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# PlainTalk

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## 60 Years of Inspiring Possibilities

This year marks the 60th Anniversary of Community Living Belleville and Area (formerly known as Plainfield Community Homes). Appropriately, we are paying tribute to our rich history of service to our community.

In the early years, the organization was known as the Babies' Convalescent Home and this name told the community what our focus and mandate was at that time: a place for babies with complex needs to convalesce. Over the years, the organization grew and became better known. Expectations and requirements from the Ministry of Community and Social Services changed and the Babies' Convalescent Home changed names several times, finally becoming known as Plainfield Children's Home.

In 2000, it was decided that our name no longer reflected the supports and services that we were

providing. The children had grown up and become adults and we learned that people wanted to live in homes of their own in the community, rather than in a large building in Plainfield, Ontario. We changed our corporate name to Plainfield Community Homes to reflect this new direction.

In the last several years, we have placed a concentrated focus on providing individualized supports to people and ensuring people

have the opportunity to become active members of the community and participate in person-directed planning. Other changes involve supporting people to choose where and with whom they want to live, including providing support to a couple of people who live semi-independently in their community. We also support people and their families with 'direct' funded services, whereby they are able to choose the day support

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## From the Desk of John Klassen, E.D.

Now that Developmental Services Ontario agencies (formerly known as Application Entities) are up and running, what is likely to change for services and supports for people with intellectual disabilities? We know that these new agencies will assume responsibility for determining eligibility for developmental services and we understand the Passport funding and Special Services at Home (SSAH) will be allocated by Developmental Services Ontario agencies. We are also told that applications for services and a database of people waiting for services will be managed there.

What else can families and people with intellec-

tual disabilities expect from these new agencies and how will these changes affect the way that services and supports are delivered in local communities? Now that SSAH and Passport funding are collapsed into one funding entity for adults, do families have to reapply for SSAH once their son or daughter reaches the magic age of 18? That is what we are given to understand. Does that mean they go to the bottom of the growing wait list for SSAH? A parent asked this very question recently and the answer is a definite maybe.

This, as you can appreciate, is a frightening prospect. *(Continued on page 4)*



**Belleville Town Crier, Bruce Bedell at our June 2011 AGM**

*(Continued from page 1) - 60 Years* that works best for them. We are working in partnership with the Hastings Children's Aid Society to provide services and supports to families who are 'at risk' to reduce the likelihood of family breakdown. We are supporting people to engage in active volunteer roles or, for those who are interested, gainful employment.

We have raised the bar on our accountability systems. Our staff is trained to understand the importance of family involvement and the protection of people's rights and freedoms to ensure that people are free from abuse and exploitation. The culture of the organization is about providing quality person-directed supports and services so that all people can live, learn, work and participate in all aspects of living in the community. Our 4 year Accreditation award from The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL) demonstrates our dedication and commitment to this stringent standard of accountability and has resulted in improved quality of life for people we support.

In light of this continued movement forward, at a Strategic Planning day held in September 2008, it was decided that we should consider the merits of a corporate name change. A Branding and Name Change working group was formed and, following much feedback and input from a variety of sources, the working group concluded

that it was necessary to change the organization's name to better reflect what we do, what we value and the geography we serve.

A new name was chosen: Community Living Belleville and Area, with the tagline "Inspiring Possibilities". Community Living is something most of us experience naturally, as part of our daily lives. We live in communities, our children go to neighbourhood schools, we have the opportunity to work at real jobs for real pay and we participate in and contribute to our communities. But, for many people who have an intellectual disability, community living is a dream, an objective yet to be realized. Some may live in their own home, but with little connection to the community around them.

This new name – Community Living Belleville and Area – speaks of our Vision of a community where all belong and are valued. It also affirms our affiliation with Community Living Ontario and the 115 local Community Living Associations across the province of Ontario. And it lets our local community know that we provide supports and services to people with intellectual disabilities and their families in Belleville and Area.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to the people we support and their families and we are looking forward to the future and the opportunities it holds!



