As a Registered Non-Profit Organization, Community Living~Fort Erie Issues Official Tax Receipts For Donations			

We Raise the Flag for Inclusion!



On Wednesday May 1, 2019 Betty Talbot (President Board of Directors) thanked members of the Fort Erie community for coming together to raise our flag in recognition of Community Living Month.

The month of May annually marks Community Living Month across Ontario. It is a month in which we celebrate the gifts and talents that people with intellectual challenges bring to our communities.

Mayor Wayne Redekop raised our flag at Town Hall. In keeping with our focus and belief that our community should be a place where people with intellectual challenges will have the opportunity to participate fully in the life of their community.

Selena Carlson began the flag raising event singing “Oh Canada” for those in attendance, as we proudly raised the Community Living flag.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER 2019



This year we recognized and celebrated our community volunteers at LAMA Restaurant in Ridgeway. Matt & Laurie McGregor hosted over 40 volunteers for a wonderful evening of appreciation.



Betty Talbot (President Board of Directors) welcomed and thanked volunteers for their many contributions. This year's theme "Thank you for Lifting Our Community" was consistent with the Volunteer Canada theme for National Volunteer Week. The room was filled with brightly coloured hot air and helium balloons which represented the many Community Living Fort Erie volunteers. Volunteering can give volunteers a lift. When we volunteer, our spirits are lifted, our sense of purpose is lifted when we see how our efforts have helped someone else. Our confidence lifts when we gain skills and experience through volunteering.

The beautiful image of the hot air balloons of different sizes, shapes and colours reflect the diversity of community volunteers. It illustrates that when people volunteer together, the sky is the limit, in terms of what they can achieve.

As Board President, Betty Talbot made a call to action to those in attendance. "We would ask that if you are pleased with your volunteer experiences that you share your experiences with others. Invite your friends and family to explore volunteer opportunities within our organization."



It all started with me telling my family how much I enjoyed the volunteer work I was doing with Community Living. Two of my sisters came out to see how they could contribute and volunteering for Community Living has now become a family affair. It's that easy!! All three of us continue to volunteer today, a combined total of 18 years!!



Volunteering, "A Family Affair" - Dee Dee Hayslip, Gloria Moon, & Betty Talbot

CONGRATULATIONS ON 5 YEARS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE



Sharon became a member of our Board of Directors in June 2014. Sharon has a very clear understanding of volunteerism and its importance in our community. She has a passion for helping others and is a strong community leader and role model. Sharon is a tenacious board member who provides valuable input and feedback on organizational growth. She is energetic and enthusiastically supports organizational change. As a volunteer of Community Living Fort Erie for the past five years Sharon has made a significant difference. Thank you Sharon for your dedicated service to our Board of Directors. You are a very important part of the Community Living Fort Erie volunteer team.



Sharon Schilz



Linda Beach

Linda began volunteering as the Activities Chair for our 2014 Fundraising Event. After demonstrating wonderful graphic design skills Linda began creating our advertising program for fundraising events that followed. Linda has always been passionate about making a difference for others. Her kind heart, generosity and cheerful personality brought her to volunteer for our organization in 2014. Her amazing organizational skills, administrative talents and strong work ethic earned her a full time position with our agency in 2016. Linda remains a dedicated volunteer of the organization volunteering in numerous different capacities throughout the year!! Thank you for your commitment Linda, we feel very lucky to have you as part of our team.

Jenn joined the volunteer team in 2014 through our Leisure Buddy Program. She has always had the ability to interact with people in a positive and understanding manner. Paul was employed at ACE Hardware with Jenn one day a week and a friendship began. She decided to take this friendship outside of the employment relationship. For the past five years Jenn and her friend Paul have enjoyed many activities in the community together, however Jennifer was unable to attend the volunteer appreciation evening. It was very special to see Paul surprise a tearfully happy friend with flowers and her years of service pin at her place of employment. Paul's life has been significantly changed for the better in so many ways because Jenn has generously chosen to share her valuable time and make a difference.



Jennifer Corsi



CONGRATULATIONS ON 15 YEARS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE



Fifteen years ago Angie attended a volunteer fair in our community, the next day she came to our organization to find out more about how she could make a difference through volunteerism. Angie has been volunteering with Community Living Fort Erie since 2004. She has volunteered in numerous different capacities throughout the years.

As a fundraising volunteer she has assisted with wrapping raffle baskets and event set up.



Angie Folkmann

Angie completes many of the third party financial audits for the people we support. She has volunteered at Bingo's, awareness events and individually with the people we support who need assistance. We can always count on Angie whenever we need a volunteer to help out!

