

COMMUNICATOR

Community Living Georgina

*Providing supports and services to people with a developmental disability
in the community of Georgina for forty years.*



Member Agency of the
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Summer 2013

Making A Difference



Individuals attending the Keswick Program have proven you really can make a difference. Approached by organizers from the church in Roches Point, they were asked to volunteer their sewing skills to make 100 bags so that the church could provide gifts to an orphanage in Kenya. The program used donated materials

and also contributed some craft items they had been working on. Program participants Ruth Stickwood and Carolyn Pacione (pictured left with Lisa Thompson), were primarily responsible for making the bags, but had assistance from Carrie Ng and Ken Yu as well. In one month, they produced 125 bags and extended an offer to make bags again next year. "This project was very close to our hearts and we were all happy to



work on it", said Lisa Thompson, support staff. As shown in a photo forwarded by Rebecca Margeson, church co-ordinator, the bags full of gifts were a welcomed surprise to the children at the orphanage. In a follow-up e-mail to the program, Rebecca writes, "Asante sana tena" (translated thank you again), for your help in putting big smiles on these beautiful faces.

DRAGON BOAT TEAM CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

It seems like yesterday, that Community Living Georgina embarked on this 10 year adventure. It started as an opportunity to raise funds and bring awareness to our Association in a unique and sports-related activity. The team, comprising of staff, family members, and people from the community has had many participants over the years. There is something exciting every year; from “Best Costume” to “Highest Funds Raised” to “Exceptional Race Results”. This recreational team has proven it has what it takes



to compete with the best. In recent years, Community Living Georgina has welcomed the support of the Georgina Dragon Boat club. This partnership has provided us with an opportunity to

practice on a weekly basis utilizing their boat on Lake Simcoe and members have volunteered their time to coach and provide steering to our team. Our race this year took place on Saturday August 24th at the Barrie Dragon Boat Festival. The team placed in “Gold Division” and missed winning their final race by a mere second. The team raised \$2,368.00 in support of people at Community Living Georgina, bringing the ten year total to \$44,525.00. Congratulations!

SCAVENGER HUNT PROVES COMPETITIVE

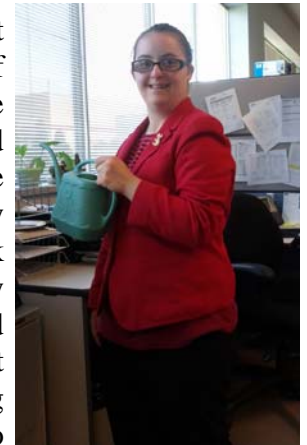


In June, programs from Community Living Georgina participated in it's Annual Scavenger Hunt. Keswick Program participants Ruth Stickwood commented “My team

was called the pink ladies. We were lucky enough to find a frog. My favourite part of the scavenger hunt was the music after lunch.” Glenn Woods said, “I liked finding the ribbons”. Pictured left, Becky Reddy and Jennifer Bond race back to their team vehicle to continue their adventure. All participants enjoyed the day and took in sights from all parts of the community.

BEST WISHES WE'LL MISS YOU

Robyn Dalton, pictured right completed her last day of volunteer work at the Preschool Speech and Language Program (the Keswick branch of Family and Children Services, York Region). She will be greatly missed by all the staff and all of her friends at Community Living Georgina. Robyn is on to new adventures starting with her trip to Calgary in June to visit family and then a move to Port Hope in July. All the best to you Robyn, you will be missed!



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CAMP "HOPING" IT WILL NEVER END



Camp Hope wrapped up its fifth year at Eaglewood and we said goodbye for another season. This year, Camp Hope welcomed five new staff: Nancy, Taylor, Curtis, Kyle, and Kirsten. We were very fortunate to have Julie return for a fourth year. The staff was amazing and brought a wealth of enthusiasm. Camp Hope was able to provide 33 campers with 121 weeks of camp. The campers and staff work hard through the year to raise money to help keep costs and camp fees to a minimum. At Camp Hope's dance-a-thon, over \$3,000.00 dollars was raised, another \$130.00 through the penny drive and \$68.00 in Canadian Tire money helped us buy new bike helmets. "WAY TO GO TEAM", and a big thank you to those who donated. Over the summer, friendships were re-kindled and new ones were formed. Camp Hope went on weekly outings and campers learned from our trip to Mirvisch's "Wizard of Oz" that there is no place like home and feel that Camp Hope is their summer home. From Medieval times they learned about honor and chivalry. At Wild Water Kingdom they had fun in the sun and spent time with friends. The CN tower allowed participants to experience Canada's largest city from its highest point. Nova's Ark showed us that all life is valuable from the smallest creature to the largest. At the Roc, campers learned team work, trust, and a realization that you don't need wings to fly. Famous People Players showed everyone they have star quality and the trip to the mall provided a great shopping opportunity with friends. Overall campers had a blast!! At Eaglewood campers enjoyed crafts, swimming, boating, fishing, talent shows, nature hikes, treasure hunting, bike riding, sports of all sorts, dancing, and so much more. As I reflect over the past five years I am amazed to watch the campers grow into wonderful young adults who are full of compassion, love, friendship, talent, energy, and so much more. It is our honor and privilege to get to spend our summer with these beautiful individuals who teach us more than we could ever teach them.

Submitted by Nicole Dunphy



UPCOMING EVENTS



The Board of Directors invites you to attend our
47th Annual General Dinner Meeting
Staff, Volunteer and Community Recognition
Featuring
"Special Olympics"
With Guest Speakers
Glenn MacDonell, President and CEO
Leanne Harding, Community Coordinator



Wednesday September 25, 2013
Royal Canadian Legion, Sutton

Doors open (5:30 pm) Cash Bar.
Meeting/Presentations (6:00 pm)
Dinner (Approx. 7:15 pm)

Tickets \$10.00 each

Please RSVP by September 16, 2013
to Patti at (905) 722-8947 Ext. 309

Fundamental to Special Olympics' success is the fact that "we treat our athletes as athletes", says MacDonell. In the words of Dr. Frank Hayden, the "Father" of Special Olympics: "It's not sport unless there is some risk. We expect effort, training and performance. As an organization we have really made it when we treat our athletes as equals". Glenn credits the growth and success of Special Olympics Ontario to effective team building and commitment to the cause.

COMMUNITY LIVING GEORGINA D.A.N.C.E. PRESENTS



OCTOBER 19, 2013

4:00 PM

(DOORS OPEN 3:30 PM)

STEPHEN LEACOCK THEATRE, KESWICK

TICKETS \$10.00 EACH

FEATURING PARTICIPANTS FROM COMMUNITY LIVING GEORGINA
AND STUDENTS OF SIMPLY DANCE

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COMMUNITY LIVING GEORGINA

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"I can't go back to yesterday because I was a different person then."

— Lewis Carroll, *Alice in Wonderland*



ANNUAL CRAFT & BAKE SALE

Georgina Ice Palace (Upper Level), Keswick

Saturday, November 9th

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Luncheon will be available

from 10am – 1pm

6' Rectangle Tables – \$30.00 each