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Where choices change the lives of people with an intellectual disability

### Fall 2014

## Our COMMUNITY gives back

With a mission that focuses on community inclusion, it is important for Community Living Toronto to align ourselves with donors and partners who share in the same corporate principles and values.

Which is why we were delighted, when this past summer, some of our corporate partners - including TELUS, RBC and BMO - decided to come out and help with a variety of chores. This included gardening, painting, and organizing rooms.

Volunteers from each organization were treated to a lunch at the residence in which they helped out, which provided them with a great opportunity to meet some of the individuals supported by Community Living Toronto and learn more about our Association.

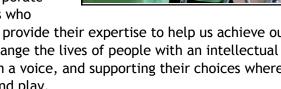
Meanwhile, close to 50 arborists from the Ontario Commercial Arborists Association (OCAA) paid a visit to Shadow Lake this summer to remove dead trees,

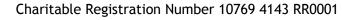
cut and stack firewood, and trim branches.

The clean-up came at a time when Shadow Lake was getting ready to open camp for the summer and trying to get rid of the damage that last winter's storm had caused.

We are incredibly lucky to have the support of many corporate

partners and individuals who sacrifice their time and provide their expertise to help us achieve our mission of helping us change the lives of people with an intellectual disability by giving them a voice, and supporting their choices where they live, learn, work and play.





## From the PRESIDENT & CEO



## Thank you!

Your commitment and compassion in helping support individuals with an intellectual disability is nothing short of outstanding and we are truly grateful for all of your contributions.

On the following pages of this edition of Donor Dollars in Action, you can read about the impact you have made on people Community Living Toronto supports.

The Choices that can Change Lives Fund helps make dreams come true. You can read about how it

contributed to a wonderful getaway for two families and their children.

Our corporate partners, vendors and suppliers continue to impress. Whether it's donating time or goods to our group homes and Annual Picnic, or presenting our Shadow Lake Centre with a golf-cart, your spirit of giving is truly humbling.

Your donations — whether they are large or small — are very important and make a difference.

With your support, individuals with an intellectual disability are being afforded more opportunities to live happy and fulfilling lives in their community.

Thank you for your continued support.

**David Layton** President

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Community Living Toronto changes the lives of people with an intellectual disability by giving them a voice, and supporting their choices where they live, learn, work and play.

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Prizes galore at a fun-filled Annual Picnic.

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This year, through your generosity more than \$1.3 million was raised to provide additional programs and services not covered by government funding.

## The Fundraising Picture

Total Revenue Fiscal 2013-14 \$1,352,431

Direct Fund Raising Expense \$211,239

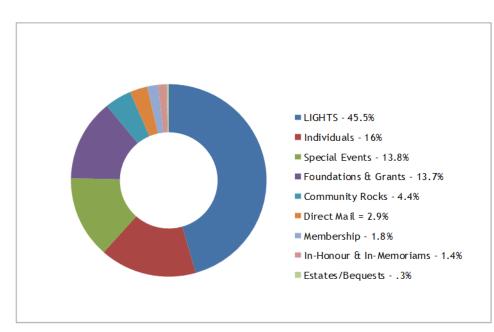
Net Revenue \$1,141,192

% Expenses to Fundraising Revenue 15.62%

For every dollar donated this past year, 0.85 cents went directly to provide additional supports for individuals with an intellectual disability and their families.



## **Sources of Fundraising Revenue**



Because of you, youth and young adults have been provided with training and employment opportunities; many of the individuals living in our residences have benefited from new equipment, renovations and additional recreational activities; individuals and their families were treated to experiences of a lifetime, and even more individuals were able to attend Shadow Lake Camp.

And, there's so much more that we've been able to do because of you!

### **Accountability**

Community Living Toronto is a member of Imagine Canada and adheres to the Ethical Fundraising and Accountability Code. As members of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), we also uphold the Donor Bill of Rights as endorsed by the AFP.

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# Making Dreams COME TRUE

For some families taking a vacation, even somewhere as close as Niagara Falls, is a luxury and takes a lot of planning. Costs, as well as the ability to meet the needs of loved ones in a place where they feel safe and accepted, can be prohibitive.

This past year, the MacLellan and Ludwig/Davies families received a grant from the Choices that can Change Lives Fund which, with their own contributions, helped them enjoy a one-night's stay at Great Wolf Lodge in Niagara Falls.

Because of your generosity, both of these families where provided with much-needed respite and created some wonderful memories! Both families sent us photos and lovely notes, and we wanted to share them with you;



Caitlyn and Connor ready for a day at Great Wolf Lodge.

"I just wanted to take a few moments to thank you for your help getting the funding for our trip to Great Wolf Lodge. Connor and Caitlyn loved the waterpark! All in all, it was a terrific trip even though Mom didn't get any sleep as I worried about the kids getting out through the night! Even sleep deprived Mom loved seeing the kids have such a good time! Thank you so much to the donors and Community Living Toronto for making this trip possible."

