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PHILOSOPHY COMMUNITY LIVING-CENTRAL HURON

The goal of Community Living-Central Huron is the following:

“People live in dignity and share in all aspects of living in their community.”

To achieve this goal, we believe that each of us is to be treated with respect and dignity, that each of us must have the opportunity to develop our own life style; that each of us learns and continues to learn throughout our life; that each of us needs, desires and hopes for the company and friendship of others; that each of us have human and civil rights accorded us by law.

The means to achieve this goal are simple. People who have felt isolated and rejected must be welcomed by the community-at-large to participate. This means becoming members of groups, associations, clubs and churches. It means being asked to share ideas, gifts and abilities with others. It means being included in decisions and actions that build and fortify community life.

People who are poor need a real income, an income achieved by working for real wages. Paid support needs to become a matter of right but can never surpass the real emotional, psychological and financial support provided by one's family and friends.

Our role as an association is to enhance the dignity and value of all people. It is to assist people to regain power and control over their own lives. It is to listen and respond. When we embrace the richness of diversity, recognize the gifts we each possess and respect each others contributions, we will, indeed, have a competent, caring community that includes all its citizens.