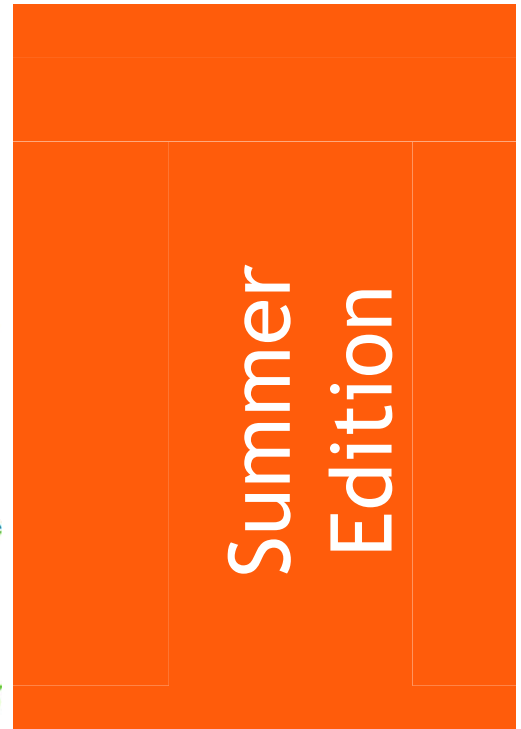




Inspiring Possibilities



Inspirant des possibilités



2013

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“Yo!!” Foundations and VMC is making a difference

The Yo! Mobile started as a dream for Mario Dussault, but after several years of reflection Mario put his dream into action. The Yo! Mobile is a converted bus where a group of

program was able to deliver a SUV full of food, cups, utensils, blankets, hats & mitts along with a \$100.00 donation on behalf of a local company Ringers Heavy Equipment Parts.

Mario, was not only surprised with our donations but also at the fact that we delivered the donations during one of Timmins’ biggest snowstorms. As the donations were being hosted at the Vic Mahoney Program, they were asked to attend to drop off the items. They were excited to see the inside of the bus, and learn about giving back to the community. Way to go Foundations!!



people that cares about the needs of people in Timmins give their time and distribute food and clothing to those that want their help. It is interesting and surprising to know how many are on the streets of Timmins and are sleeping in back alleys during the night.

Hearing of this great cause the Foundations program decided that this was a great group to help out and held a drive to make a donation to this very needy cause.

With participation from other agency programs and the community, the Foundations



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Family Literacy Day

For the last two years, Public Education Committee has been proud to recognize Family Literacy Day in January.

Family Literacy Day is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada in 1999 and held annually on January 27 to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development and Community Living Timmins is proud to recognize this and work with different agencies to help achieve this.

For this special day members of the committee volunteer at different locations where our Children's Services team work out of. This year Kathy Farrell, Andrew Finnerty, and RoxAnne Cote attended the YMCA day program and read to the children for a few hours. After all the reading was done and all had a great time, a donation was made of a



set of books to the program so the children can continue to enjoy the gift that is reading.

The committee members in attendance love participating in this event and look forward to each year. We cannot wait for next year for this event so that we can see more of the smiling faces at the end of each book. Thank you for all attended and we look forward to the event next year.

READING FOR GREAT CAUSE

(Above) P.E. member RoxAnne reads from a book to children at the YMCA program. Looking on is fellow member Andrew, children and staff of YMCA

Who stole the flag

United Way fund raiser

During the month of October we ran a fund raising event where a member of management "borrowed" the Community Living Flag from the flagpole at the main office.

After a month of investigation our top notch detective unit (the people we support) discovered who it was that stole the flag. They went door to door, tried every trick they knew (they told all management that they knew it was them so pay for your silence, which they received \$20) but in the end Detective Tammy discovered it was the Quality Enhancement Coordinator Brenda Beaudoin that borrowed the flag.

Brenda - I never thought that I would be caught..... I was set up! I started that note

before I went on holiday's but it was in a locked drawer and I had the only key. You know what though, I don't regret anything, for that month I was walking on the wild side and it really did fit my costume. Who helped me you ask? I am sworn to secrecy but I will give you a hint.... it was a member of management!! Now try to figure that one out HA!!

After this vital discovery it was decided by all present that Brenda will be sentenced to 5 minutes in Community Living Jail and will have the Community Living participants watching her very closely to ensure that she is not able to "borrow" the flag again.

For this event we were able to raise over \$100 that was donated to United Way.



Wii Celebrate

by Public Education Committee.



Face Painting Area

The lineups were long and everyone was excited as the best two face painters in town worked their magic.



Dance Competition

Competition was fierce as a dancing competition was held all day to determine who had the best moves. The game could incorporate up to four people at any time to dance to a bunch of modern music and some classics like Michael Jackson.

FAST FACTS

15.5%

Approximately 1.85 million people in Ontario have disabilities, representing 15.5% of Ontario's population

19.3%

9.9% of adults with disabilities have a total income of \$60000 or more, compared to 19.3% of non-disabled individuals

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more please visit AODA at:

<http://www.ontario.ca/AccessON>

During the spring of 2012, the Public Education Committee sat together to come up a unique campaign to create public awareness.

As we brainstormed many ideas were tossed around such as curling, a yard sale, a generic fundraiser. The consensus was we needed something that people would remember and something that was unique. Out of this, Wii Celebrate was born.

Wii Celebrate

What started off as an inside activity day grew and became a fun day. On May 12th 2012, our dream activity came true.

