



# INSIGHT

## Executive Director's Comments

To date, 2011 has been an eventful year. Locally, our weather caused many cancellations, interruptions and high water levels. However, and most recently, our own issues and concerns seem trite compared to the earthquake, tsunami, melting nuclear reactor, homelessness, etc., in Japan. Canada has offered assistance, along with other international humanitarian support networks. Perhaps as individuals, we can offer some financial support.

Developmental services will continue to experience changes in 2011, specifically with the implementation of Application Entities on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Community Services Coordination Network (CSCN) is the local regional contact, Application Entity for Adult Developmental Services, the single point access. The provincial government is "branding" the name, "Developmental Services Ontario," as the common name/language so that

people know where to apply for services and supports; our Region is known as Developmental Services Ontario South West. The Application Entity will have the following responsibilities: provide information and support during intake, confirm eligibility for service; determine and re-assess service and support needs; and monitor direct funding agreements. More information will be available over the next few months as the Ministry of Community & Social Services finalizes rules and regulations.

Recently, Staff and volunteers have been provided with training on the new Quality Assurance Measures, as required by the *Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act, 2008*. Training will continue with new staff and any staff who may have been off when the initial sessions were scheduled. The Policy & Procedure Committee will be reviewing the requirements of the Quality Assurance Measures to ensure Agency Policy captures all necessary applications. Further essential components of the Legislation include training for people supported on the Quality Assurance Measures and Person-Directed Planning. The Ministry will be conducting Compliance Reviews in the near future.

At 267 Suncoast Drive, we have begun renovations to the Activity centre, utilizing monies provided by the provincial government and funds raised at the 2010 Agency Golf Tournament.

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Renovations will provide for great energy efficiencies with the lowering of a ceiling and reducing noise levels; also creating two new fully accessible washrooms. Individuals who attend the Activity Centre are already excited about the changes and have provided much input and advice. Once the renovations are complete, an Open House will be held at the Activity Centre for everyone to visit and view the changes and improvements. A notice with more details will be distributed closer to the date.

### Membership Renewal Time:

Just a reminder, Agency memberships expire March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you haven't already done so, please stop by the Central Admin. Office to complete the Membership Form for the 2011/2012 year; cost is \$5.00. Membership entitles you to receive a copy of the Agency's quarterly newsletter, a copy of Community Living Ontario's newsletter, information on upcoming events and activities and be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting (June 22, 2011).

I urge you to continue your support and if you know of other citizens who support the goals and objectives of Community Living-Central Huron, encourage them to become Members too.

### Gerbera Daisy Fundraiser:

Again this year we will be selling Gerbera Daisies from May 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. A variety of colours will be available in 4" pots and sold for \$5.00 each. Advance orders are encouraged. Volunteers are needed for this event. More details to follow in the near future.

### Scholarships Available:

Community Living-Central Huron is proud to offer for a third year, the following scholarships:

**The Evelyn M. Carroll Scholarship** - for students with a developmental disability who are pursuing post-secondary education

**The Florence & Edward Maskell Scholarship** – for students who are pursuing post-secondary education in Developmental Services.

Interested students persons should contact the Central Admin. Office for more information. Please note, the application deadline is May 13, 2011.

### Last Light Photo Show & Sale:

Community Living-Central Huron, in partnership with Huron Tourism Association, the Goderich Library and the Mann Family, are pleased to again host the Last Light Photo Show & Sale, a wonderful tribute in memory of Sarah Mann.

More details regarding submission deadlines, categories and contest rules will be available soon. Visit the website at [www.ontarioswestcoast.ca](http://www.ontarioswestcoast.ca)

### Say Chili!



Bern & June hamming it up at the Chili Cook Off.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic: (June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011)

Registrations are being accepted for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Goderich & District Golf Classic, to be held June 16<sup>th</sup> (practice round) and June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Sunset Golf Club. Again, Hyundai of Goderich has generously donated hole-in-one prizes, including a new car.

The entry fee is \$200/single (\$150 for Sunset Golf Club Members) or \$800/team. The fee includes a practice round on June 16<sup>th</sup>, golf cart for both days, a commemorative jacket for each golfer, a delicious dinner on tournament day, as well as chances at a fabulous Prize Table and Silent and Live Auctions.

We are grateful to Tom and his Committee for their dedication to this fundraising event. For more information, please contact Tom Morris at 519-524-2810 or our Central Admin. Office at 519-524-7362.

## Annual General Meeting:

The end of March also marks the end of another fiscal year, and with that, follows the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, at North Street United Church in Goderich. The Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm followed by dinner and entertainment. A package of information with important dates will be mailed soon.

## Huron Respite Network:

Recently, the Huron Respite Network hosted a Winter Weekend Retreat with the theme of "talent". The weekend started with a blast of winter weather and road closures on Friday, but by Saturday plans were put into action. Everyone involved enjoyed outdoor winter activities including snowshoeing, snowman creations and of course, snow ball fights. The retreat was the perfect opportunity for each person to share their talent(s) and get to know one another. Through this experience, several people found new respite providers and made new friends from the same community. We learned so much from each

other and are already excited to begin planning the Fall Retreat. Our motto for the weekend was, "Use what talents you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best."

## Thinking of You:

Get well wishes are extended to Georgena Middel, Marg Cressman, Cheryl Sinnett and Sharon Scruton.

Also, our thoughts are with Bonnie & Don Hosack and family during their recent loss.

## Thank You:

We wish to thank the Goderich Lions Club for again generously donating several weekly passes to the Young Canada Week Tournament.

Once again, the Heartwarming Lunch was a successful fundraising event. Sincere thanks to the many volunteers who packaged, served and/or delivered lunches. Thank you also to the local and area business community and individuals who continue to support CL-CH.

Thank you to everyone who donated and/or assisted with the Activity Centre Christmas Bazaar.

## Winter Fun:

Everyone else may be tired of the white stuff, but Richard had an awesome time tubing in Michigan.



## Comings & Goings:

### New Faces:

Team A: Melisa McFarlane

Team B: Scott Hoy, Trina Hannusch, Tracy Dempsey and Lindsay French.

Welcome to Shannon Boughen in her new position of Office Accountant.



## Volunteer Services

CL-CH is pleased to welcome the following volunteers:

Mike Lassaline  
Tess Gibbings  
Stephanie McFarlane.

Thank you for your time and commitment to individuals receiving service.

### It's Nice to See You Back:

Katie Fox, Coordinator Foundations Huron, has returned from her Maternity/Parental Leave.

Barbara Hicks has returned to her Night Position.

### Farewell:

Farewell to Andria Croteau, Lisa Hodges, Janice Pritchard, Lisa Carter and Andrew Martin. Best of luck to everyone with their new endeavours.

