

COMMUNICATOR

Community Living Georgina

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



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FOUNDATIONS MEAN BUSINESS WITH "BARKIN' BISCUITS"

Community Living Georgina's Foundations Program strives to provide opportunities in the community for young adults with a developmental disability in the areas of work, volunteerism, and recreation. A job, an active workplace, a social life and a paycheck make a remarkable difference in the lives of the people we support at Foundations. Our dog cookie business venture was born when we recognized that we needed to think outside the box when looking for employment opportunities. We are endeavoring to bring together talent, knowledge and abilities to assist young adults in operating a small business as partners. In November, Kirby Lynn Hannah and Robyn Dalton with the Foundations Program participated as a vendor in the annual craft sale held by Community Living at the Ice Palace in Keswick, selling gourmet dog cookies that the ladies made and packaged with the help of their staff. The sale was a great success and the ladies had their first real experience in the world of business. As part of this new initiative, a contest was held to name the new venture. The Program would like to thank everyone for all of the creative submissions they received. The choice was a



Kirby Lynn Hannah, Tara MacDonald and Robyn Dalton sell "Barkin Biscuits" at Annual Christmas Craft Sale .

difficult one to make; however, the final selection was "Barkin' Biscuits", submitted by Sarah Pegg. In March, "Barkin Biscuits" will be starting up again. We will not only be making our cookies, but also learning how to market and sell them in the community. Please help us make a difference. Stay tuned to find out how you can "buy" into our new business venture and help us provide a unique business experience for the people we support.

Time Flies...and We're Having Fun!



Dianne pictured above with her brother Michael

On Sunday February 6, 2011, family and friends gathered at the Egypt Hall to celebrate Dianne Beynon's 50th birthday. Everyone enjoyed the festivities, in particular the wonderful entertainment provided by Dianne's brother Michael. Best Wishes Dianne!



Sue Beardmore celebrates 30 years

On Friday February 18, 2011, co-workers and participants of the Skills Development Program joined Sue Beardmore to celebrate her 30 years of employment with Community Living Georgina. Congratulations Sue!

Partners in Support

In an effort to provide information that will assist and enhance the care of people with a developmental disability and to bring families together, Community Living Georgina's Family Care Program has developed "Partners in Support". The group was initiated for parents, caregivers, and friends; with meetings being held quarterly. The group hosts guest speakers, provides a forum to share ideas, information and resources, and provides an opportunity for networking. To date, there has been information provided on: the Registered Disability Savings Plan, Community Living Georgina's D.R.E.A.M.S process and use of Non-violent Crisis Intervention, and information on alternative funding options and processes presented through York Support Services Network. To learn more about upcoming topics visit our website at www.communitylivinggeorgina.com and look under upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you!

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Erin is proud of her tattoo for many rea-

Just "Believe"

... a dream realized for Erin Valin

Submitted by Erin Valin

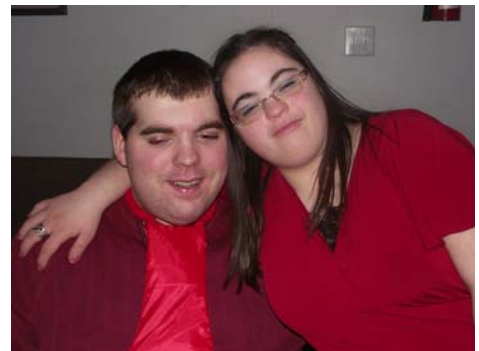
I've wanted a tattoo since I was about 16 or 17. I asked the staff who support me about the possibility of getting one. They told me I needed to find employment to be able to save for such an EXTREME WANT! In order to do so I first had to find a job. I was fortunate to find a janitorial position at Hospice Georgina in Sutton and also managed to find a few other odd cleaning jobs. In about 6 months I thought I would had enough for my tattoo. Even though I only worked 1 day a week I put that

towards my savings. I opened a savings account and banked all my earned money. Even though EVERYONE ENJOYS A GOOD COFFEE, I didn't spend one cent of my savings on coffee or take out food because I knew how badly I wanted my tattoo. Saving my money and not spending it was really hard. I did my research on what kind of tattoo I wanted. It came to me; cherubs with the word "BELIEVE" on the top of my left shoulder blade. I spoke with my team, family and

friends and they agreed that my choice of tattoo was a good choice. On August 12, 2010, my TATTOO DAY had arrived!! Hooray!! The hard work had paid off. I finally was sitting in a tattoo parlor waiting to have my tattoo started. I hope this story shows that if you want something bad enough then SAVE! SAVE! SAVE! It has been 6 months since I've gotten my tattoo and I'm still very proud of myself for accomplishing my goal. Just "Believe".

Friends of Hope

"Friends of Hope" is a newly formed social group focusing on individuals with developmental disabilities, between the ages of 14-24. The group meets once a month and provides an opportunity for youth to come together in a recreational setting; fostering new and old friendships in a safe and controlled environment. Community Living staff and volunteers host and run the evening. Student and adult volunteers have been crucial to this group's success. So far, the evenings have been a huge success. On Friday March 4th the evening will include a 1960's "Hippie" themed dance-a-thon with proceeds to support Camp Hope. Regular admission is \$3.00 per evening; however, the fee this month is waived for individuals with pledges. A completed personal information sheet and RSVP are a must for all events to ensure adequate support for those who attend. For more information on "Friends of Hope" contact Nicole Dunphy of the Family Care Program at (905) 722-8947 ext. 306.



Mark and Kayla sported red for the February 4th Valentine's Day dance

UPCOMING EVENTS

6th Annual Golf Tournament "FORE" Community Living



Monday June 6, 2011
The Briar's Golf & Country Club
1:00 pm "Shotgun Start"
\$150.00 per player
(Includes green fees, golf cart, dinner and tax
receipt for charitable portion of ticket)



TENTATIVE DATE
COMMUNITY LIVING GEORGINA'S
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2011
WATCH FOR DETAILS

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



OCTOBER 15, 2011
STEPHEN LEACOCK THEATRE, KESWICK
SHOWTIME AT 4:00 PM
TICKETS AVAILABLE IN SEPTEMBER!



DANCE-A-THON FUNDRAISER

Friday March 4, 2011
7:30–9:30 PM

FOR "FRIENDS OF HOPE"
SOCIAL NIGHT
ADULT DEVELOPMENT BUILDING, SUTTON
Proceeds from this Dance-A-Thon
to support Camp Hope

Monday March 7, 2011
7:00–9:00 PM

COFFEE HOUSE
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, SUTTON
Proceeds from this Dance-A-Thon
to support Coffee House
Recreation Program

"Let's
Take
a Step
Back
in Time...
Wear Your
Best
60's Attire"

