

Vision

Community Living Walkerton and District envisions a community where all people are welcomed, accepted and included.

The Mission of Community Living Walkerton and District is to nurture inclusion; supporting children, youth and adults with intellectual disabilities and their families, promoting their full participation as valued and contributing citizens."

In The Public Eye....

Flying to Freedom

- *the Journey from Institutionalization in Ontario*

Held at the AI Green Theatre, Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre in Toronto on Tuesday March 19, 2019, this successful event was organized to bring people and organizations from across the province to commemorate the 2009 closures of the last three large government-run institutions and to discuss the steps being taken to move past institutional practices in the community. It was organized by friends and supporters of institutional survivors including Council of Community Living Ontario, People First of Ontario, members and friends of community Living Ontario. Craig Harrison of Walkerton participated in the planning.

The audience heard from 10 engaging and diverse Ontario-based projects that are addressing institutionalization and supporting survivors and people who have an intellectual disability to lead meaningful roles in the community. These groups received funds as part of the survivors' class-action settlements. Representatives from each group detailed how they are addressing institutionalization and supporting survivors and people who have an intellectual disability to lead meaningful lives in the community.

The final presentation of the afternoon involved *Commemorating Lives Lived at Huronia Regional Centre Art Memorial*, a project that involves creating an outdoor memorial art piece to honour those who died and are buried at the Huronia Regional Centre Cemetery. There is some difficulty getting a commitment from the Provincial government to have the memorial installed at the cemetery. The group has a call to action underway asking the government to approve the installation.

Crystal Wales, member of Walkerton Action Committee, and member of Council of Community Living Ontario, attended the events of the day. Most impressed with the concluding performance, Crystal says they did an awesome job using drama and singing. The presenting group was from L'Arche Toronto's Sol Express titled ***Birds Make Me Think About Freedom***. This was a collaboration with Victoria Freeman and Jumblies Theatre, inspired by the stories of people institutionalized for being labelled with developmental disabilities, their families, and friends.

Events of the day were live streamed and are available on Youtube,; this the link for the first panel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIO0DC97B_k

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Government Announces Changes to Ontario

Autism Program March 21, 2019 Legal Update from PooranLaw Professional Corporation

The Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Hon. Lisa MacLeod announced revisions to the government's program for autism services this morning. Today's changes are based on feedback from families and other stakeholders to reforms announced in February to the Ontario Autism Program (OAP). The Minister's announcement of extension of services for an additional six months for families already in receipt of funding under the prior OAP and the elimination of income testing as one of the criteria for service are welcome changes.

While the Minister did acknowledge that there are different needs for children on the spectrum, the government is nonetheless moving forward with the flat-rate amount of funding based on age and not individual need, with older children receiving significantly less than younger children. These issues remain a serious concern for many families who will be grossly underfunded to obtain the therapy their children need. We encourage the government to continue to review its plans for the OAP, giving greater consideration to ensuring each child receives funding that reflects their individual needs and fulfilling its commitment to consult with parents, experts, and advocates when implementing changes to the program.

We will keep you informed as this the OAP reforms continue to rollout. In the interim, if you have any questions or wish to discuss the implications for you, your family or the people you support, please contact Brendon Pooran at bpooran@pooranlaw.com or Melanie Battaglia at mbattaglia@pooranlaw.com

Government to consult with families regarding autism

From Update Friday April 5, 2019, Marwa Osman, Community Living Ontario

The Ontario government announced this week that they will be engaging with parents of children who have autism regarding changes to the Ontario Autism Program.

Starting in May, the province will be consulting with the public to better understand how they can improve support for children and youth who have autism. Consultations will be done through online surveys and telephone town halls.

In addition to the consultations, a new advisory panel made up of parents with lived experience, adults who have autism, and experts from a range of disciplines will be formed. The panel will review results of the surveys and town halls and then put forward advice later this summer on a new needs assessment process along with an approach to providing support through Childhood Budgets, one that is responsive to a child's abilities and needs to improve their long-term outcomes.

Autism Ontario has been asked to assist the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services with the survey. The organization will review the results and monitor how the data is shared with the ministry as well as with the advisory panel.

"Supporting children with autism spectrum disorder is very important to our government," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

"Through these consultations, we want to hear about how we can better integrate health and social supports to meet the needs of children with autism and their families. It shouldn't be up to the family to navigate the various government services available to support their child - it should be up to the government to put the child at the centre."

