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Executive Director's Comments

Like you, I am looking forward to spending more time outdoors, and attending a host of activities and family events. With the official date of June 21st marking the first day of summer, and the Agency's 50th Annual General Meeting and Dinner held on June 24th, I think it is timely to recall the many accomplishments and challenges we have met over the past year.

I must begin by expressing my appreciation to the many people supported, staff and volunteers who assisted with the AGM and Dinner, held this year at 267 Suncoast Drive. Whenever a celebration is held, there is lots of work involved, even more so when it is held "at home"; all the extra cleaning, dinner arrangement for close to 100 people, seating, food, entertainment. Thank you to each and every one of you for your contributions. Many very positive comments were received regarding all aspects of our 50th

Annual General Meeting. Your assistance in marking this important event, 50 years of service, was tremendous. Special thanks to the individuals who shared pictures, various memorabilia, highlights and stories. It is important that the work and vision of parents, the Board of Directors, community groups, concerned citizens and people supported does not get forgotten. It is essential that we remember individuals who have been bestowed with Honourary Life Memberships – Bonnie Graham, Evelyn Carroll and Jean Papernick.

The year 2008/2009 has been a milestone for the "community living movement"; a year when all facilities in Ontario that housed individuals with a developmental disability were closed by the Province of Ontario, a year when new legislation was enacted "Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act, 2008," and a year in which the province continues to make strides towards the "Transformation of Developmental Services." It is hoped through these various provincial initiatives, inclusion becomes a reality for all citizens.

Success comes with hard work, challenges and people working together. Let's continue to strive for success in 2009/10 – I think we are well on our way. I have enormous respect for all volunteers of Community Living-Central Huron and am appreciative of their efforts. It takes dedicated

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Staff who share the same vision to ensure the on-going success of Community Living-Central Huron. My thanks to volunteers, people supported, families/caregivers and Staff for your excellent efforts to make Community Living-Central Huron both a caring and quality Association. I look forward to your continued support.

Enjoy your summer!

Rosemary

CSFF Celebrates 20 Years:

The Community Support for Families Program is celebrating 20 years of service within Huron County to families with children who have a disability. This Program is administered by Community Living-Central Huron in partnership with Community Living – South Huron, the Wingham and District Community Living Association and Anago Resources Services offered include Family Support Work, Special Services at Home, Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities.



Photo by Dominique Milburn

20 years already?!

Under the canopy of a bright blue sky, more than 150 people popped up at St. Christopher's Beach on Sunday to ring in the 20th anniversary of Community Support for Families – Huron County. Families and support providers past and present were invited to celebrate the success of the program. Its mandate is simple, but the effect immeasurable; to offer family support work, in-home special services, and assistance for children with severe disabilities. Community Support for Families is delivered by Community Living – Central Huron in partnership with Community Living – South Huron, Wingham and District Community Living Association and Anago. To learn more, contact the program office in Clinton at 519-482-3557. Above back, Sharon Allison, program coordinator, and Rita VanEngen. Centre, Brent Storey, Alix McNee, and Kevin Wilson. Front, Katie Shae and Doris Shae.

Last Light Photo Show & Sale (May 2nd – 15th, 2009)

The 3rd Annual Last Light Photo Show & Sale held May 2nd – 15th, 2009 at the Goderich Library was a successful event. Approximately \$600.00 was raised through sales.

Many thanks to Jenna Ujiye for her continuing dedication in organizing and promoting this wonderful tribute to Sarah.

Photos can be picked up at the Central Admin. Office.

3rd Annual Golf Classic:

The rain held off allowing the golfers to play their round on June 19th at the Sunset Golf Course and raise more than \$16,000. in support of Community Living-Central Huron. A tremendous amount of work goes on behind the scenes to ensure the success of this golf tournament. Thank you to Tom Morris and his Committee Members for their dedication in making the Annual Golf Classic a successful fundraising event.



Staff Recognition Awards:

Congratulations to the following staff who were recently recognized at the Annual General Meeting for their years of service with the Agency:

After 5 Years:

Christine Lapp-Haylow and Vonnie Morgan

After 10 Years:

Jane Chisholm, Kim Heroux-Robinson and Margo Moore

After 15 Years:

Darlene Hunking and Sharon Martens

After 20 Years:

Dale Brandon, Lisa Middleton and Susan White

After 25 Years:

Dave Young

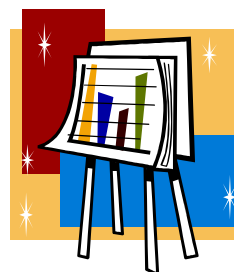
Now in 2009, it is noteworthy that 12 staff who received awards for after five years of employment and 9 staff who received awards for ten years of service, are still employed with our Agency. Even more remarkable from 1999, is that the 3 staff who received recognition for more than fifteen years of service, all remain as employees. What does that tell you?

The Board of Directors recognizes that each employee has special skills and abilities and makes important contributions to the Agency and people supported in their own unique manner. And, because they have pride in their jobs, they go beyond the scope of their positions to make a positive impact in whatever they do. We value our employees and applaud their contributions to Community Living-Central Huron.



Articles for Sale:

~ one flip chart holder – sturdy construction, spring-loaded, pedestal base slides out and locks firmly into position. Easel pad surface is 27” x 34”, unit is 72” high. Asking \$40.00. If interested, please contact the Huron Respite Network, 519-482-3115.



Did You Know:

We have a few new items that can be borrowed?

~ A portable “Snoezelen unit” has been developed. This is a great opportunity to borrow a variety of Snoezelen equipment/items and use them in your home! If interested in borrowing the unit, please contact Cathy Pennington, Activity Centre Staff or Central Admin. Office, 519-524-7362.

~ The Agency has purchased an All-Terrain Wheelchair that allows for transportation to outdoor areas where conventional wheelchairs cannot typically navigate. Imagine being able to access the Goderich Beach, Maitland Trail, local Conservation Areas, a playground, campground, or even a cottage! The unit is portable, weighing approximately 37 lbs and easily assembles, disassembles. If interested in borrowing the All-Terrain Wheelchair, please contact the Central Admin. Office, 519-524-7362.

Congratulations:

It's a Girl! Congratulations to Natalie Steenstra & Peter Craig on the birth of their first child, Calleigh Janice, born Saturday, June 13th, weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz.



Thinking of You

Continued get well wishes are extended to:

Debbie Newcomb, Barb McNee and Judy Shelton.

Comings & Goings

Welcome to the following individuals:

Team A - Stephanie Root

Team B - Stacey Baker

Team D - Dan Davidson, Janelle Dykstra,
Mary Witherspoon and volunteer Matt Barlow.

Codianne Wilson - Media Student (summer)

Becky Hunking - Coordinator, Huron Respite
Network (contract position)

Comings Events:

~ Friday, July 10th

Activity Centre BBQ / Open House –

~ Thursday, September 17th

Coffee Break in support of Alzheimers