



NEWSLETTER

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SPECIALIZED SERVICES

The Association is proud to announce that it will be opening a new home in May 2006.

The new home is classified as a specialized service and will provide short-term assessment and support for individuals with a dual-diagnosis (developmental disability, and a mental health condition) or exceptionally challenging behaviour.

This new home will be located in Burketon, which is just south of Blackstock in Durham region.

The home will provide specialized supports, assessment and treatment for any individual throughout Central East region who requires it. The goal of the home is to assist families and agencies to support individuals effectively in the community and will only accept short-term admissions when other community resource have exhausted their capacity to intervene.

Our treatment is holistic and is referred to as a “biopsychosocial” model which infers a complete person approach to individuals. Through proper assessment, appropriate treatment plans can be developed, and plans to support the individual back in the community can be implemented more effectively.

We will be the second such Assessment and Treatment home in Central East region and will work closely with our sister service “Pineview” which is operated by Huronia ACL.

Mira Wesolowski has been hired as the Program coordinator and the house professionals who will work in the home commenced their new duties on April 18/06. For more information please contact Mira at the Association.



50th ANNIVERSARY

Our Association celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 2006 and a gala event has been scheduled for June 2nd at Deer Creek. This formal event will celebrate 50 years of exceptional service to the community by our Association. Photos and memorabilia are being sought to help guests take a stroll down memory lane during the event.

Please contact Sue Taylor at (905) 683-6732 if you have any pictures or items that we can display for the event. For ticket information, please contact Janys Tavares at (905) 427-3300.

SUMMER VACATION FUND

The Board would like to remind all Association members that there is a vacation fund that is controlled by the Board to assist supported individuals to go on holiday. Requests for vacation assistance through this fund (\$200.00 annually) can be made by contacting Sandy at (905) 427-3300 ext. 236 who will provide you with a request form to complete and forward to the Board.

Appetite For Awareness Campaign

The Association will be hosting our 3rd annual "Appetite" campaign to promote the interests and the value of the many individuals we support in our community. Every year this initiative, under the direction of Bernie Cork, targets new business and community groups to be introduced to our Vision, Mission and purpose. Supported individuals coordinate and deliver lunch

and "awareness" packages to the various groups thereby increasing the level of general awareness that the community has about our agency. Feedback from prior years has been very positive and we are looking forward to another great event. This year's event will take place on Wednesday, May 17th.

NEW MINISTER OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Our Ministry has just lost the very capable and energetic Sandra Pupatello in a cabinet shuffle necessitated by the resignation of Gerard Kennedy who is seeking the Federal Liberal leadership. Our new Minister will be Dr. Madeleine Meilleur from Ottawa. We are hopeful that the new Minister will demonstrate as much support for our sector as did Minister Pupatello who will be the new Minister of Education.



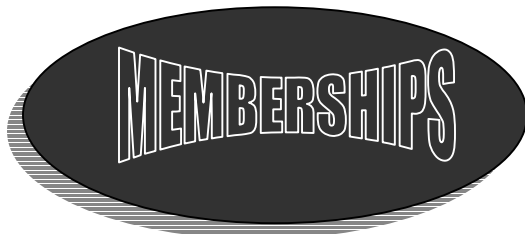
BLUE JAYS DAY

Community Living Ontario has arranged for a special Community Living Day at their Sunday, May 28th game against the World Series Champion Chicago White Sox. Special ticket prices have been made available for all interested Community Living agencies and their members. For those who have not yet obtained tickets for the game, they can be purchased individually or in groups by contacting Community Living Ontario at 416-447-4348 or the Blue Jays at 416-341-1188.

MENTAL HEALTH SECONDMENT

Our Association is pleased to report that through a partnership agreement with Durham Mental Health, we have the services of one of their case workers, Mrs. Paula Banting who works out of Emperor Street every Thursday. Paula has been busy getting to know our organization and getting out to visit all our program sites and group homes. Paula is available to consult with Association families regarding any family member receiving support through our agency. Please feel free to speak with Paula by contacting her at 905-427-3300.

Thank you Durham Mental Health for your support and welcome Paula!



CLAPW invites all interested individuals to renew their Association membership or to join the Association as new members. To assist you in this regard, a membership form is included in this mail-out.

Membership in the association entitles you to attend General and Annual membership meetings and vote on matters affecting the Association. Membership also provides individuals with an opportunity to have a voice in Association business, and influence the direction that the Association will take in the future. "Membership has its rewards!"

COMMUNITY LIVING DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE

The Ontario Legislature has designated May 10, 2006 as Community Living Day at the Legislature. As such Community Living will be recognized by MPP's at 1:30 pm followed by a reception at 4:00 pm.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

The Association has strategically realigned roles and responsibilities within the Association in an effort to aggressively pursue new opportunities for development and to improve the quality of our services and operations. Ms. Candy Bridgman will shift from her role as Director of Vocational Services to Director of Projects, and new structures have been established to standardize reporting. Your Association remains committed to continuous quality improvement.

