

Press Release

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60 Years of Community Living Peterborough - 2013 Marks Milestone Anniversary for Local Not-for-Profit Organization.

Organization to Share Year-Long Celebration with the Peterborough Community.

Peterborough, ON, February 1, 2013 --- Community Living Peterborough is happy to announce 2013 will mark their 60th year of operation in the Peterborough community. 60 years in operation means growing, adapting and changing with the economic and social climate of our ever-changing society.

With its inception in 1953, a time when segregation and institutionalization was the norm for people living with an intellectual disability, Community Living Peterborough began with seven families who lobbied to improve the level of education their children, who lived with intellectual disabilities, would receive. Community Living Peterborough has grown now to support over 460 children, youth and adults, as well as their families, who live with an intellectual disability.

The organization continues to work with local schools to support inclusive education through their Spinclusion initiative, but now also provides personal support through coordinating appropriate, affordable housing, building volunteer and employment opportunities throughout the Peterborough community and facilitating community involvement and participation. Accredited by the Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL) since 2010, the organization shares CQL's vision for person-directed solutions to improve the quality of life for people living with an intellectual disability.

Community Living Peterborough recognizes they would not be celebrating this milestone birthday if not for the many local businesses, people, volunteers and Board Members who donate both their time and financial support to the organization. To mark this milestone in community history, the organization will kick-off their 60th anniversary with the launch of their new website (www.communitylivingpeterborough.ca) and logo on February 4, 2013, and has organized several celebratory community events throughout the year as a means to thank citizens of Peterborough and to continue to build awareness:

- **March 7, 2013:** Community Living Peterborough's Night with the Petes, presented by DNS Real Estate. Tickets are \$10.00 each and attendees will have the opportunity to win a 50" Panasonic Plasma TV (courtesy of LR Brown) during the 'Chuck-a-Puck in Support of Community Living Peterborough' contest.
- **May 2013:** Community Living Month. During the month, the Peterborough Community will be exposed to the many faces and stories behind Community Living Peterborough through various profiles via local media outlets.
- **June 15 - 22, 2013:** 'Peterborough in Portrait, Our Inclusive Community' art exhibition in partnership with the Canadian Canoe Museum. Curated by Michael Dumas, Peer Christensen and Jeremy Ward, this art exhibition will feature portraits of people living in Peterborough by people living in Peterborough. The inclusive exhibition will feature Peterborough's diverse culture, ethnicity, ability/disability, age, socio-economic standing and viewpoints. **The opening Gala will take place on June 15, 2013.** This exhibition will act as Community Living Peterborough's gift to the Peterborough community for all of their support and recognition and will allow local artists to showcase their work without charge.

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Building Inclusive Communities since 1953... Community Living Peterborough is a not-for-profit organization that brings people living with intellectual disabilities and the Peterborough community together. The agency supports people to live, work, play and participate in all aspects of their community. Community Living Peterborough supports 466 children, youth and adults living with intellectual disabilities and their families in the city and county of Peterborough, employing 200 staff.

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