Documentary about Self-directed decision-making

<http://legalassistanceofwindsor.com/i-decide/>

Since May of 2018, Legal Assistance of Windsor has been offering new legal services through **The I Decide Project**. The purpose of the project is to deliver rights-based education and services to community members with intellectual disabilities, in order to promote self-directed decisions and planning.

The I Decide Project can help with:

- supported decisions about personal care or finances (money and belonging)
- creating or revoking (cancelling) a Power of Attorney
- challenging Guardianship applications or decisions made by existing guardians
- setting goals and connecting to community supports and resources
- staying safe and reporting abuse

The Documentary

In December of 2018, we launched a documentary called "I Decide," directed by Chris Rabideau and Christie Nelson. The documentary highlights the journey of a local resident labelled with an intellectual disability, who has succeeded in putting himself at the centre of his own decision-making. Watch the video: Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwN4DZS3Tkc>

To order a copy on DVD, please contact us at 519-256-7831.

Contact Us

To get in touch with the I Decide team, please call us at 519-256-7831 or come into our office.

Editor's Note: The film is only a part of the larger I Decide Project thanks to a grant made available through the Strategic Program Investments Fund. Funds were awarded to over 30 projects that came out of surplus funds from the class-action settlements meant to assist survivors of abuse at the Huronia, Rideau, and Southwestern Regional Centres.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE January 26, 2019

Landmark supreme court Ruling helps to secure Financial Future for Persons with Disabilities

TORONTO, ON – In a 7-2 split decision, this past Friday in the case of S.A. v. Metro Vancouver Housing Corp, the Supreme Court of Canada overturned British Columbia's Court of Appeal's decision on discretionary (Henson) trusts. In doing so, the court has set a precedent that will serve to shield the rights of persons with disabilities and helps to reduce poverty.

Discretionary trusts are used by parents and family members of persons with intellectual disabilities to provide financial security for their loved ones. The court decided that discretionary trusts should not be considered assets when determining income levels because the beneficiary cannot unilaterally force the trustees to make payments.

The appellant in the case was an individual with a disability living in a Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation (MVHC) complex. They were required to provide income verification every year as part of their application for rental assistance. In 2015, MVHC declined to approve the appellant's application after learning that they were the beneficiary of a Henson trust. The Supreme Court ruled a Henson trust could not disqualify the appellant from being considered by MVHC for rental assistance.

The central issue in the appeal was whether assets in a Henson trust could be considered assets to assess an individual's eligibility to receive social assistance benefits. This issue is of importance to people with disabilities as Henson trusts are a common estate planning tool used by families to ensure that their loved ones have a measure of financial security and autonomy after their death.

People First of Canada (PFC) and the Canadian Association for Community (CACL) served as co-intervenors advocating on behalf of the many persons with disabilities, and their families who regularly rely on discretionary (Henson) trusts as a tool to combat the systemic disadvantage and poverty persons with an intellectual disability face when their parents die.

Shelly Fletcher, Executive Director of PFC, responded that "For many of the people with disabilities that make up People First, discretionary trusts provide a modest level of financial stability after family members have passed away. But it isn't like these folks are sitting on excess funds that can be used at their discretion. It is always encouraging when people with disabilities are heard – and today it feels like People First was heard loud and clear at the Supreme Court."

"People with disabilities continue to face barriers in their participation as equal members of Canadian society. There is still more work to be done, but today we will celebrate," said Joy Bacon, President of CACL.

This ruling does help, but it does not eliminate the need for good public policy that addresses the longstanding poverty of people with an intellectual disability, the barriers they face, and issues they encounter before and after their parents die.

The full text of the case is available online, Supreme Court Judgements Case#37551.

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CACL is composed of ten provincial and three territorial associations, with over 400 local associations spread across the country and more than 40,000 members. CACL leads the way in helping Canadians build an inclusive Canada by strengthening families, defending rights, and transforming communities into places where everyone can belong. PFC is a self-advocacy organization with a membership made up of people who have been labelled as having intellectual disabilities and has approximately 3,300 members nationwide.

Did you know?

Do you have a sibling with a disability?

The Sibling Collaborative has designed resources just for adult siblings! Find a local Sibling Meet-up, join an Adult Sibling Workshop, get support with their Sib2Sib mentorship, or learn more about online resources!

