



INSIGHT

Fall - the perfect opportunity to start a new chapter at Community Living-Central Huron. Let's all continue our commitment to work hard to maintain our level of service and help people supported to achieve their personal outcomes.

Our Board of Directors continues its commitment to assist people supported by providing strong direction, promoting public awareness and inclusion, leading by example, and raising funds for the purpose of enhancing people's lives.

I am very proud of our delivery of service to people supported. This is because we have a strong Board of Directors, effective management, sound administrative practices and policies, and caring staff and volunteers who all believe that **TOGETHER WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

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We're all aware of the many challenges that continue to confront agencies such as ours. Through our memberships with OASIS and Community Living Ontario, issues are regularly brought forward to the attention of the Ministry and the Ontario government. Headway is slow, but strides have been made. Recently, the government announced details of its investment of \$80M new dollars which will benefit young adults through mentoring and community supports; individuals/families connected with Special Services at Home; assistance to agencies with salary/operating costs and the creation of approximately 200 new residential spaces; and permanent funding of long-term residential care for people previously receiving services from the child welfare system or having aging parents. It is unfortunate that with the funds spread across Ontario, and the government's failure to address the problems Agencies have faced through the past ten years of severe under-funding, most Agencies will see little difference.

We all look forward to receiving recognition from the government of the valuable services that Community Living Agencies offer to its most vulnerable citizens. Until that happens, we must continue performing our responsibilities to the best of our abilities. We know our services are needed and appreciated by those who matter most.

THANKS EVERYONE, for your continuing efforts and hard work!

Rosemary.

Welcome

The Agency is pleased to welcome Cathy Pennington in her new position of Senior Case Manager, Team C. Cathy is no stranger to Community Living having worked with several Associations in the past. She has extensive experience in the human service field having also worked with Bruce Peninsula Health Services Housing Corporation and Women's House of Bruce County.

Welcome Cathy!

ACTION Committee Activities:

The ACTION Committee recently met to discuss fundraising ideas. Back by popular demand is the "Wreath making Workshop(s)." You may recall the beautiful fresh wreaths made last year that adorned many doors during the holiday season. This event raised just over \$800.00! It is anticipated assembling the wreaths will begin in early November, **so place your order now!** To place an order or volunteer with this event, please contact the Central Admin. Office.



If you have suggestions for new fundraising activities, or are interested in becoming a Member, please contact the Central Admin. Office.

Coming Events:

~ Annual Christmas Collection

Again we are holding our Annual Christmas Collection in support of Blessings Unlimited. In the past, Blessings has been very generous in making financial contributions to assist individuals involved with the Agency with various needs.

Donations of canned or dry food and/or personal hygiene items (shampoo, lotions, soaps, etc.) are always in need and appreciated. Every item donated is eligible for a draw ballot for a \$25. gift certificate from Zehrs. Items can be dropped off at the Central Admin. Office until Friday, December 8th. Your continuing support of this annual event is greatly appreciated. **PLEASE** start putting a few things together now. There are many families in Huron County who depend on the generosity of others during the holiday season.

Christmas Party

This year's party will be **Friday, November 24th**, at the White Carnation, Holmesville. Invitations with more details will be sent out later.

Surf's Up!

We are excited to announce our debut on the world-wide web. Media Student, Sara Beasley, has done an impressive job designing a website featuring Agency highlights, minutes from the Annual General Meeting, copies of the Insight Newsletter, pictures from recent events, calendar of events, Staff profile and links to other services. Check it out for yourself – www.clch.ca. Our sincerest thanks to Sara for her efforts in making us “globally” connected.



Recipe Exchange:

Do you have a favourite Christmas recipe? Here's your chance to share it with others. Please submit a copy to our Central Admin. Office no later than November 15th, 2006. We will publish as many as space allows in the next newsletter.



Write On!

Some individuals receiving support have been corresponding with folks who attend the Colchester Community Workshop in Truro, Nova Scotia. Pen pals enjoy exchanging news, photos and souvenirs. Our east coast friends we're surprised when a visitor from Goderich stopped by during the summer.

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Makes about 7 cups

1 tbsp	hard margarine
4 ½ cups	chopped fresh mushrooms
½ cup	chopped onion
1 cup	water
6 tbsp	all-purpose flour
2 x 10 oz	condensed chicken broth
1/8 tsp	pepper
13 ½ oz	skim evaporated milk

Melt margarine in a non-stick frying pan. Add mushrooms and onion. Saute until onion is soft and moisture has evaporated. This may need to be done in 2 batches, depending on size of frying pan. Transfer into large saucepan.

In a medium size bowl, whisk water into flour until smooth. Add chicken broth and pepper and whisk until well blended. Add to mushroom mixture. Heat and stir until boiling and thickened.

Add evaporated milk. Heat through.

Guaranteed to warm you up on a chilly day.

Wanted:

~ Large quantities of grapevine and an assortment of “greens” such as cedar, white pine and spruce for the wreath fundraiser. It would be appreciated if donations could be dropped off the last week of October as assembly will commence the first week of November.

~ The CSFF Program is looking for a durable toy box and gently used toys for their Office, as well as an artificial Christmas tree. Please contact Sharon at 519-482-3557 if you can be of assistance.

~ Children's Services Committee is looking for Members. If interested, call Sharon at 519-482-3557.

~ Foundations Huron is looking for magazines and craft supplies such as: beads, feathers, to make dream catchers. Call Shelley if you have items to donate, 519-482-9955.

Thank you!

Comings & Goings

Welcome to the following individuals.

Team B - Support Workers Margie Giesbrecht,
and Margie Reynolds.

Team C - Cathy Pennington, Senior Case Manager.
Also, a special welcome back to
Cheryl Sinnett.

We would also like to welcome GDCI Co-Op Student
Larissa Popp.

Farewell to Dave Collier, Dawn Crook, Sara
Beasley and Sharon Swan.

Best of luck to all!

Congratulations:

To Jen Riley and
Joel Arthur who will be
married on October 14th.

Thinking of You:

Our thoughts are with the following
individuals and families on the recent
loss of a loved one:

- ~ Joyce and Mary Pickett
- ~ Nancy and David Anstett
- ~ Liz and Floyd Herman
- ~ Sharen Collins and Amy
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