For the event we had 7 Wii consoles (notice the play on words in the event title) a Xbox Kinect and many activities outside. Inside we had a Mario Kart tournament, a Wii bowling tournament, and a dance completion. Outside the building we had Alpaca's from Matheson, a fish pond, hula-hoops, bean bag tossing, cotton candy, popcorn, face painting, and of course a BBQ.

When the event was completed we tallied up our findings and were proud to announce that we had between 200 and 250 people that attended the event.

Public Education Committee would like to thank everyone that participated in the event and for the volunteers as this would not have happened without their support.

(Below) Johanne our Executive Directors gets to meet one of the wonderful Alpaca's that came to visit us from Dream Acres in Matheson.



Celebrating Years of Working

by SES team



CELEBRATING YEARS OF SERVICE

Kevin proudly standing in his work area at the South Porcupine Police Detachment

Last year Supported Employment Services (SES) was proud to witness the celebration of an individual supported at the South Porcupine Police Detachment.

Kevin started working for the location in 1999 and his colleagues decided that this was worth recognizing. In a full press conference Kevin revealed that he works on Tuesdays and Thursdays and cleans approximately 2-3 cars a shift. When we did the math, this meant that Kevin has cleaned just shy of 4000 cars over the years.

One of the duty officers proudly stated "if you see a car that is gleaming and driving around town, that car has been cleaned by Kevin."

Way to go Kevin!!



CELEBRATING YEARS OF SERVICE

Ashley proudly standing in his work area at the South Porcupine Metro

Ashley Keizer celebrated 16 years of service working at the Metro store in South Porcupine. Ashley is currently working in the produce department and has been a long term employee holding many positions at the store location.

In attendance for the celebration for Ashley was his family, his family home provider, co-workers, and the SES team.

Way to go Ashley!!!!



Children's Services



to Junior Kindergarten. This was the case with four of the children this year. Noah, Sebastien, Emile, and Logan will be heading off to various schools in September where the Resource teachers will transition them. Continuing in the program will be Austin, Aiden, Joshua, Destiny, Mathieu, Abigail, Katie, and Orianna.

All the children were presented with a small gift from Children's Services to help begin their summer fun. The graduates donned cap and gowns to proudly receive their diplomas. The end of our time with the graduating children is always bittersweet. We certainly wish them all the best and have prepared them as well as we can, but we will miss seeing their smiling faces coming off of the bus in September. However, as another school

year comes to a close, we begin to look forward to new faces, new challenges, and many new successes in September!! The resource Teachers would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer!!

YEAR END CELEBRATION

by Children's Services Resource Teachers

As another school year comes to an end, the Children's Services Resource Teachers held their annual year end celebration. The party was very well attended this year, with over 30 parents, grandparents, and relatives filling the Vic Mahoney Centre to take part in the festivities. Even the supervisor, manager, and Executive Director stopped by to celebrate with us! A lot of fun was on the agenda and the children spent the morning bouncing around in the inflatable house, wiggling through a tunnel, coloring, playing, and doing crafts before a bbq lunch and cake were served.



Each year we must say goodbye to some children as they progress from our program

A POEM FROM MOTHER TO CHILD

by mother of child supported by Children's Services

Before we met, I walked a world,
 Couldn't see quite eye to eye,
 My mind held back ten thousand words,
 Like wind against the tide.
 You found a way to speak to me,
 You found your way inside,
 You called me out to play with you,
 You found me where I hide.
 I like to do the things you ask,
 I try so hard each day,
 I like it when you smile at me,
 I tells me I'm okay.
 You teach me not to be afraid,
 I watch you every day,
 Your face says you are brave and kind,
 And fear won't win today.
 You gave a gift I can't repay,
 You wrapped it gracefully,
 My mom says you reached in your heart,
 And gave me dignity.

Life at the VMC



Residential Life





Our Goal: That all people live in a state of dignity, share in all the elements of living in the community and have the opportunity to participate effectively.

Community Living Timmins Intégration Communautaire provides services and supports to over 200 individuals with an intellectual disability and their families, throughout Timmins. Founded in 1955 by a group of parents concerned with the lack of services available locally, their first endeavour was to establish a school for children. Since then, Community Living Timmins Intégration Communautaire has grown to provide a variety of services and supports including:

- Five group homes, which strive to accommodate the variety of individual needs presented by the people who live there.
- Supported Independent Living, supporting people to live on their own in the community.
- Vic Mahoney Centre (VMC) Day Program, a place where people can experience a variety of options and learn new skills.
- Supported Employment Services, helping people to find jobs in the community.
- Integrated Day Care, assisting preschool children to learn and interact with others.
- Advocacy Support, for people who occasionally need a helping hand.
- Foundations Program for Transitional Aged Youth, support individuals' transition from school to meaningful adult life in the community.

Some interesting facts about Community Living Timmins Intégration Communautaire

- We are a non-profit, charitable organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.
- Our services are subsidized by the Government of Ontario through the Ministry of Community and Social Services, the Ministry of Housing and the District Social Services Administration Board
- Other sources of revenue include donations and Nevada and Bingo Fundraising.
- We are a proud member of Cochrane-Timiskaming United Way Agency.
- Community Living Timmins employs over 100 full-time, part-time and casual staff.
- Our projected operating budget this year will be approximately 3.8 million.
- Over half of our employees have been with us for over 10 years.
- Community Living Timmins is affiliated with Community Living Ontario and its membership of over 100 local Community Living organizations, and with the Canadian Association for Community Living.



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