**Our shiny new corporate seal**

## Name Changes Thru the Years

- 1951 to 1956
- 1956 to 1957
- 1957 to 1974
- 1974 to 2000
- 2000 to Present
- April 2011 to Present

- Babies' Convalescent Home
- Hastings Mental Health Association, Incorporated
- Ontario Home for Mentally Retarded Infants, Incorporated
- Plainfield Children's Home
- Plainfield Community Homes
- Community Living Belleville and Area

### ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU LOVE LIVING WITH A DISABILITY?

If you are under 50 years old, you may be eligible for up to **\$90,000** in Grants & Bonds

The Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) is a unique program provided by the government of Canada to enhance the financial security of people living with disabilities.

#### FREE RDSP INFORMATION SESSION November 16 - 11:00AM to 1:00PM

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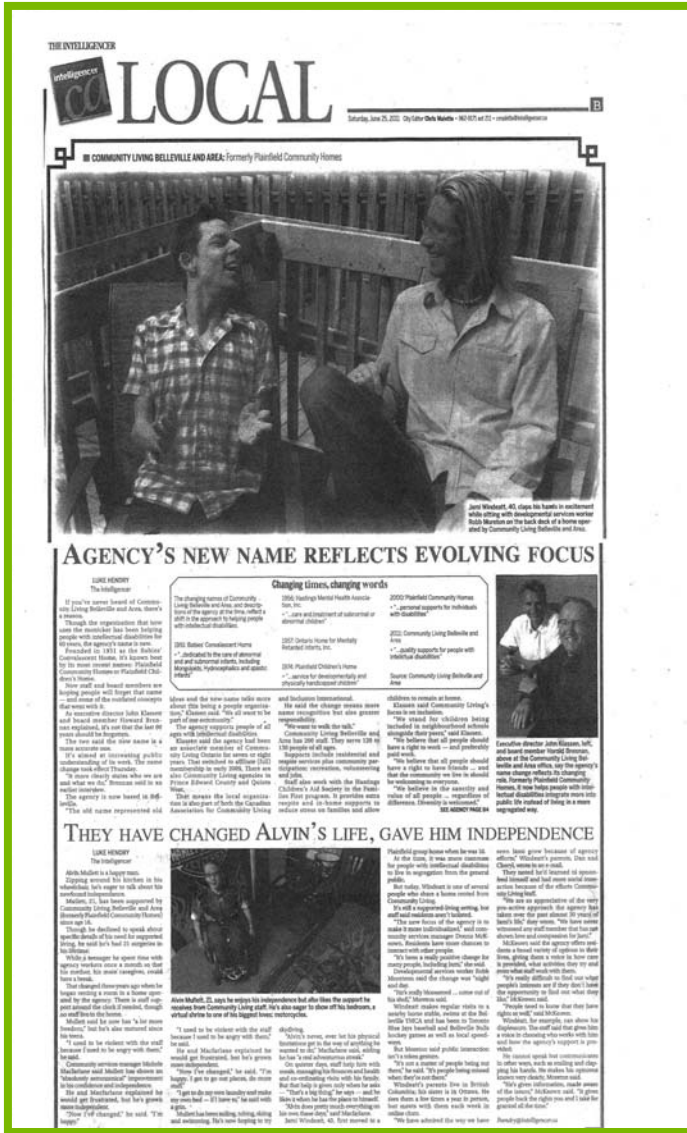
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# In Local News...



On June 25, 2011, Belleville's daily newspaper, The Intelligencer, featured two articles about our organization, written by local reporter Luke Hendry.

In **"Agency's New Name Reflects Evolving Focus"**, Luke spoke at length with Executive Director John Klassen and Board Member Harold Brennan, to learn more about the evolution of our organization and the ways in which people with intellectual disabilities have been supported through our 60 years of providing services and supports to people with intellectual disabilities.

*"The new name talks more about this being a people organization."*

Luke also delved into the rationale behind our 2011 name change from Plainfield Community Homes to Community Living Belleville and Area and highlighted some of our history and where we hope to go from here.

*"We all want to be part of our community."*  
John Klassen

In **"They Have Changed Alvin's Life, Gave Him Independence"**, Luke spent several hours chatting with two of the young men supported by Community Living Belleville and Area. Alvin Mullett and Jami Windatt were pleased to share their stories with Luke and even gave him a grand tour of their homes.

Luke left with a new understanding of who we are and what we do and shared what he learned with our entire community, through his words and photos.

Thanks, Luke!