- Melissa MacLellan

"Just want too say a big thank you for helping us get this trip sorted out. We all had a very nice time at Great Wolf Lodge. If it was not for you all helping us out with the funding, this trip would have not been possible. Stephanie and Nicole have been waiting for

about three years and we had lots of family fun!" - Hannah Davies

The Great Wolf Lodge in Niagara Falls is committed to eliminating barriers and improving accessibility for persons with disabilities. We are proud to have Great Wolf Lodge as a partner and sponsor of the Choices that can Change Lives Fund.



Sisters Nicole and Stephanie (l-r) enjoying themselves at Great Wolf



NIAGARA FALLS, CANADA

### **Choices Change Lives**

Your gift to the Choices that can Change Lives Fund has a direct impact on individuals and families. For more information contact Sylvie Labrosse 647.729.1180 or visit www.choiceschangelives.ca





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# **Creating ACCESSIBLE SPACES**

What comes to mind when you think about camp? Campfires and marshmallows? A great time with good friends? The serene view of the lake in the early morning?

One of the things that probably doesn't come directly to mind is accessibility. For Gary Ouellette, Director of Shadow Lake Centre, Community Living Toronto's year-round recreational facility in Stouffville, accessibility is high on the agenda.

With wheelchair ramps, accessible cabins, dedicated support staff and a splash pad, people of all abilities are able to enjoy a great camp experience. But despite all this, there is always more to do - and accommodating the special needs of all of Shadow Lake Centre's guests requires significant investment.



Which is why we were delighted when our friends at KRG Children's Charitable Foundation donated \$2,500 to the camp this past January. The Foundation believes in the vision of Shadow Lake Centre and was pleased to hear their donation would go towards accessible picnic tables! These unique tables (pictured above) have two sides that are open for the ease of wheelchairs. They're so perfect for Shadow Lake Centre that Gary has ordered three!



## A Wonderful Surprise!

Imagine ordering a golf cart and then being told that it's "on the house"!

That's exactly what happened recently when one of Community Living Toronto's vendors dropped off a golf cart at Shadow Lake Centre, just in time for the summer camp season to begin.

As Camp Director Gary tells it, "I bought the cart for use around the camp and to help camp participants with mobility issues. When (our vendor) Ryan delivered it, he told me that he has been to Shadow Lake several times and each time he is here, he becomes more impressed with the work being done so he wanted to donate this cart to the camp."



What a wonderful surprise indeed! Thanks to donors like KRG Children's Charitable Foundation and Bennett Equipment Services we're building a fully inclusive camp experience at Shadow Lake Centre.

#### Shadow Lake Centre

Shadow Lake Centre has other accessibility projects ongoing (including accessible pathway development and cabin modernization). You can find out more about what else is happening at the centre by visiting www.shadowlakecentre.ca.



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## **Diverse COMMUNITIES**



Project partners from the Canadian Association of Muslims with Disabilities at the Reviving the Islamic Spirit Conference.

Thanks to a new \$115,100 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), Community Living Toronto has partnered with Developmental Services Toronto (DSTO) on an exciting two-year project that will help improve access to services for ethno-culturally diverse families.

Sue Lynch, Regional Executive Director at Community Living Toronto, said it will help increase the capacity of all 37 sector agencies to respond to diversity, as well as to improve access to developmental services through culturally-sensitive information, outreach and education delivery to diverse families; "Given the growing needs of culturally diverse families with children who have an intellectual disability, we are very thankful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for providing us with this grant."

Community Living Toronto has been engaged in diversity work for several years now. An earlier Trillium grant helped fund a dedicated resource (Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator) in 2011, leading to such gains as the creation of the training module on diversity, outreach to settlement agencies, the formation of many positive partnerships, presentations at conferences, and translation of key informational documents.

In 2013, a Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) grant enabled the DSTO *Improving Quality* subcommittee to approach Dr. Deborah Goodman from the Child Welfare Institute of the Children's Aid Society of Toronto to conduct a study measuring sector-wide diversity related capacity and practices. This study discovered that sector agencies were at different stages of formally integrating diversity into their organizational policies and practices, and that more support is needed to respond more effectively to cultural and linguistic diversity, thus helping to inform the next phase of DSTO's diversity work.

The Diversity initiative aims to address these barriers by developing culturally appropriate resources and education for sector staff. Culturally sensitive information sessions will also be provided at various community hubs and locations, using translated materials in languages such as Chinese, Farsi and Tamil, while drawing upon community partners who assist with presentations in multiple languages.

"We are proud that Community Living Toronto has taken on the challenge of significantly increasing the sector's responsiveness to newcomer and ethno-cultural groups," said Sue Lynch. "We are very excited about this next phase of our journey in diversity!"



### **Bridging Diversity**

Community Living Toronto aspires to create and maintain an environment that respects diverse traditions, heritages, experiences, ideas and perspectives where we live, learn, work and play. To find out more about our Bridging Diversity Initiative visit our website at www.cltoronto.ca/resources/bridging-diversity

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# A Light in Your COMMUNITY

Our innovative housing project LIGHTS continues to help individuals with an intellectual disability achieve independence by providing them with an opportunity to live in their own home with the support of their families, friends and caregivers.