[CLICK](http://sibcollab.ca/resources/)
<http://sibcollab.ca/resources/>
to learn more

Adult siblings are also welcome to join the facebook group. [CLICK](https://www.facebook.com/groups/siblingnetwork/)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/siblingnetwork/>.



P.S. If you didn't get your free copy of the E-Book 'Through Thick and Thin' by Sib Collab Co-Founder Helen Ries [visit the website](#) to instantly get one.



P4P Network

It is never too late to start planning for the future of a child living with a disability. Recognizing this, Community Living Ontario, the Ministry of Community and Social Services and Partners for Planning have collaborated to produce a FREE, dynamic resource hub for parents and caregivers. Check out the new revisions on the site.

Look for the banner with this logo on our website!
www.clwalkerton.org

Shine a Light!

Iconic buildings across Ontario set to become symbols of inclusion on May 3rd



Towns and cities across Ontario will be a little brighter on the evening of May 3rd, 2019. That's because buildings and structures in communities across the province will be illuminated in blue and green as part of the fourth annual **Shine a Light on Community Living** campaign. The nighttime spectacle, which includes the lighting of the CN Tower, is one of many events taking place in support of **Community Living Month** that will foster awareness around the importance of inclusion in the community for people who have an intellectual disability and their families.

The CN Tower illumination will begin at sunset, however the lighting won't become fully visible until the sky darkens sufficiently approximately 30 minutes later. As it does every night, a standard light show will run for eight minutes at the top of every hour. The lighting will conclude at sunrise.

Friends of Community Living are also encouraged to participate in the campaign by posting their photos to Twitter, Instagram and other social media channels using the hashtag #shinealightonCL.

Congratulations!

Each year at CLWD, with a special luncheon, we recognize the years of service of employees. In May, 2019 we look forward to celebrating with:



30 years	Lori Bryce
25 years	Crystal Kreager
20 years	Bev Coville Tracy Plakhholm Lindsay Louther
15 years	Debbie Borton Sheila O'Dell Kelly Pilgrim Joanne Priebe Stacey Stroeder Liz Williams
10 years	Melanie Spitzig Michelle Rowe
5 years	Amanda Janski-Ciufo Gwen Kraemer Carol Thomson

The Board of Directors of Community Living Walkerton and District offers sincere thanks to each of these people for their significant contribution and ongoing commitment toward the services provided by our organization.

Strategies to creating a good life for people packed into free mini-course

Update Friday March 8, 2019 Ron Laroche, Community Living Ontario

Anyone wishing to assist people who have an intellectual or developmental disability to create a good life for their themselves can take advantage of a three-lesson mini-course, courtesy of **Eric Goll**, the host of the **Empowering Ability** podcast.

The content for the course is based on the topics from his podcast that families have been most interested in—relationships and creating a home of one's own.

"I took the best content and the richest lessons that I've [been able to collect]," said Goll.

"I packaged them into three valuable lessons for families, and I created a workbook to help guide families' thinking through creating a home of their own for their loved one...It's totally free, and families seem to be getting a lot of value out of it." To download the free three-lesson course and workbook, <https://www.empoweringability.org/freecourse/>

In addition to the conversations from his podcasts, Eric also weaves in his own experiences, along with those of his sister, Sarah, who has a developmental disability. He is also a Community Facilitator for The Community Oak Park, a family-led group whose focus is to help their loved ones create a home of their own and achieve other objectives.

"Three of the men have moved into their own home. Two people were underemployed, and now their employment situation has improved. Two others are on the verge of getting employment, and a lot is going on around relationships and community building."

Eric includes a lot to his previous conversations with Al Condeluci on social capital and how to build it for the lesson on relationships. Segments from nine different podcasts, Eric's own insights, and what he's learned while working alongside the men from Oakville make up his lesson on helping people to create a home of their own. The last lesson on employment involves the men's experiences and the perspectives of Joe Dale, the Chief Executive Officer of the Ontario Disability Employment Network.

Applications due May 31st CLWD Educational Bursary

The bursary forms are available at www.clwalkerton.org. Please share this information with students you may know. Community Living Walkerton and District is an organization which endeavours to promote effective practices of inclusion for all individuals. An educational bursary of \$1,000.00 will be made available to a full-time post-secondary student who demonstrates commitment toward stronger and inclusive communities.