## The Story that Won Hearts (and an Award!)

We were absolutely delighted to learn that an article in our Fall/Winter 2010 edition entitled **"Respect and Dignity: 'Til Death Do Us Part"** was selected as the recipient of the Community Living Ontario Newsletter—Single Article Award.

A letter we received from the Community Living Ontario Awards Committee put it this way:

*"This is a very direct, frank, and also touching article about how people who have a disability and become terminally ill can be supported to determine how they will spend their 'last days' - and how to support someone and/or their family to have good quality of life even during palliative stages of an illness or condition."*

*The writer doesn't discuss Rita G. at great length, but her connection to friends, family members, and her net-*

*work of supporters and caregivers is evident and the article suggests that this was a woman who was not alone or alienated, but part of a community and network of people who valued her."*



**Chris Semark, Director of Services (left) and Patti Gillman, Executive Assistant accepted the Newsletter award at the Community Living Ontario Conference**



# Continuous Quality Improvement



**Jim Burgess, Manager of Buildings and Property, with the area map he created to show our community connections**

This spring, our association underwent the second phase of our Accreditation process by CQL (The Council on Quality and Leadership).

We are very pleased to report we were successful in demonstrating quality services and supports in the areas of Community Life and Responsive Services and also that we maintained the standards to meet 100% of the Basic Assurances and Shared Values.

Our Community Life Presentation took place at the Belleville Public Library and John M. Parrott Art Gallery and was an

opportunity for us to celebrate and say thank you to all the people involved in our community connections and the partnerships that we have built over the years.

Maxine, the CQL Consultant/Reviewer said of Plainfield Community Homes (now known as Community Living Belleville and Area) *“There is a strong system in place which focuses on community connections for people. This matches people’s desires with available options in people’s communities.”* Maxine spent time meeting with various staff, people we support and family members. Maxine was invited to observe a person’s planning session and then met with

another person to see if action items determined during that person’s plan were followed up on, reviewed and moved forward. It was a very exciting week.

We are very proud of our Accreditation, as it demonstrates our commitment to providing quality services and supports to people with intellectual disabilities and their families. It is also a demonstration that we will continue not only to maintain the standard, but to continually look at ways to improve.

Many thanks to everyone who has worked so hard toward this common goal.

*“The standardized model does not meet the uniqueness of people who come in all sizes and shapes.”*

**Michael Kendrick, PhD**

*(Continued from page 1) - From the Desk of John Klassen, E.D.*

pect. Not only will many families lose the respite they have received once their child turns 18, they will also lose the Special Services at Home funding, leaving them without much needed supports. So many families have spoken about the importance of the little bit of SSAH and the Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD) funding and to lose those would be a devastating blow, potentially triggering a crisis for these families.

With the changes in the developmental services system, we have heard much about the Ministry’s goal to standardize the application and eligibility process for people with intellectual disabilities in Ontario to achieve equity, fairness, accessibility to services and affordability. While this goal would seemingly be laudable and one we could support in principle, we must wonder how this will ultimately affect people with disabilities, families and the agencies that provide services and supports.



I am reminded of Michael Kendrick’s central message when he spoke in Belleville on June 24<sup>th</sup> and stated that the standardized model does not meet the uniqueness of people who come in all sizes and shapes. The standardized processes and programs are typically designed by people who have not met the very people they are designed to serve. It is akin to attempting to fit square pegs into round holes.

I hear far too often from parents who are not interested in the traditional programs delivered by agencies. In their words, programs force people with all of their uniqueness to conform to a standard and inflexible service that will inevitably fail them and create an unnecessary dependence on inappropriate and often expensive service models.

**Standardized processes and programs are akin to attempting to fit square pegs into round holes**

As Community Living Belleville and Area celebrates 60 years of service to this community, we must be ever vigilant not to become an agency of programs and standardized services. We want to always understand people and their uniqueness, their gifts and strengths, their life passions and their desire for a better life.

# 2011 Volunteer of the Year

Volunteerism can develop strong ties between the person supported and their community. It can enhance the lives of both the volunteer and the recipient.

Our 2011 Volunteer of the Year was Melanie Nugent. Melanie is a young woman who has given many hours to people supported. She has spent time visiting, playing cards, going to the movies, assisting at dances and just chatting on the phone with people. At one point, Melanie was asked if she was a new staff since she was so often in the home volunteering.

