

**2017/2018 Annual Report  
of the  
A.C.T.I.O.N. COMMITTEE  
(Active Community Through Integrating Others Now)**

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Chairperson: Sharon Creighton

Members: Mia Berg, Donna Martin, Tom Morris, Mike Murdoch, Dave Sykes, Louie Thauvette & Joan Winter

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.

This past year, the ACTION Committee, coordinated the following annual events: Holiday Campaign; the Agency Christmas Party; 30<sup>th</sup> Heartwarming Luncheon; Last Light Photo Show & Sale; the 11<sup>th</sup> 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, provide financial support to promote training initiatives and the Agency's Strategic Plan 2017-2020, awareness and individualized supports.

The Gerbera Daisy fundraising event which is held the week before Mother's Day is always a pleasure. Volunteers assist the Employment Support Program by selling the flowers at various locations in Goderich and Clinton. Funds raised are designated to purchase necessary equipment, as the individuals with staff support, continue to take on new jobs throughout the community.

Four times a year, the INSIGHT newsletter is printed and distributed to members of CL-CH, individuals supported, staff, and community members. Dave Sykes, ACTION Committee member was the 'editor in chief' of this project and always researched new ideas and stories. This year has been exceptional in the coverage that Dave has provided to the local newspapers. Thank you Dave for your dedicated service to the Agency!

This is the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 10 Staff will be honoured with special mention of 1 staff member being recognized for thirty (30) 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. 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: Sharon Creighton, Chair