Contact 519 881 3713 ext. 118 Eligible applicants will:

- Reside in Bruce County or Grey County in Ontario, Canada; it is understood that they may live elsewhere to attend school.
- Be accepted to study full-time at a recognized Canadian institution in a post-secondary program.
- Submit to the selection committee a 500 word essay to demonstrate their personal and/or professional experiences and challenges in promoting inclusion for persons with disabilities.
- Include in the essay an indication of their commitment to being a builder of stronger communities and good citizenship.

Awards...you can nominate someone



Anne Stafford "Light Up the Future" Bursary CLO Award

The Anne Stafford "Light Up the Future" Bursary is awarded to support individuals who have an intellectual disability to pursue a personal development opportunity through either an education program or personal interest course.

Deadline for the application is June 28, 2019.

A sample form can be found on-line:

www.communitylivingontario.ca

James Montgomerie Honour Award

CLO Award

This award is given to a person who has an intellectual disability who promotes equality of all citizens.

Deadline for the application is June 28, 2019.

A sample form can be found on-line:

www.communitylivingontario.ca

Jason Rae Leadership Award

CLO Award

A service-minded role model who did not let his disability get in the way of his passion for life, Jason Rae was a contributing member of the Trent Hills community, actively involved with Advocates for Community Education, a two-term president of Community Living Campbellford/Brighton's Board of Directors, and a member of many boards and committees focused on inclusion.

Deadline for the application is June 28, 2019.

A sample form can be found on-line:

www.communitylivingontario.ca

LCBO, Community Living Ontario partner to raise funds for Anne Stafford Bursary

Update Friday March 29, 2019 Ron Laroche, Community Living Ontario

Beginning on Monday, April 1, Ontarians will have the opportunity to support the work of Community Living Ontario through a financial gift at any of the more than 660 LCBO stores across the province.

Donation boxes will be displayed prominently at all checkout counters until Saturday, April 27.

Contributions to the provincial organization will be directed to the **Anne Stafford Light Up the Future Bursary**, a fund that supports people who have an intellectual disability to pursue college, university or a personal interest course.

"Anne Stafford wanted everyone to have access to the same educational opportunities and have the ability to develop a passion or skill that could lead to a more full and inclusive life," said Chris Beesley, Chief Executive Officer of Community Living Ontario. "Since her retirement in 1993, over 325 people have accessed the bursary."

"Through the generosity of the LCBO, its customers, and the public, many more people will have the chance to acquire new skills and experiences and pursue their interests."

Sam Forbes is a young person who has autism. He is one of the recent bursary recipients and is presently enrolled in Humber College's Community Integration through Co-operative Education program. His post-secondary education is not only enabling him to reach his goals, it's strengthening his advocacy work.

"Taking the Introduction to Developmental Social Worker course has taught me a lot about other conditions that I didn't know about," explained Forbes, "and it gave me really great information on how to approach people and care for people in a really good way."

To learn more about Sam's college experience or to apply for the Anne Stafford Light Up the Future Bursary, please visit www.communitylivingontario.ca.

CLWD Continuing Education Committee

...is again raising funds to support students who are enrolled in post-secondary studies, selling frozen food products from MacMillan's in April and May 2019....featuring meats and baked products, as well as some new items featured on the attached flyer. Please consider supporting CLWD by **requesting an order form** and by offering this opportunity to family and friends. Call 519 881 3713 ext. 102.

Orders and payment may be returned by Wednesday May 1st and no later than May 9th. Delivery will be on Thursday May 16th, 2019.

Would you like to help in the future? Please call if you feel you can help...typically a day in March and another day in October or November. 519-881-3713 ext.118

Thank you, in advance, for your support!

COATS 4 KIDS gathering donations

COATS 4 KIDS are gathering gently used winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats & mitts to give to those who need them in the fall. All donations are given out in our area.

Drop off boxes for collection can be found in Hanover Grocery stores, Giant Tiger, and schools in Durham, Walkerton, Hanover, Ayton, Mildmay, Chepstow.

Please help keep kids warm next winter. Your donations of gently used winter apparel to COATS 4 KIDS is GREATLY appreciated.