Melanie is a second generation volunteer and has proven to carry the same wonderful values as her mother, Kathy. Melanie, through her experiences as a volunteer, has chosen to pursue a career path at Loyalist College in the Developmental Services Worker Program.

Melanie graciously accepted her award at our Annual General Meeting with many thanks from the people she volunteers with.

Congratulations Melanie, and good luck with your studies!



**Melanie received several certificates of appreciation, including one from Prince Edward-Hastings MPP Leona Dombrowsky (left)**

# 2011 Community Partner of the Year



**Sharon Wright, Manager of Community Development and Volunteer Services (at left) and Marc's No Frills co-owner Jenny Daoust**

Marc's No Frills was our 2011 Community Partner of the Year. On hand to accept the award at our June AGM was Jenny Daoust, the store's co-owner. We consider this partnership to be exemplary as it has built an authentic and meaningful relationship between the people we support and people in the community.

Marc's No Frills has been a leader in showing their employees how to be respectful and positive advocates for people with intellectual disabilities. Store owners, Marc and Jenny, role-model to their employees the message that *everyone belongs*.

Tim, whom we support, volunteers at the store and considers his volunteer role like a job. He expects, and the employees ensure he gets, respect as a member of the staff. The employees speak highly of Tim and his great work ethics. Tim proudly wears his No Frills work shirt and he has great things to say about his job.

Our organization purchases gift cards at the store for our employees. As well, many of our staff and people we support choose to shop there. The store has of-

fered free space to us for our annual colouring contest and the store employee who assists with the contest ensures that everything runs smoothly. Jenny has recently asked about partnering with us for the contest.

At our Community Life Celebration earlier this year, Jenny thanked Tim. She thanked Community Living Bellville and Area for introducing Tim to her business. She talked about how Tim has shown them the value of belonging in your community. It was a celebratory moment when Jenny spoke and Tim was very proud.

Marc's No Frills became a Title sponsor this year at our Mayors' Challenge Golf Tournament. This is a testimony to their community mindedness and their support as a corporate friend.

# Community Living Month



Mayor Neil Ellis

At an April 26th City Council Meeting, the City of Belleville proclaimed May 2011 as Community Living Month:

**WHEREAS:** Plainfield Community Homes has provided supports and services to adults, youth and children with intellectual disabilities and their families in the City of Belleville and Area since 1951; and,

**WHEREAS:** Plainfield Community Homes exists to provide quality supports to people with intellectual disabilities and to facilitate their full inclusion in community

life and also to educate the larger community and advocate wherever necessary on behalf of people with intellectual disabilities and their families; and

**WHEREAS:** Plainfield Community Homes works with the City of Belleville, volunteers and other groups and organizations to build a community of inclusion, equality and respect that celebrates the contributions of all citizens; and,

**WHEREAS:** Plainfield Community Homes is an Affiliate Member of Community Living Ontario; and,

**WHEREAS:** Community Living Month is a province-wide initiative created to celebrate the philosophy and values of community living; and,

**THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Neil Ellis, on behalf of the City of Belleville, proclaim May 2011 to be "Community Living Month" in the City of Belleville.

**DATED at Belleville**  
this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011

**Neil Ellis, Mayor**

## In Memory of Jason Vincent (1976-2011)

What follows is an excerpt from a eulogy at the March 11, 2011 memorial service for Jason Vincent (1976-2011). It was written and delivered by Jason's friend and support worker Maureen Vanderkooi.

He Who Dies With The Most Friends Wins! Not true, I know this ... Look around you right now. The room is not overflowing here today. A small group of friends has gathered. But none of that matters. The people here today are gathered to say good bye to Jason, our friend. Because they cared and are going to miss him.

Having more and the MOST friends was not imperative to Jason. He was a man actually quite selective of who he chose to spend time with and for how long. He was happy

that way. Jason didn't "count" his friends. He was very satisfied with those of us that were close to him. He was an honest friend, a reliable friend, a fun friend. And, if he trusted you, he would wave all cares away and fall asleep right in front of you. This was a gift to me.

Jason didn't like big gatherings so much. Neither do I. He preferred quieter times, one on one, more meaningful times. It brought out the best in him. He revelled in long walks, long talks and short car rides. He knew if it was just two, the two of you, his wants and needs would be answered.