Helen attended that same volunteer fair fifteen years ago (with her daughter Angie) and has been volunteering with our agency ever since. Helen was a Leisure Buddy to one of the people we support for many years when she first began as a volunteer. She has assisted with many fundraising and community awareness activities. Helen has provided administrative support at the office and completed financial audits. She is always available to provide volunteer assistance and support whenever she is asked. Thank you Helen for your years of Service, you have made a difference for the people we support in many ways and we truly appreciate all of your volunteer contributions.



Helen Connors

THANK YOU FOR
Lifting Our Community

Student & Volunteer Contributions



They began their school placements in early March. During their placement which will continue until the end of June they provided a lot of administrative support as well as having the opportunity to provide direct support to some of the people who live at our Taylor Rd. residence. This placement was arranged as Cooperative Education Placement in Partnership with the District School Board of Niagara & Greater Fort Erie Secondary School.



Olivia Craddock

The placement has allowed these young women the opportunity to see the many sides of Social Service Work. Both have been accepted into Universities of their choice where they will be pursuing a career in Nursing. Thank you for all your hard work during your placement with us!! Great job ladies!!



Madison Ferrara



April Viele

April began her Educational Placement with us in January 2019. As a student of the Educational Assistant Special Needs Support (EASNS) Program at Niagara College April was able to gain the hands on experience at Taylor Rd. residence that is required. April will be graduating from the program this year and truly felt she gained a great deal of knowledge through her placement with Community Living Fort Erie. The people we support and staff will miss April and hope that a career in Developmental Services is in her future. Good Luck April and thank you for choosing to spend time with US!!

Morgan began volunteering with us in March. Morgan was looking to "give back" to her community while gaining the needed skills required to complete the Psychology Program at Brock University. Morgan is a YMCA volunteer in Fort Erie and also assists with fundraising at the Italo Canadian Club. She enjoys all types of music and is fluent in Portuguese. As a volunteer of Community Living Fort Erie Morgan has assisted with helping a person we support seek educational scholarships and bursaries as well as assisting staff in one of our residential locations. She is also interested in assisting with organizational fundraising in the future. Welcome to the Community Living Fort Erie Volunteer Team Morgan!!!



Morgan Sereira



The Fort Erie Italo Canadian Club Hosts Fundraiser for Community Living Fort Erie

ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA DINNER THURSDAY, MAY 9TH, 2019 - 4:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

Fort Erie Italo Canadian Club - 1101 DiPietro Street, Fort Erie, ON.

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

Tickets available at the office.

Call Lisa Noyes (905) 871-6770

Ticket prices:

Adult : \$9.00

Children (ages 5-12): \$5.50

Take-out: \$8.00

At the Door: \$10.00

Black Creek/Stevensville Lions Club Mother's Day Rose Sale!

In partnership with Black Creek/Stevensville Lions Club we helped them to raise funds through the sale and delivery of their beautiful Mother's Day Roses!

Thank you for all of your orders and we hope that your Mother's enjoy them on their special day!



The New Face at Our Front Desk!

Lisa Noyes joined our Community Living Fort Erie team in February as our Receptionist/Administrative Assistant. She comes to us with over 10 years of experience in business management, community development, case management and employment/social services. Passionate about marketing and all-things-web, she brings her creativity and digital flavour to the organization.

Lisa has been applying her graphic design skills and has made many changes to agency publications. Lisa completed her Post Graduate Certificate in Human Resources Management at Niagara College in the winter of 2018. She is enthusiastic about becoming a part of the Community Living Fort Erie team. We look forward to utilizing her many skills! Welcome Lisa!

Proceeds benefit Community Living Fort Erie!



SUN. JUNE 9
8AM-4PM

\$700 PER TEAM

RE/MAX 2019

FORT ERIE
CORPORATE CHALLENGE
CARNIVAL
COME ONE, COME ALL!

Sat. June 8
Pre-Party at Bridgewater
Live Entertainment
20 Drink Tickets

Sun. June 9
10 Events
Lunch Provided
Awards & Prizes

STEP RIGHT UP...
REGISTER TODAY

Call Holly or Ray at 905-871-5555

Hosted by: Ray Rosettani & the Selling Fort Erie Team

Volunteers Needed!! If you would be interested in volunteering at the 2019 event, please contact Marg Fidler 905-871-6770 X239

1st Pre-Event -

Community Cleanup

Between April 22nd - April 26th our Corporate Challenge team, Inclusion Fusion, went out on their first Pre-Event - Community Cleanup. They cleared a section of the Friendship Trail of garbage!