Marg Kerr - Volunteer - 519-364-3768

Mark Your Calendars



Saturday May 11, 2019 (morning)
Yard sale by Walkerton Action Committee
Corner Durham and Peter Streets, Walkerton

Sat, 1 June 2019 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM ED
Care for Caregivers Seminar by PooranLaw, North York.
Mickle Macaulay (Ph.D) and Patricia Parker (M.A.) leading.
This seminar is directed towards family members who provide care for adult loved ones with developmental disabilities.
info@pooranlaw.com

Friday August 23, 2019
Speaking Out Mini Golf Tournament
East Park Golf Links, London

Wednesday - Friday September 18-20, 2019

Community Living Ontario 66th Annual Conference and AGM, Thunderbay, ON
Pathways to Empowerment: Healing, Understanding, and Strength.
Registration is open now.

Friday - Sunday October 18-20, 2019

Speaking Out Conference 2019 - A conference for self-advocates, families and support professionals. Healthy choices for a Positive Life, with keynote speaker Michael Jacques
Port Elgin UNIFOR Family Education Centre
www.speakingoutconference.com
Registration opens May 13, 2019

Featured Website!

www.storiesforcaregivers.com



An uplifting and inspiring web series created for caregivers... Stories For Caregivers is an initiative developed by The Coup Company to generate awareness about caregiving through the creation of original web series that showcase the inspiring work of caregivers across Canada.

Stories have the potential to change the way we think and feel about providing care. Stories can share knowledge in entertaining ways, build empathy for better health care and social policies, and drive family and friends to available resources and communities of support. Stories can help us relax and escape the stress of daily life. Stories For Caregivers aims to share these stories through a variety of custom web series.

Featured Books!



www.littleparachutes.com

...a positive collection of picture books that are either about disability, or feature people with disabilities. Some books inform and educate non-disabled children about disabilities, others acknowledge the challenges of living with a disability. Some books include disabled children casually or incidentally - reinforcing the important message that disabled children are children first, and should not be singled out because of their differences.

Special Olympic Athletes

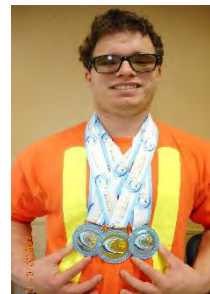


The winter season for Special Olympics Ontario – South Saugeen came to an end on Sat Mar 30 when our Dolphins swim club hosted the George Hodson Conference Provincial Qualifier. 98 athletes plus coaches and family converged on Hanover to compete for selection to the Provincial Spring Games to be hosted in Kitchener in 2020. Teams came from Muskoka, Barrie, Collingwood, Owen Sound, Central Bruce, Kincardine and Orillia. 16 local athletes took part. Results will not be made available until a later date. A sincere thank you to all our volunteers who took the time to come out and help. These events would not be possible without your support.

Pictured (right) are swimmers post-event March 30, 2019 at Hanover Regional Aquatic Centre



In Feb, 5 Speed Skaters travelled to Sault Ste Marie to compete at the 2019 Provincial Winter Games. After being snow bound in Owen Sound for 36 hours and a 9 hours bus ride, the skaters along with their coaches Brian Carr and Cathy Cormack arrived at the Games. After taking time to drop their bags off at the hotel, they caught a ride to the arena and started skating. All 5 athletes medaled at the Games. Congratulations to Ben Caldecott, Jessica Carr, Helen Clancy, Tyler Jilek and Jordan Taylor. Selection to the 2020 National Winter Games in Thunder Bay have not been announced.



Ben Caldecott and Helen Clancy, both speed skaters of Walkerton

The South Saugeen Cracked Ice curling team also traveled to the Provincial Games. Congratulations to Michael Bailey, Kelsey Dows, Jacob Knoll and Christopher Marshall on earning a Bronze medal. These were the first Games for Kelsey, Jacob and Christopher so well done. Congratulations as well to Coaches Heather Siegfried and Michelle Smith.



Good luck to our South Saugeen Hornets basketball team who will be travelling to Barrie on Apr 27 to compete in their first Provincial Qualifier.

In May, South Saugeen will be holding a Beefway fundraising campaign. Athletes will be selling frozen meet packages from Beefway. Anyone wishing to place an order can find information on our Facebook page "Special Olympics South Saugeen".



Don't forget our annual Wrestling Show that will be taking place on June 8 at JDSS. WWE Hall of Famer Tito Santana will be in attendance. Tickets will be going on sale soon.

