

COMMUNITY LIVING
Peterborough



Opening Doors

60 COMMUNITY LIVING
Peterborough
years

June 2013

to Building Inclusive Communities

A Year in Review

Celebrating
60 Years of
Inclusion



2012 - 2013

Annual Report

Mission: To inspire respect and equality for people living with an intellectual disability by promoting: community knowledge, organizational excellence and individual quality of life.

Living in Our Community: A Message from our Board President, Carol Rodd, and Chief Executive Officer, Jack Gillan

In a recent conversation with one of our founding members, Helen Stewart, we learned that in the early years of Community Living Peterborough, the parents would rally together and sell chocolate bars across Peterborough for 50¢ a piece to raise funds to pay the teachers at Trafalgar School, a school for children living with an intellectual disability. Parents would raise, maybe, \$1,000 in total. The conversation opened our eyes to just how much Community Living Peterborough has grown over the course of the last 60 years.

Now, we are wholly integrated in all aspects of our community. In our 60 years, we have moved from institutionalizing and segregating people who live with an intellectual disability, to embracing and encouraging inclusion. We continue to advocate for inclusive learning in the classroom, but we also support people to live in their own homes, share in all elements of our community and see people receive equal pay for equal work.

Our staff, volunteers and Board of Directors faithfully live our vision of ensuring that all people have the right to share and participate in all elements of our community. Every day, we see great teamwork and focus to achieve this vision. Together, we have created initiatives that help to open doors and increase advocacy, community partnerships and capacity for both our organization and the people we support.

As an example, in year two of our five year *Home of Our Own* campaign to build affordable and inclusive homes, we have raised \$3.5 million of our \$5 million goal (that is a lot of chocolate bars!). This year, we supported 10 people to move into our Jane Street, *Home of Our Own* campaign, apartment suites. The look of pure joy and pride on each of the faces of the new homeowners reinforces that all of our hard work and advocacy in the past 60 years has paid off.

In the years to come, we see everyone involved with Community Living Peterborough continue to strive and push forward with truly living our vision. While the funding freeze from the Ministry of Community and Social Services remains in effect until 2017, we continue to be committed to helping the people we support achieve more outcomes, reach more dreams and develop more opportunities for inclusion through such innovative ideas and initiatives as the *Home of Our Own* campaign, for example.

We want all past and present donors, volunteers, staff, Board Members and community partners to celebrate this great anniversary. We are able to *live* in our community because of your support. Thank you!

Jane Street: The Beginning of a Dream



In August 2012, we began to build our Jane Street duplexes, our first build as part of our *Home of Our Own* campaign. The homes include 2-two bedroom apartments, 2-one bedroom apartments, an elevator and laundry facilities within each. The

concept, conceived in 2010, became a reality when we received \$1,067,000 in funding from the Investment in Affordable Housing Program through the Province of Ontario and the City of Peterborough. The build took eight months.

A Successful Second Annual Night With The Petes



On March 7, 2013, sponsored by DNS Real Estate, we hosted our second annual "Night with the Petes." The Petes competed against the Kingston Frontenacs for the last playoff spot and won the game 4-1! Prior

to the game, Petes Super Fan Quentin Over (left with equipment assistant, Iain Norrie) dropped the puck. During intermission, fans took part in 'Chuck-a-Puck' with hopes to win a 50" Panasonic TV donated by LR Brown. The event raised almost \$3,000. We cannot wait until next year's game!

Fifth Annual People First Conference



On April 11, 2013 the People First Peterborough Chapter hosted their fifth annual self-advocacy conference at Living Hope Church. With the theme "Giving Back: Gifts to Our Community" the conference hosted 150 delegates from across

Ontario to discuss subjects including volunteerism, thankfulness and identifying your gifts. Keynote speaker, Ottawa comedian Alan Shain, provided an insightful speech about advocating about disability issues through humour.

Personal Outcomes Define, Measure and Improve Lives



Personal Outcome Measures play a major role in advancing a person-centered quality of life for the people we support. Each person supported has the right to dream, goal plan and achieve the outcomes they identify for themselves. This year, amongst the many

outcomes that were achieved by people we support, we highlight the moment when Patricia Kologinski made her dream come true when she flew in an airplane for the first time. A moment she says, "I will never forget!"

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We Remember BJ Curtis, Past Board President



On February 13, 2013, we lost a great community leader and supporter. Betty Joan "BJ" Curtis passed away suddenly at the age of 80. BJ held a position on our Board of Directors from 1987 - 1993 and sat on various other committees

following her term. She was a dedicated volunteer and will be greatly missed. She is survived by her husband, Don, her children John (Karen), Ron (Tammy) and Gary (Leah), and grandchildren Aaron, Taylor Lynn, Morgan and Andy.

Community Art Classes for Peterborough in Portrait



In collaboration with the Art School of Peterborough and George Street United Church, this spring we hosted six FREE art workshops to help people in the City and County of Peterborough prepare artwork for our *Peterborough in Portrait* art

exhibition. Thanks to several generous funders, through the workshops, over 80 Peterborough residents were able to gain new, or hone, their artistic skills. Many students have submitted their work into our inclusive art exhibition.