I am never going to forget our trips out together, be it an excursion or errand. Ja-

son's adventures were simpler than some people's. He liked it that way. He'd stray from home for short stints but mostly took comfort in returning home to his roommates, his room and home. He liked it this way. And when you listened to him, all was good.

Jason's life had so much purpose and meaning. He taught us patience and honesty. He shared with us humour and laughter. He led the way in "work hard and you'll succeed."

We are all better people because of Jay. I know that I am. Continue to dream as you did, shine bright as you did, laugh hard as you did and work hard as you did. I promise you, I will do all of the above. Your memory will live on in all of us forever.



Jason Vincent  
1976-2011



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# Mayors' Challenge Golf Tournament

We could not have asked for finer weather on June 7, 2011, when we hosted our 28th Annual Mayors' Challenge Golf Tournament at the beautiful Trillium Wood Golf Course.

This year, Warden Jo-Anne Albert's foursome, from Hastings County, took home the tournament trophy.

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to everyone who came out to play and kudos to the Mayors of Belleville, Quinte West and Prince Edward County and the Warden of Hastings County for their enthusiastic participation.

We would also like to thank Boyd Sullivan, who gave so generously of his time as tournament Master of Ceremonies and Auctioneer.

We are grateful to the dedicated volunteers who comprise our Golf Tournament Committee, namely: Jim Blaind, Matt Hamilton, Larry Mussio, Karen Poste and Jody Smith.

And last, but not least, we extend heartfelt thanks to all of our special sponsors—including Title Sponsor Marc's No Frills—and all of the hole sponsors and auction donors.

We couldn't have done it without you!

Stay tuned for information about our 29th Annual Mayors' Challenge Golf Tournament in June 2012.



Left to right: Belleville Mayor Neil Ellis, 8 Wing Commander Dave Cochrane, Hastings County Warden Jo-Anne Albert and Quinte West Mayor John Williams

## Congratulations, Donevan



Donevan, Graduate,  
Class of 2011

We are very proud to celebrate Donevan's graduation from Our Holy Name of Mary elementary school.

Donevan is attending St. Theresa's Secondary School this fall in the Life Skills Program.

Community Living Belleville and Area first had the pleasure of meeting Donevan when he was placed with us by the Hastings Children's Aid Society in 2005. With the dedication and collaboration of Community Living

Belleville and Area and Counselling Services of Belleville and District, Donevan was supported through a two-year residential assessment and treatment program that encouraged and supported him with finding ways to manage the challenges of his severe Autism Spectrum Disorder.

After two years of intensive support in the Treatment Program, Donevan was placed with an Associate Family, Tammy and Kevin. With the love and support of

his new family, our organization and the Hastings Children's Aid Society, and his incredible support team, Donevan is happy and able to embrace life while forging ahead with his personal goals.

This young man has worked very hard and continues to inspire those around him every day.

Bravo, Donevan!

*"The smile on Justice's face as he and Clovis take off down the street on another cycling adventure reminds us all of how the little things in life can sometimes be the most meaningful."*

Bonnie Perrigard,  
HCAS

## Freedom Ride for Justice

Justice has newfound freedom to explore his community! Justice is a young man who is challenged on a daily basis with Severe Autism Spectrum Disorder and Tourette's syndrome.

Community Living Belleville and Area first met Justice when he was 7 years old and was apprehended by the Hastings Children's Aid Society.

In 2005, Justice was placed in a residential assessment and treatment home with Community Living Belleville and Area. This program, in collaboration with Counselling Services of Belleville and District, assisted Justice with finding ways to best manage

the daily challenges of his Autism, learning ways to communicate and developing daily life skills in hopes that he could someday enjoy life as other kids do.

In 2007, after two years in the assessment and treatment program, Justice was placed with an Associate Family – Robin, Grant and son Clovis. Justice now thrives with a full life of family, school and community involvement.

One of the things that Justice enjoyed was being out with his family riding in a buggy behind a bicycle pedaled by his foster mother Robin. As Justice grew too big for the buggy, and managing the task of pedaling a bike on his own proved difficult, the family had to explore other options.

