

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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She Will Be Missed, And Never Forgotten

Hope Thompson, a remarkable woman, brought so many things to her community. Her historic roots in Georgina a reminder to all that everything starts somewhere and its from there that all things grow. A well-educated woman, Hope spent many years as a teacher at Sutton Public School. This passion would not only prove rewarding to her but would later bring opportunity to so many. In the early 1960's Cliff and Hope Thompson became the proud parents of a lovely little boy named Danny who was charming, happy, and born with Down's Syndrome. In those days, parents of children with special needs were not encouraged to send them to school, but were told to cloister them away in an institution. Instead, as a



teacher herself and with a strong advocacy for her son, Hope decided that if the schools wouldn't enroll Danny, then perhaps they could start their own school. Hope soon discovered she was not alone. There were other families who wanted the same for their children who lived in the Town of Georgina. Together, they talked with community leaders, politicians and businessmen with a goal that was two-fold; open a new school and establish a local

Association. In 1966, this goal came to fruition with the school following shortly after in January 1967. Over the course of the next 46 years, the Board of Education took a more inclusive role in providing opportunities to children with disabilities and the Association has grown to support 150 individuals through residential, day and outreach programs. Hope's support never wavered; from her ongoing financial contributions, to her presence at Association events. Hope's advocacy has brought so much to so many and as Community Living continues to grow, may we never forget the dream that all parents hold; for a society that acknowledges inclusion for everyone.



Valued Community Partnership

Frank Fransizi proudly put on his uniform and went to work at Upper Canada Mall for the 2012 Christmas Season. He was hired again by Compass Canada, to work in the food court as a light duty cleaner. Frank worked at the mall last year and his manager Don Howell was happy to be able to provide employment for Frank for the second year in a row. Don says Frank does an excellent job, and is very courteous and polite with the customers. He also appreciates the fact that Frank is always on time, and very reliable. Frank has had some very positive feedback, and a few compliments from customers that have appreciated his service and attention to detail. Frank stated that he loved going to work every day and liked the people that he worked with. "My boss Don is great and I feel like I am an important part of the team! I really like it here." Congratulations Frank and way to go!! We are all very proud of the job you did. Thank you Compass Canada, and Don Howell, resident manager for Upper Canada Mall, for providing a valuable community partnership



Submitted by Tara MacDonald

Recreation Night Becomes a Weekly Event



The popularity of the Recreation Sports night has led to the activity becoming a weekly event. Community Living Georgina in partnership with the Town of Georgina, is excited that the event is providing opportunities for individuals to get together with peers and pursue physical fitness at the same time. The all-inclusive night is open to everyone and takes place at the Old Sutton Public School on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm. For more info contact Nicole at (905) 722-8947.

New Website Launches

Community Living Georgina will be launching it's **NEW WEBSITE** in the next few weeks. The new site will provide greater, and more easily accessible information to families, current information on events, and a stronger link to community through easily accessible downloadable forms and donation options. Check us out at:

www.communitylivinggeorgina.com



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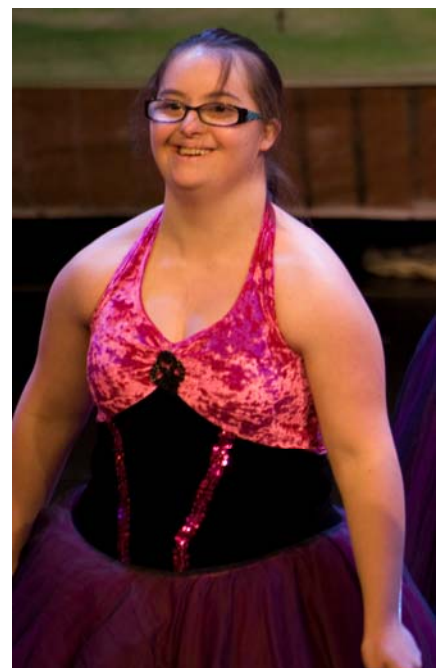
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Mary Poppins Takes the Stage

“In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun.”



On October 20, 2012, the Community Living D.A.N.C.E. Program brought their rendition of the ever popular “Mary Poppins” to the stage of the Stephen Leacock Theatre. With over 80 participants, and a nearly sold out show, the performance was “practically perfect in every way”. The D.A.N.C.E. Program was initiated in 2006 to provide individuals supported at Community Living an opportunity to learn dance individualized to their needs. Further to that, students of Simply Dance and many volunteers assist in bringing the final show together. “Never was there a more happier crew”. Every year the demand to participate increases, there’s something for everyone. Classes are once again underway working towards this year’s production of Alice in Wonderland; something you surely won’t want to miss. Be sure to get your tickets “Spit spot!”, they will be on sale in October.



UPCOMING EVENTS



2012 RAFFLE WINNERS

\$500.00 CASH

DORIS STRAIN, BEAVERTON

CHRISTMAS BASKET

CLIFF LEONARD, WILLOW BEACH

CHRISTMAS BASKET

MAGOO HARPLEY, PEPPERLAW

HANDMADE AFGHAN

WENDY MARTIN, OWEN SOUND

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED
WITH THIS FUNDRAISING EFFORT!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

PLEASE JOIN US IN SUPPORT

A Family Membership is

\$15.00

[less than .05 cents a day]

Membership provides an important link to the
community and to family members which
enhances the services for people we support.

For information or to get a
Membership Form please visit our website at
www.communitylivinggeorgina.com



GOLF TOURNAMENT "FORE" COMMUNITY LIVING

Monday June 3, 2013

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)

DANCE-A-THON FUNDRAISERS

Monday March 4, 2013

7:00–9:00 PM

COFFEE HOUSE

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, SUTTON

Proceeds from this Dance-A-Thon to
support Coffee House
Recreation Program

Friday March 22, 2013

7:30–9:00 PM

FOR "FRIENDS OF HOPE"
SOCIAL NIGHT

OLD SUTTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Proceeds from this Dance-A-Thon to
support Camp Hope

