

Corrine's Corner A Trip to Vegas

I was so excited to go on my first plane ride! I had so much fun on the airplane and I wasn't even scared! We had a very early morning, but it was worth it. We were heading to Vegas, baby! When we got to Vegas, we explored our hotel. We even got to have a pool day in February! Sonya and I did a lot of walking around on Las Vegas Boulevard. We saw some interesting characters like Mickey and Minnie Mouse, SpiderMan, some ladies dressed up for Mardi Gras, and even some hunky cowboys! (Woo woo!) Sonya and I got dressed up all fancy and went walking on the Strip. We saw the Eiffel Tower in Paris, water



fountains that danced to music, a beautiful garden, and lots and lots of people. At the Flamingo Hotel across the street from us, we got to see some real life flamingos. They are my favourite colour – bright pink! The main event of the trip was a dream come true. At Planet Hollywood, we saw the Backstreet Boys in concert on their opening night. My favourite part was when Nick Carter would sing. I think he was singing right at me! It was a long day travelling home the next day, but it was definitely a trip to remember. Thanks to Sonya for being such an awesome travel buddy! Until next time, friends! - Corrine

Community Living Central Huron Board of Directors Scholarships

This is the 9th year that the Board of Directors Community Living-Central Huron proudly offers two scholarships; we would ask that you provide the attached information to students as appropriate. This information is also being forwarded to Central Huron Secondary School and St. Anne's Catholic Secondary School, both within Community Living-Central Huron's catchment area. The deadline for both scholarships is Friday, May 12, 2017.

One scholarship, the Evelyn M. Carroll Scholarship, is available to students with a developmental disability who are pursuing post-secondary education. Typically, only one scholarship will be issued per year, regardless of the number of applicants. Mrs. Carroll began as a volunteer with the Agency, then later became an employee; she was very passionate about supports, services

and opportunities for all citizens. This scholarship was named in her honour.

The second scholarship, the Florence and Arthur Maskell Scholarship, is available to students who are pursuing post-secondary education in the field of developmental services. Usually, only one scholarship will be issued per year, regardless of the number of applicants. The Maskells generously bequeathed some monies to the Agency, allowing the Board to provide for the scholarships.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Rosemary Foran, Executive Director.

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For more information, to make a donation, become a Volunteer or Member, please complete this section and return it to our office, address above.

- I would like to become a Member, annual cost \$5.00. I support the Agency's policies, purposes and vision. Being a Member entitles me to receive a copy of the Agency's quarterly Newsletter, information on upcoming events and activities, a copy of Community Living Ontario's newsletter (www.communitylivingontario.ca) and be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting.
- I would like more information about Community Living-Central Huron and/or I would like information on becoming a Volunteer.
- Enclosed is a donation in the amount of \$ _____. Receipts will be issued for donations of \$10.00 or more.

Membership Application Form (Please Print)

Name & Address:

Phone No.: _____

Date: _____

Email: _____

Thank you for your support!

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



INSIGHT

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CL-CH Heartwarming Luncheon continues to improve with age

About 800 patrons enjoy lunch in support of Community Living projects

Many of life's pleasures improve with age, a time-worn adage asserts, and as Community Living-Central Huron's Heartwarming Luncheon approaches 30 years, it wears its age well.

The 29th edition of the Heartwarming Luncheon, held at the Goderich Legion Friday, Feb. 10, was again an unqualified success as hundreds of lunches were assembled, served and delivered by a well-orchestrated volunteer effort. And the community support, which helps raise needed funds for the agency's ongoing mandate to provide quality of life services and programs for individuals and families in the central portion of Huron County, is critical to the process.

The community responded in great numbers last Friday, as about 800 meals were served and delivered, helping to generate the funds needed to support over 300 individuals with physical and developmental disabilities, lead productive lives that contribute to the quality of life in their own communities.

The generous support of the community means that Community Living - Central Huron can continue to meet the needs of families and their efforts to provide meaningful life experiences for adults living with developmental and physical challenges.



Volunteers Delores Van Osh, Lynn McEachern and Eleanor Erskine work at assembling lunch bags for delivery to area businesses. About 550 lunches prepared for the Heartwarming Luncheon were delivered to customers in the area.

"Monies raised from the Heartwarming Luncheon are used to assist individual supported," Community Living - Central Huron Executive Director, Rosemary Foran said. "The types of supports vary depending on need, for example, funds may be used to assist people to purchase mobility aids, specialized equipment, winter coats and boots, camp registration fees and one-to-one support for camp, over-night respite support, etc. Individuals supported live on a fixed income, so there is not always money to purchase necessities, let alone money for additional items."

This year, the agency's annual fundraising luncheon expanded to include the Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund Awards, presented at the conclusion of the day's lunch program.

The Memorial Fund was created in 2009 to honour the dedication that OPP Constable Dave Mounsey had to his community and to donate life-saving defibrillators to public-access buildings.

In 2012, Fund founder, OPP Constable Patrick Armstrong, created the Order of Good Samaritan Awards to thank countless community volunteers who give of their time and talents to improve their respective communities. The awards were presented at the conclusion of the Heartwarming Luncheon.



Volunteers Kevin Adams, Joanne Hendriks and Pat Carter sort through a number of delivery order for Community Living's annual Heartwarming Luncheon. Volunteer drivers delivered nearly 550 meals to area businesses and industries.

Last Light Photography Show and Sale celebrates 10 years

Photography exhibition has encouraged creativity and participation

The Last Light Photography Show and Sale, hosted by Community Living - Central Huron, will feature and encourage the creative works of photographers from across the county at its tenth exhibition at the Goderich Public Library, Saturday, May 6, 2017.