Meg McQueen, Occupational Therapist with the Queen's University Developmental Disability Consulting Program, provided the family with information about three wheel bikes. After Robin researched the possibilities, and with financial support from Community Living Belleville and Area, the Hastings Children's Aid

Society and a contribution from Robin and Grant, Justice was able to get his new trike this summer. This two-seated trike allows Justice the freedom to explore his community and the continued enjoyment of the biking experience, along with the comfort and security of having a friend beside him.

With the love of his foster family and an incredible support team, inspiring possibilities came to life for Justice!

Bonnie Perrigard of the Hastings Children's Aid Society said it best when she said:

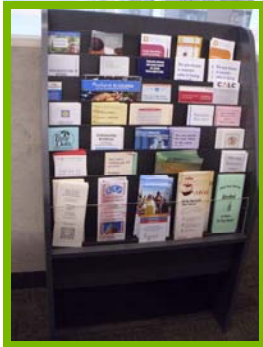
*"The smile on Justice's face as he and Clovis take off down the street on another cycling adventure reminds us all of how the little things in life can sometimes be the most meaningful."*



Justice,  
Freedom Rider



## Thank you, Union Gas and The Spectra Energy Company!



**With a generous grant from Union Gas and The Spectra Energy Company, we donated two literature display stands to the Belleville Public Library**

Union Gas and The Spectra Energy Company take seriously their corporate responsibility to contribute to the quality of life in the 400 communities they serve.

This year, we were once again chosen as a recipient of a community relations grant from our friends at Union Gas and The Spectra Energy Company. The grant's principal requirement is that the money be used to "strengthen our community."

Last year, with grant money from Union Gas and The Spectra Energy Company, we purchased and installed a "Dogipot Pet Station" at the entrance to the Quinte Dog Park, which was very well received!

This year, we looked for another place in the community that is frequently used and that could benefit in some way. We chose the Belleville Public Library and they were grateful to receive two new literature display stands.

One of the stands is located on the third floor, near the John M. Parrott Art Gallery, and it contains contact information for various artists and other art-related information.

The second display is presently on the second floor and is filled with literature, brochures and pamphlets from agencies and organizations within our community.

Our hope is to eventually relocate the second display stand to the library's main floor and ensure that a few brochures are added that describe the developmental services offered in our community.

A person (or persons) we support will be responsible for ensuring that these display stands are kept up to date and well stocked.

## Thank you, Marshman Jewellers!

This year marks the 60th "Diamond" Anniversary of Community Living Belleville and Area.

We felt it was important to celebrate 60 years of inspiring possibilities, with great pride. Much thought went into the planning of a special day of celebration. Since it was to be a diamond anniversary, it made sense to incorporate something diamond-related.

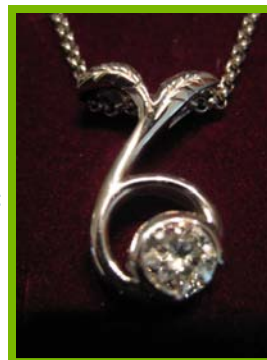
We were extremely fortunate to receive a donation from Karol Marshman of Marshman Jewellers. Karol designed a one-of-a-kind diamond pendant to be raffled as a fundraiser.

Karol's generous donation generated nearly \$4,000 which went directly into our Outcomes Support Fund for people supported.

This is a fund established by our Board of Governors to provide people who are in receipt of ODSP with financial assistance so that they can achieve their personal outcomes and realize their dreams and aspirations. We know that there are many people on ODSP who generally do not have enough money to pursue their life goals and sometimes may not even be able to afford purchases that would add to their overall quality of life.

The draw for the pendant was held at our 60th Anniversary Open House on Friday, September 16th and the lucky winner was Robyn Witney!

**This one-of-a-kind pendant featured a sparkling Canadian .60 ct diamond set in 14k white gold, with a retail value of \$3,000**



**Karol Marshman (right) presents her custom-designed 60th Anniversary Diamond Pendant to raffle winner Robyn Witney**



**Theresa Somerton (forefront) and Keith Powell** brought greetings from Community Living Ontario

## 60 Years of Inspiring Possibilities

The theme of the celebratory portion of our June 2011 AGM was “60 Years of Inspiring Possibilities”. This theme was chosen to tie in both our 60th Anniversary and our change of name from Plainfield Community Homes to Community Living Belleville and Area. The event brought together our Board of Governors, management and staff, people we support, families, friends and several dignitaries in a celebration of these two historic events.