And finally, this Aug South Saugeen is planning an outdoor concert featuring the **Mudmen**. This will take place on Sat. Aug 10 at the Walkerton Golf and Curling Club. More details on this show will be coming out later.



Looking forward.....

Summer Programs will be starting the first week of June.



**Equity is who has keys to the room
Diversity is who is in the room
Inclusion is who feels welcome in the room**

E. Schanzer

Announcements

...from around the province



Memorial procession to Huronia cemetery planned

The **Lost But Not Forgotten Memorial Procession** will take place on Sunday, May 12th at 1 p.m.

Join Remember Every Name, led by survivors, as we honour and remember those who died at the Huronia Regional Centre between 1876 and 2009.

There will be a short procession from the corner of Memorial Avenue and Progressive Drive to the former Huronia Regional Centre cemetery at 1:00 with a ceremony at the cemetery*. We welcome artistic offerings you might bring or pass along to share at the event.

Our goal is to be as accessible to as many people as possible, so let us know your accommodation needs or anything you might be able to offer. We hope to have ASL interpreters at the event.

If you need transportation or can provide a ride please contact Mitchell Wilson at 705 500 1825 or wilsonmitchell@live.ca.

Parking is available at the Leon's parking lot at 555 Memorial Avenue and those wishing to participate in the procession should gather here. Accessible washrooms are available in restaurants nearby.

Media should get in touch with Debbie at vernon@muskoka.com or 705 645 0298.

We encourage those attending to wear or bring something yellow and black in honour of the ongoing struggle to close institutions across Canada. Yellow represents hope for a better future, survivors' resilience and the need for healing. Black reminds us of those who did not survive and those who continue to live in institutional settings or with inadequate support.

Changes Ontario is Proposing to OW and ODSP

February 7, 2019 Income security Advocacy Centre

On November 22, Minister Lisa MacLeod announced a number of proposed changes to the Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) system.

We have prepared several backgrounders to help you understand particular proposals and what they could mean for low-income people in Ontario. We also hosted a one-hour webinar to share our analysis of all of the Minister's proposed changes.

Please share this information widely with people who might be impacted or people who are allies, so they can be better informed and can take action.

Webinars, analysis and actions available at www.incomesecurity.org

Some follow-up....



Students of Sioux Narrows are proud of their inclusion effort.

Ron Laroche, Community Living Ontario Update Friday February 22, 2019

In last week's Update Friday newsletter, [Community Living Ontario](#) shared which classes and students were tops in promoting and raising awareness about inclusive education as part of the 6th annual **Together, We're Better Contest**.

The competition is in celebration of National Inclusive Education Month, and elementary school-aged children from across the province were invited to participate and begin a conversation about how a diverse class offers better educational experiences for all students.

Ms. Kelsey Craven's Grade 4, 5, and 6 class from Sioux Narrows Public School won first place for their video submission.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTiQFpPI8LE&feature=youtu.be>

Craven told the CBC in Thunder Bay she was really excited when she saw an opportunity to participate in the contest with her classroom.

"They're just a special group of kids, and they completely understand that everyone is different and they just naturally practice acceptance and inclusion every day," Craven said, "so making the video was just effortless and fun for them."

The school has 34 students split into two classes.

"There's rarely a situation in our class where someone is left out or off to the side because they naturally gravitate to including people and they enjoy spending time with one another," she said, adding that to them, "having a happier life...is to be a part of everybody else's."

To read the CBC article <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/sioux-narrows-we-re-better-together-1.5020989>.

SOMETIMES THE GREATEST GIFT YOU CAN GIVE ANOTHER PERSON IS TO SIMPLY INCLUDE THEM!

NOTE to self-advocates and supporters...

We have the opportunity to join a presentation by video link. This session could not be scheduled at the time of the Speaking Out Retreat in Walkerton in Sept. 2018.

WHEN

Friday May 3, 2019
10:15 - 11:30

YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS VIDEO PRESENTATION WITH YOUR GROUP

TOPIC

ALL ABOUT ODSP

- *Basics of ODSP
- *Health Benefits
- *All About Work

Presented by:

Kelly Thomas
Sr. Policy Advisor
Ontario Disability Support Program Branch
Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

Jeff Longland
Sr. Policy Advisor
Ontario Disability Support Program Branch
Ministry of Children Community and Social Services

WHERE

Join the meeting using BlueJeans, on your computer or portable device. Meeting URL:

https://bluejeans.com/533457553/1414?src=join_info

To call: 1.416.900.2956

Enter the meeting ID 533457553 and passcode 1414 followed by #

NO COST. Please register in advance by email: walkertonactioncomm@outlook.com

Serving Hot Drinks on Family Day

On February 19th an enthused crew from the Action Committee served hot drinks at the Walkerton Community Centre.... on a lovely winter day. They were back by special request!