The Last Light Photography Show and Sale will take place Saturday, May 6 at the Goderich Public Library. All submitted photos will be on display for two weeks. The Mann family, Steve, Lynne and Jessica, present awards at the reception, hosted by Community Living.

The photographic show and sale, presented in memory of Sarah Mann, a talented reporter/photographer with the Signal-Star who was killed in an accident outside of Clinton in July, 2006, has attracted hundreds of submissions over its first decade.

A passionate photographer with a love of life and the last light of day, Sarah was an ardent supporter of Community Living and a talented artist who was inspired by the beauty and colour of the area's sunsets and natural beauty.

The Mann family of Lucknow, Sarah's parents, Steve and Lynne and sister, Jessica, continue to support the annual competition and show and will again present awards at the May 6 reception. Open to photographers of all levels of ability, the show and sale simply encourages participation and this year ask for photos in three categories: Colour - Blue; photos that incorporate the Number 10 - in recognition of the tenth year of the event; and third, photos from a Huron County Community Event.

All submitted photos will be displayed and available for sale at the Goderich Public Library for a period of two weeks. Proceeds from the fundraising event will be directed to Community Living programs and services.

All photo entries can be mailed or delivered to: Last Light Photo Contest, c/o Goderich Public Library, 52 Montreal Street, Goderich, On. N7A 2G4. Photo submissions must be 5X7 or 8X10 inches in size. Photos will not be returned if sold. Deadline for submissions is Friday, April 28.

The show and sale is generously sponsored by MacEwan and Feagan Insurance Brokers Limited, Lighthouse Money Management and Goderich Signal-Star. Contest rules and information will be published in the newspaper in the coming weeks.

The Last Light Photography Show and Sale reception May 6, kicks off a number of community-oriented events and fundraisers during Community Living Month.

GERBERA DAISY SALE

During Community Living Month and just in time for Mothers' Day, is the annual Gerbera Daisy fundraising sale. Individuals involved in the Employment Support Program organize the sale which will take place Thursday and Friday, May 11 and 12, just ahead of Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 14.

Colourful gerbera daisies will be available for sale at the main administration building on Suncoast Drive, Goderich as well as at various locations in the towns of Goderich and Clinton.



The annual Gerbera Daisy Sale will take place at several locations in Goderich and Clinton, Thursday, May 11 and Friday, May 12. Last year, Mitchell Kebokee, 3, helped out at Suncoast Mall. The sale raised \$1,200 for Community Living programs.

ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

One of the major fundraising events for Community Living continues to be the annual golf tournament in June. Last year, the two-day event raised nearly \$30,000, increasing the ten-year total to about \$210,000. The funds help the non-profit agency to offer meaningful services, day options and in-home support to more than 100 adults with developmental disabilities. More than 300 individuals with physical and developmental disabilities will benefit from community programs and services.

This year's event will be held at Goderich Sunset Golf Club June 15 and 16.

Local volunteers recognized with Dave Mounsey Memorial Awards

Order of Good Samaritan Awards thank community volunteers for outstanding contributions

Since its inception in 2009, the Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund (DMMF), has placed 65 life-saving defibrillators in public spaces in Huron County and area, and those machines have been directly responsible for saving two lives in the past four years.

Created to honour the dedication that PC Dave Mounsey of the OPP had to his community and to his quest to donate life-saving defibrillators to public access buildings, the Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund has purchased and placed 65 units in public spaces, mostly in Huron County, in memory of fallen police, corrections, fire, EMS and military members.

In the next few months, four more units will be in place in Mounsey's memory, Fund founder, OPP Constable Patrick Armstrong announced at the annual awards ceremony at the Goderich Legion Friday.

The annual awards ceremony followed the successful 29th Heartwarming Luncheon staged by Community Living - Central Huron at the Goderich Legion Branch 109.



Wayne McConnell of Goderich, one of the founding members of the Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund, was awarded a Meritorious Service Cross by PC Patrick Armstrong, fund founder and PC Joanna Van Mierlo, President of the Board. McConnell is the longest serving board member.

Comings and Goings Community Living welcomes new employees

Welcome to:

Welcome to Briana Rogers, residential support worker Team B

Welcome to Cassandra Postill, Job Coach and residential support worker to Team C.

Welcome to Shelley Gloucher as Secretary/Receptionist at Central Admin Office

Welcome to Katie Gaulton as Human Resource Assistant at Central Admin Office

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Aleisha Moore on the birth of her new baby boy, Jack.

Farewell to Sharon Martens all the best to you in your new adventures.

Thank You:

Our sincere thanks to student volunteers Kathryn McClinchey, Christina McNaughton, Angela Hartin, and Kendra Bos for spending the winter semester with us. We hope you learned lots and wish you all the best in your education.

Health & Safety Corner

About 20 staff members participated in Back Education and Safe Lifting Demonstration presented by Care Partners on January 25th.

First Aid recertification took place on March 13, 2017.

Our quarterly Health & Safety Meeting was held on January 25th and our next one is scheduled for May 24, 2017 at 1pm.

Training:

Recently some staff members attended Social Role Valorization (SRV) training. Other staff participated in Personality Dimensions, facilitated by PIE. Two staff members attended "Conscious Care and Support" in January. Thank you to those staff who participated in training opportunities. We look forward to you bringing your learnings to the workplace. We have Fit Testing coming up April 25th, 26th and 27th. If any staff have not booked an appointment yet please call the Main Office to do so.