Classroom Fun, Inclusion & Education with Spinclusion



This year the Family Support team introduced nearly 200 local students to Spinclusion, an interactive game that creates an inclusive environment for children of all abilities

and cultures and helps children to focus on people's abilities rather than disabilities or differences. As part, winners from the Inclusive Education poster contest include Aaliya Skerratte (artwork pictured) and Jolon Emond (Highland Heights Public) School, and Taylor Sanders (Otonabee Valley Public School).

A New Beginning for the Women's Leadership Group



In year two for the Women's Leadership Group, we were introduced to a new group of young women. Supported with funding from the Canadian's Women Foundation, these young

ladies, in order to increase awareness, meet regularly to discuss issues relating to and complete community presentations about important issues that face women who live with an intellectual disability. They have enjoyed an active year of speeches and presentations throughout Peterborough.

Our Gift to the Community: Peterborough in Portrait



Peterborough in Portrait

— OUR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY —

Celebrating 60 Years of Community Living Peterborough

June 16 - 22, we hosted a unique portrait exhibition entitled *Peterborough in Portrait* depicting the faces of our community by our community.

The submissions by the residents of the City and County of Peterborough lined the walls of the Canadian Canoe Museum and explored our community's dynamic, diverse and inclusive citizenship. We received almost 250 unique submissions. We thank all our contributors, volunteers and sponsors!

Making Wishes Come True: The Wish Fund



Through Personal Outcomes Planning, we assist people we support to identify their priority goals for their future. Our Wish Fund can then help provide financial support to some dreams that may be difficult for them to reach due to a lack of resources. In 2012, the Wish

Fund helped Calvin Switzer pay for dentures for a new smile. On July 19, funds raised during the 18 hole Kinsmen Golf Tournament at Baxter Creek will be donated to the Wish Fund. Golfers receive dinner with their \$150.00 registration. To register, call Ben Taylor at (705) 743-2412 ext 521.

Jane Street: First Home of Our Own Dream Comes True



In May, 10 people we support moved into their brand new, affordable and accessible apartment suites in our Jane Street duplexes. Two second year nursing students from Trent

University also moved into an apartment within the duplexes to live as neighbours and to build friendships; enjoying an inclusive living experience. Each tenant of the duplexes is ecstatic and takes great pleasure and pride in having a home to call their own.

Community Awards of Excellence

The winners of the 2012-2013 Community Living Peterborough Community Awards of Excellence will be announced at the 60th Annual General Meeting on June 17, 2013 at the Canadian Canoe Museum. The following is a list of the **top three finalists** from each category:

Community Partner Award

- Canadian Tire
- Jump Start
- YMCA - Balsillie Family Branch - Ptbo

Education Award

- Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute
- Queen Mary Public School
- St. Paul Catholic Elementary School

Employer Award

- Harvey's Restaurant
- Holiday Inn Peterborough - Waterfront
- Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board

Media Award

- SNAP Peterborough
- Peterborough This Week
- TVCOGECO

Lois-Hart Maxwell Opening Doors Award

- Daniel Lombardi
- Stephanie Paul
- Meagan Glaeser



Youth Leader Award

- Dan Finn
- Quentin Over
- Jasmine Davis

Community Connector (Staff Award)

- Julie Schuster
- Lisa Clarke
- Jen Henwood

Special Mention to our Corporate Event Sponsors:

The Canadian Canoe Museum, The Home Depot, McWilliams Moving & Storage, CHEX Television, KawarthaNOW.com, Magic 96.7, TVCOGECO, Frameland, Ontario Trillium Foundation, Peterborough This Week, Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough, Peterborough Social Planning Council, George Street United Church, EC³, The Art School of Peterborough, Capital Taxi, Community Futures Development Corporation and the Federal Economic Agency of Southern Ontario.

Staff Years of Service, We Recognize:

We are fortunate to employ such a large, dedicated and involved staff. We thank each of the following for your hard work, dedication and your milestone years of service!

Gino D'Amico - 40 Years
Shelley Davis - 30 Years
Jack Gillan - 30 Years
Kathleen Ballantyne - 25 Years
Lorna Brown - 25 Years
Lisa Corp - 25 years
Dan Masterson - 25 Years

Karen McKinnon - 25 Years
Anna Santomero - 25 Years
Jen Henwood - 20 Years
Bonnie Holmes - 20 Years
Patrick McNamara - 20 Years
Carole Moore - 20 Years
Patricia Whitaker - 20 Years
Michael Burns - 15 Years
Kerri Armstrong - 10 Years
Christine Burtch - 10 Years
Ronda Lindblad - 10 Years
Leanne Skinkle - 10 Years
Jennifer Edwards - 5 Years
Elizabeth Swain-Wood - 5 Years

David Gilmore - 5 Years
Jeff Mein - 5 Years
Angel Hare - 5 Years
Bev Hayton - 5 Years
Cathy Harling - 5 Years
Alice Krabbe - 5 Years
Cory MacLeod - 5 Years
Jessica Mountenay - 5 Years
Vanessa Jeromans - 5 Years
Carlie Masters - 5 Years
Rebekah Moore - 5 Years
Sean Quinlan - 5 Years
Tricia Roberts - 5 Years
Ashley Winter - 5 Years

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