This was a great contribution to the community events, and was appreciated by the Brockton Recreation Staff as well as the children and adults who came to the booth. Below are pictures of some of the crew.



Soon time for the Community Garden! The Action Committee has been working with a group of citizens toward a **Barrier-free** portion of the **Brockton Community Garden**, so some new accessible beds are planned for 2019! Pictured below is Jessica Forsyth at the beginning of the 2018 season.



Summer barbecues are planned for 2019, one per month is the back yard at 19 Durham St. E. -- Watch for the poster on the Action Committee facebook page.



Collecting for the food bank



During the first week of May 2019

(Community Living Month) the Walkerton Action Committee have decided to do a donation drive for the Walkerton Food Bank. We thought this would be a good opportunity to issue a challenge to the other advocate groups to do the same!

The Action Committee would like to invite anyone to participate!

So....during the week of MAY 5 - 11, 2019, members and friends can collect non-perishable foods (canned and boxed food), laundry soap, hygiene items and diapers for donating to the Walkerton food bank. There will be collection boxes at 19 Durham St. and at the Hub that week.





Sponsored by the **Continuing Education Committee**, all funds raised help with the financial support given to students.

Spring 2019



Classics

Meats

Dear Friends of C.L.W.D.:

We are pleased to have available for sale frozen food products from MacMillan's, featuring some peanut free products. With MacMillan Cookie Dough and Muffin Batter, you can have fresh baked goods in only 20 minutes...no mixing, no mess. The batter comes to you frozen in convenient tubs. Unused portions can be refrozen. MacMillan's also offers an array of many other delicious products including Meats, Meals and Munchies, Gourmet Desserts, Pizza, and delicious Soup mixes.

Some new items are featured with the entertainment treats.

We know these products to be tried and true! A complete ingredient listing and nutritional guide is available from the MacMillan's Web Site.

Please consider supporting CLWD by **requesting an order form** and by offering this opportunity to family and friends. Call 519 881 3713 ext. 102. Our fundraising campaign will generate funds to support students enrolled in post-secondary education.

ORDERS and payment should be returned before **Wednesday May 1st, 2019 and no later than noon on May 9th** to Sharon Teeple at Reception, 19 Durham Street East, Walkerton, phone 519-881-3713 ext. 102.

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO CLWD.

PICKUP of orders will be on **Thursday May 16, 2019** at Community Living Walkerton and District, 5 Peter Street, Walkerton. Time to be announced, but we think it will be late morning! Please notify us if a delivery is desired.

Thank you, in advance, for your support!

Please note:

Along with the CLWD Accessible Customer Service Policy and Accessible Customer Service Feedback Form, now available on the website of Community Living Walkerton and District is the CLWD Service and Support Feedback Form.


Reference:

Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act, 2008

Legislative Authority: Section 7(1) 1

Effective date: June 1, 2012

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Thank You Volunteers

Our Association extends sincere thanks to the volunteers who comprise the Board of Directors. Community Living Walkerton and District is a non-profit organization. Founded in 1956 our Mission is to nurture inclusion: supporting children, youth and adults with intellectual disabilities and their families, promoting their full participation as valued and contributing citizens.

Fundamental to realizing this mission is the dedicated effort of the volunteer Board; current members are:

Sharon Sewers, President	Katherine Benninger	Debi Mortimer
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David Benninger	Anita Gathercole	Joan White

We offer Membership opportunities for those who wish to show support for the organization. Members receive our newsletters and invitations to the Annual General Meeting. Please call our office 519-881-3713 ext. 102 for further information.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP: April 1/19 – March 31/2020

It is time for the Association’s membership year to begin. The membership is \$5.00 per person. Your yearly membership fee assists with the costs of the production of this newsletter as well as the work of our organization. **Thank you for your support.**

Enclosed please find \$_____for membership fees for Community Living Walkerton and District.

Name: _____

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