Individual participants from the most recent STEPS workshop take time out of their busy schedule to say

Without partnerships, LIGHTS would not be able to provide top-tier support to ensure individuals who are ready to make this big step towards independence have the tools and supports they need.

Recently, a number of individuals engaged in LIGHTS participated in a 'STEPS to Independence' workshop.

This 10-week workshop, led by LIGHTS Facilitator Laura Starret and Masters of Social Work student Erin O'Rouke helped participants learn the skills needed to live on their

The workshop was so popular that it is currently being planned to run as one of the ongoing programs offered out of Community Living Toronto's Community Junction Hub.

STEPS to Independence workshops stem from a guidebook that provides an opportunity for individuals with an intellectual disability to see how prepared they are for semi-independent living. It provides a holistic tool to help someone with their goal of living independently with supports by starting the conversation, identifying current skills, determining skill areas for improvement (where more learning can happen), and next steps to focus on. For information on this fantastic tool, visit www.connectABILITY.ca

## LIGHTS networking events

Networking is key for individuals and families seeking information and to connect with others. A number of networking evenings are being planned for LIGHTS this year. Individuals and families curious about LIGHTS are welcome to attend.

The next LIGHTS networking evening will be held on September 10th at the Victoria Village Hub (1527 Victoria Park Ave., 2nd Floor). The evening will focus on a Parent Panel sharing their experience in creating a living arrangement for their family outside of their family home.

For more information, contact Laura Starret at lights@cltoronto.ca or 647.729.1156

### Filling the Gap

A gift to LIGHTS will help provide funding for those in need and seeking a home of their own. Visit our website at www.LIGHTS.to and make a gift today!



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# **Employment & Skills DEVELOPMENT**

# Ready. Set. Work.



Through the generosity of the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, Community Living Toronto was a recipient of a Youth Skills Connection—Community Stream grant. Funding from this grant will help assist youth with an intellectual disability between the ages of 15 to 29 who are living in Toronto and facing barriers to employment.

Pre-employment Skills Development is a very exciting project and has been very well received by individuals and families. Classroom Facilitator Mike Adair reports that things are moving forward quickly. The first of two summer classes began on June 10<sup>th</sup>, with a second session that began in mid-July. During class, job seekers study a variety of topics ranging from employment goal setting to problem solving to effective customer service techniques.

Once classes are finished, job seekers will be given an on-the-job training opportunity - matching their strengths and interests to the needs of various employers. Support will be provided for 20 weeks, and the ultimate goal for all participants is to gain employment at a competitive wage (minimum wage or higher).

When Mike asked some of the job seekers what they hope to gain from this experience, the class unanimously wished to rely less on government assistance (ODSP) and start earning money for themselves.



Project participants (l-r): Mareliza Cruz, Amelia Scheffe, Dana May and Jennee Brooks.

"They are eager to prove that they have a lot to offer employers, and are looking forward to begin planning for their future." said Mike Adair.

Jennee Brookes, a current job seeker in the project, says that she believes the class "helps people with disabilities to learn that they can achieve something more with their lives."

## **Opportunities**

There are many great things happening at Community Living Toronto where children, youth and adults with an intellectual disability and their families have the opportunity to become involved and take part in a variety of programs and be supported by many services. To find out more visit www.cltoronto.ca/supports-and-services

## Annual Picnic SUMMER FUN

Each June, Community Living Toronto hosts our Annual Picnic inviting staff, donors, members, volunteers, and community partners to join us. Beautiful weather ensured a record breaking turnout at this summer's picnic.

Resident DJ Paul Vandenberg had people dancing the afternoon away on the grounds of our Lawson location in Scarborough, but it was thanks to the generosity of donors and supporters that this year's event was such a great success.

The Seventh Heaven Event Catering team fired up the BBQ serving over 1,500 Sysco, M&M Meat Shops, Silverstein's Bakery, and Maple Lodge Farms Ltd. goodies to hungry picnic goers, while the refreshments tables kept everyone topped up thanks to a combined contribution of almost 2,000 treats from Kraft Canada, USANA Health Sciences Inc., Au'some, and juice from McDonalds.

In addition, picnic goers could test their strength on the "Eliminator" obstacle course thanks to Hart Entertainment, or try their hand over at the carnival games, where CTG Brands, Scholastic Canada Ltd., and Souvenir Canada made sure no one went home empty handed thanks to a donation of fabulous prizes!

Thank you to Sysco Canada, Costco, Almost Perfect, who also generously contributed to the event!



Ed from Seventh Heaven on the grill.



Kids braving the "Eliminator".

Thank you so much to all our donors and supporters. Your contributions were vital to making the day enjoyable for everyone. See you next year!



Picnic goers getting their nails done at our "fancy" nail salon.



The Sno-Cone station open for business!

### Leaving a Legacy

Consider naming Community Living Toronto as a beneficiary in your will, enabling you to make a lasting impact for future generations to come. For further information on legacy giving or to discuss other planned giving options, contact Angela Bradley at 647.729.1178 or Sylvie Labrosse at 647.729.1180.