

**2016/2017 Annual Report
of the
A.C.T.I.O.N. COMMITTEE
(Active Community Through Integrating Others Now)**

Chairperson: Mia Berg

Members: Sharon Creighton, Donna Martin, Tom Morris, Dave Sykes & Louie Thauvette

Resource: Rosemary Foran and Judy Sinclair.

The objectives of the A.C.T.I.O.N. Committee are to support public education initiatives which provide awareness of the Agency's vision; promote Agency membership and coordinate/organize events to raise funds to benefit individuals accessing services.

Last year, the ACTION Committee, coordinated the following annual events: Holiday Campaign; the Agency Christmas Party; 29th Heartwarming Luncheon; Last Light Photo Show & Sale; the 10th Golf Classic; and the Annual General Meeting. These yearly events provide entertainment, social time and monetary resources that allow the Board to approve funding requests from those in need of assistance. Proceeds have been used to: assist with camp registrations and one-to-one support; purchase special assistive devices and the Agency purchased a wheelchair accessible van.

Of particular note, the 10th Annual Goderich and District Golf Classic raised over \$30,000 in funds, as well as local businesses donated gifts in kind. With continued success and many positive comments received, it is without a doubt that this Committee will continue to forge ahead with the well known events, along with coming up with fresh and new ideas to bring the community together to share in the CL-CH fundraising events.

The yearly coordination of the Gerbera Daisy fundraising event was passed to the Employment Support Program in 2013. In their very capable hands, this event has been proven more successful each passing year selling well over 600 plants/year for the last four years. These fundraising dollars have provided monetary funds to purchase new lawn care equipment, as the individuals with staff support, continue to take on new lawn care jobs throughout the community.

The INSIGHT Newsletter is another project that is the responsibility of the ACTION Committee. Four times a year, the INSIGHT is printed and distributed to members of CL-CH, individuals supported, staff, and community members. Dave Sykes, ACTION Committee member is the 'editor in chief' of this project and is always actively seeking new ideas and stories. This year has been exceptional in the coverage that Dave has provided to the local newspapers, as well. Keep up the good work - thank you Dave!

This is the 19th year for the Staff Recognition Program which acknowledges staff for their years of service with Community Living-Central Huron. Congratulations to this year's recipients; a total of 17 Staff will be honoured with special mention of 4 staff being recognized for twenty (25) years of service at the Annual General Meeting.

As in the past and looking to the future, the contributing factor to the success of fundraising events is the initiative and commitment of volunteers. Volunteers are an essential component and contribute greatly to the success of fundraising events. If not for the efforts of the Members of this Committee and other volunteers, it would not be possible for the Board to approve the funding requests from those in need of assistance. We would like to thank Committee Members, people supported, volunteers and staff for their commitment and support. And last but not least, the Community in which we campaign throughout the year, must be commended for their generosity and commitments.

Respectfully submitted: Mia Berg, Chair