Go Inclusion Fusion!!

Meet the Inclusion Fusion Team:

Captain: Chris Wolfe

Kris Mod

Anthony Comeau

Ruth Sparks

Justin Krieger

Lacey Topolinsky

Rob Primo

Rachel Beach

Sherri Vigna

Diane Orr



Alternate Team Members:

Kristina Phillips

Simon Reeves



Summer Camp 2019



This year we will continue to partner with the YMCA , Boys & Girls Club of Niagara, Heartland Forest, I Canter and for the second year, Safari Niagara. Camp Programs range in age from 6-12. I Canter is ages 4-13 and Heartland Forest is 4 and up.

Most camps will run from July 2nd through August 23, 2019 (no camps on August 5th for the Civic Holiday). I Canter and Safari Niagara will run on a shorter summer schedule.

We encourage families to visit the camp websites for each location. Each camp offers different experiences, so when choosing camp opportunities we encourage families to look for the experience that best accommodates your child's needs and interests.

Please keep in mind that we have a limited number of spots at each camp so we encourage families to get registered before the deadline and to go online if your child doesn't require support from a Camp Inclusion Facilitator.

Please Email awillick@clfe.ca to set up a time to complete camp registration.

YMCA registration is only available online. We attempt to meet all support requests, but any registrations received after this day may not be accommodated.

The weekly rate for camp will be \$340.00. Program times are
9 am - 4 pm unless you are attending I Canter, it will run from
9:30 am - 3 pm.

We look forward to a fun, safe, and inclusive camp experience for all campers.

www.clfe.ca



www.ymcaofniagara.org



www.heartlandforest.org



www.safariniaagara.com



Boys & Girls Club
of Niagara

www.boysandgirlsclubniagara.org



I CAN T.E.R. Farm

ANNOUNCING OUR 2019 FUNDRAISING THEME



This year we will be celebrating Christmas in France - Paris Nights which will be held on Saturday November 23, 2019 at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

The 2019 Volunteer Fundraising team will be taking our guests to Paris to enjoy the food, entertainment and beauty of France while spending a fun night in Paris. Please join us in thanking our dedicated volunteer team for their work to ensure an evening that raises awareness and much needed funds.

This year's wonderful committee members are:

Bar & Beverage	Marina Parkes
Food & Menu	Sandy Miskolczi /Bobbie Raymond
Entertainment	Debbie Eggleton /Kristina Phillips
Decorations	Sue Doan
Raffles	Kristin Rockey
Programme	Linda Beach
Marketing/PR	Elena Polko & Carl Weaver
Secretary	Pauline Wilson



We would like to thank this amazing group for the hard work they do all year!! Fundraising meeting and planning begins in February every year and without the efforts of this team this event would not be possible.

If you are interested in helping out with this year's event, please contact Marg Fidler @ 905-871-6770 X 239

ANNOUNCING OUR 2019 FUNDRAISING THEME



Christmas In France
Paris Nights
Presented by Community Living Fort Erie

**Saturday
November 23, 2019**

**At The Fort Erie Leisureplex
1 Municipal Drive • Fort Erie, ON**

**Dinner: 6:00 pm
Doors Open at 5:00 pm**

TICKETS
\$50.00 EACH
ADULT ONLY EVENT

*Tickets Available at
Community Living Fort Erie
905-871-6770*

**Photobooth
Favours
Raffles
Prizes
Dinner
Dance
Silent Auction**

Our New Van is Here!

Thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation & Community Living Fort Erie Volunteers! Through a granting partnership with the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) and the Community Living Fort Erie Fundraising Team we now have a beautiful new van.



Community Living Fort Erie was granted \$38,500.00 from OTF towards the purchase of a new wheel chair accessible van and our volunteers raised the additional \$14,000.00 required.

This van will help to promote the active participation of the people we support in our community. Barrier free transportation will allow us to support more active lifestyles in all of our programs. Due to this funding partnership we expect to make a significant difference in our community and in the lives of the people who receive service.



Please join us June 25, 2019 at our AGM where we will celebrate and recognize the contribution that has been made to our organization through this grant.



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Connecting People and Information!



United Way Niagara works locally to raise funds and invest in programming that improves lives in our community.

With a grant from the United Way Niagara, through the Special Projects Fund, we were able to purchase a new Kyocera copying, networking and scanning system.

This equipment has allowed us to increase communication with stakeholders and other community members.

Thanks to the United Way we have improved communication and increased education while saving our organization time and money.

We are connecting people and information through the use of this system!!



United Way