DANCE

To be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, 111 Hunt St., Ajax

DATE: June 22/06

TIME: 7 – 10 PM

THEME: Beach Dance

COST: \$6.00

Tickets available at Arc Industries

D.J.

EULOGY FOR STEVE CSABA
MAY 6, 1929 – FEBRUARY 19, 2006

Those who knew Steve, knew that some things were very important to him.

People were important to him. Anyone who has seen him stride across a room with his hand outstretched in greeting, eager to say hello and ask about family members etc. knew that he was a sociable man. It was always interesting to see the surprised look on the face of someone who has only met Steve once, and that maybe a few months previous, to hear him call their name and ask after their health. Steve had a prodigious memory.

He loved his pipe. When we picture Steve, it is always with his pipe. People who had not seen Steve for years would ask “Does he still smoke his Pipe?” and seemed pleased to know that he did, and that something had not changed.

Most of all, Steve loved his family. Elizabeth and Edie, Leslie and Sheri and their children. He also loved his brother Gabe and sister Elizabeth. They were the rock in his life, unchanging and steadfast.

This fact was once brought home to me by Steve himself. I had accompanied him to have his hair cut. He was sitting in the chair and a pleasant young lady was cutting his hair. As usual there was lots of conversation. Somehow they got talking about food and Steve began to tell her about Ena and her cooking and describing his favourite meals. They moved from that to Easter which was coming up soon, and she asked him if he was going anywhere for Easter. “Oh yes,” he said. “I will be going to Elizabeth’s.” She asked who Elizabeth was and he told her that she was his niece. “Oh”, she said, “Then you won’t be home with Ena?” “Oh no” Steve explained, “Ena is where I live, Elizabeth is home.”

And that is how it was for Steve. Ena was where he lived, but Elizabeth and by this, he included Leslie and Sheri and Sheri and Edie and the children, as well as his brother and sister. Well, they were home.

So I know that Steve will be pleased that we are all here. His ‘home’, family and his adopted friends to say farewell and say that we all loved him and will never forget him.

Farewell Steve.

Prepared by the staff of the Kirby Home

THERAPEUTIC GARDEN

The Board has recently given our management team approval to develop the grounds around our Emperor St. site into a Therapeutic-Sensory garden.

This concept was brought to the Association by Henry Kortekaas and Associates, Landscape

Architects. Mr Henry Kortekaas has produced an exceptional drawing / plan for the development of our grounds and the Association also sought and received community feedback on this project. Please see the attached drawing at the back of this issue for a preview of what our grounds will hopefully become.

The goal is to have the grounds redeveloped in stages with a completion date set for the fall of 2007. This initiative will be made possible solely through donations that we hope to obtain to assist us. Anyone with an interest in helping make this project a reality is invited to contact the Executive Director. Your ideas on this project are also very welcome



The Association would be pleased to consult with families who are looking for some social, leisure and recreational opportunities for their supported loved ones to participate in over the summer.

Please contact Program Supervisor Wendy Holliday at 905-427-3300 ext. 228 for more information.

INTERESTING SITES

Please visit these websites for useful information

www.centraleast.info

www.cl-apw.org

www.life-trust.com

www.communitylivingontario.ca

www.oasionline.ca



CLAPW hosted a meeting with MCSS in March on behalf of promoting the interests of Durham Region ACL's. MCSS Program Supervisor April Cote is pictured second from left. Our Board President Bill Girling is pictured 3rd from left. MCSS Central East Director Mr. John Wilson is pictured 6th from left. Board member Marino Ferrovicchio and CLAPW Executive Director Paul Rosebush stand behind Mr Wilson



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to spring! I am pleased to greet our membership as we celebrate our 50th anniversary as an Association. Established in 1956, our Association has evolved to become a leader in the community representing and supporting the interests of developmentally disabled individuals throughout Pickering, Ajax and Whitby.

Our primary celebration event will occur on June 2nd, 2006 at Deer Creek Golf and Country Club. This event will help our Association thank the community for their enduring support as well as celebrate this remarkable milestone. In September we will also host a corn roast to share our celebration with the wider community. I hope you will plan to join us.

The Board recently bid farewell to John Kaczynski who stepped down to obtain a supervisory position with the Association. John has been a remarkable champion for the Association and we are fortunate that he will stay involved in a meaningful way with CLAPW. In his place the Board welcomes Ms. Anne Johannisse to fill John's vacancy. Ms. Johannisse brings experience, enthusiasm and poise to the Board. Welcome Anne!

As this newsletter goes to press, we still have not yet received a breakdown from the government on the 80 million dollars allocated to our sector in the recent provincial budget. We are hopeful that it will address wages, infrastructure and increasing capacity in our programs. We anxiously await good news and are optimistic about this new funding.

Sadly our Association lost a good friend recently when long time resident Steve Csaba passed away in late February. There is a beautiful eulogy in this newsletter that was prepared by the staff at our Kirby residence to recognize Steve's gifts and the impact he had on many lives.

Your Association remains committed to providing the highest quality services and supports in the province. With your support and feedback we can get there!