Congratulatory certificates and written greetings were received from Prime Minister Stephen Harper, MP Darryl Kramp, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty and Minister of Community and Social Services Madeleine Meilleur.

On hand to offer their congratulations in person were Prince Edward-Hastings MPP Leona Dombrowsky, Mayor Neil Ellis (Belleville) and Mayor John Williams (Quinte West).

Also present, with greetings from Community Living Ontario were Keith Powell, Executive Director, and Theresa Somerton, Regional Director.

The day’s events ended on an inspiring note, with a presentation by special guest speaker, Dr. Michael Kendrick.

Finally, everyone enjoyed a lovely wine and cheese reception sponsored by our friends at the OT Group.

## HR News

### Employee Recognition Program

This year Community Living Belleville is implementing an Employee Recognition Program which has been designed to recognize the service and dedication of many of our employees. At various levels of tenure within the organization, staff members will be recognized for their service and dedication in a variety of ways. As part of our new Employee Recognition Program, we will be introducing our own Quarter Century Club for those employees who have reached the major milestone of 25 years of dedicated service. It is truly astounding to realize that we currently have eighteen (18) employees with 25 years’ of service. We will be honoring these employees in the early part of 2012 with our first Annual Quarter Century Club Event. At this time, these employees will receive a 25-year pin in recognition of their service and will be invited to this event on an annual basis.

### Management Training Program

We are also pleased to be rolling out our new Management Training Program. We will be seeking expressions of interest from our direct care staff, who may be interested in participating in this program in the near future. As an organization, we recognize that succession planning and human resource risk management are critical aspects of a progressive and viable organization. It is to this end that this program has been developed. A training guide has been developed to assist in the training process and to help ensure consistency across the organization, whenever possible. It is hoped that we will be able to recruit enthusiastic and career-oriented members of our direct support staff to join our program.

### Desjardins Financial Services

We are pleased to welcome Desjardins Financial Services to Community Living Belleville and Area as the provider of our employee health and welfare plans. The transition to Desjardins became effective on October 1, 2011. Our employees will enjoy the same quality benefit program and will now have the convenience of a pay direct drug card which eliminates the necessity for paper submission of drug claims. Online access for claims tracking and direct deposit services are also available. There is a myriad of useful information available on the Desjardins website ([www.dfs.ca](http://www.dfs.ca)) for researching various health-related issues.

# Membership Application

Community Living Belleville and Area is looking for community members who support the Mission and Vision of our organization. If you would like to become a member, please complete this form.

## Membership Fee

Please note that membership is FREE for the remainder of this 2011-12 Fiscal Year. The next Membership Year begins on April 1, 2012 and ends on March 31, 2013. In order to be eligible to vote at our June 2012 Annual General meeting, your membership must be purchased by April 1, 2012.

- \$20.00 General Membership (1 vote)
- \$20.00 Associate Membership (no vote)

## Your active annual membership entitles you to:

- ◆ Membership in Community Living Ontario, a provincial federation of more than 12,000 individuals who have an intellectual disability, families, volunteers, concerned citizens and organizations;
- ◆ Community Living Belleville and Area newsletters and mailings;
- ◆ Notice of Annual General Meetings in June; and
- ◆ The right to vote at the Annual General Meeting (General Membership).

## To be a voting member, you must:

- ◆ Be at least 18 years of age;
- ◆ Support the Mission and Vision of Community Living Belleville and Area;
- ◆ NOT be an employee or former employee of Community Living Belleville and Area or a spouse thereof;
- ◆ Pay the annual membership fee.

Name:				
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City/Province:		Postal Code		Phone
E-Mail:				

Community Living Belleville and Area does not share its membership list with any outside source.

If you consent to have Community Living Belleville and Area share your contact information on mailing lists provided to Community Living Ontario and the Canadian Association for Community Living, please check here:

## Payment Options

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belonging

## Our Vision

Community Living Belleville and Area envisions a community where everyone belongs and all people are valued and respected as participating and contributing members.

inclusion

## Our Mission

Community Living Belleville and Area exists to provide quality supports to people with intellectual disabilities and to facilitate their full inclusion in community life. Community Living Belleville and Area is also mandated to educate the larger community and to advocate wherever necessary on behalf of people with intellectual disabilities and their families.

independence

dignity

respect

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