

**2019/2020 Annual Report
of the
A.C.T.I.O.N. COMMITTEE
(Active Community Through Integrating Others Now)**

Chairperson: Sharon Creighton

Members: Mia Berg, Marlene Campbell, Donna Martin, Robert McFarlane, Frank Moore, Tom Morris, Mike Murdoch, and Louis 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.

This past year, the ACTION Committee, coordinated the following annual events: Holiday Campaign; the Agency Christmas Party; 32nd Heartwarming Luncheon; Last Light Photo Show & Sale; the 13th Golf Classic; and the Annual General Meeting. Of special mention, the Golf Classic exceeded expectations with over \$35,000. raised. Congratulations and thank you to the Golf Committee! 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 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 with the vibrant colours of the flowers. Volunteers assist the Employment Support Program by selling the flowers at various locations in Goderich and Clinton and with pre-delivery orders. 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. Input is received from people supported, sharing fun stories & goals they have achieved. Also staff updates; fundraising events of the Board and Agency Programs; upcoming events; etc. are all featured, as time and space permits. We encourage articles and pictures that are of interest to our Membership.

This is the 22nd 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 14 Staff will be honoured with special mention of 2 staff members being recognized for thirty-five and forty years of service. Due to Covid-19 the Annual General Meeting has been postponed, so other alternatives are being researched into acknowledging this Recognition Program.

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