

## FAMILY TIES

On a beautiful fall afternoon Carolyn spent the afternoon visiting her brother Bill and sister-in-law Loraine in Port Rowan. Carolyn was able to visit her brother's store for the first time and loved it. Bill and Carolyn went for a walk downtown Port Rowan and reminisced. It was a Great Day!





## Farmers Market

Matt has a booth at the Farmers Market and is there every Thursday. Matt sells a lot of games and toys and movies and much more. Come say hello next time you are at the Market.



Submitted by Matt H.

## Moon Festival

Anne enjoyed the Moon Festival at the Mandarin Restaurant, that was on until October 22. Anne's favorites were the Moon Jell-O and the Bubble Tea.



## Fall Fun!

Donna and Trevor spent a beautiful afternoon at the Wagon Wheel Produce and Corn Maze. It is a 12 acre corn maze located at 1371 Charlotville Rd 7. Check it out next year if you have a chance.



Submitted by Trevor G. & Donna A.



## Matt's touring

In September, I attended the Fan Expo at the Convention Centre in Toronto. I went to Toronto on the Go Train. I dressed up as one of the Star War dudes.

I was Luke Skywalker and I carried a blue light sabre. I saw everybody else dressed up in their own costumes and purchased some items that I liked.

I took a picture with 2 other guests – one was a Ninja Turtle guy and one of them was Groot from Guardians of the Galaxy.

At the end of all that, I enjoyed a poutine from a street vendor.

I also went to the Hamilton Warplane Heritage Museum for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hamilton Comic Con. For this event, I dressed up as a Yu-Gi-Oh Vrains guy named Playmaker. My hair was dyed red and blue and I spiked it with gel.

I had a good time, I ran into a friend of mine from the past while I was there. He hugged me and we had a good time talking, and exchanged phone numbers since we had lost touch.



Submitted by Matt Hachey

## Domino's Pizza

October was Community Living Access Month at Dominos here in Simcoe!

Donna ordered the #1special and \$10 was donated to Community Living Access by Domino's Pizza. Donna said it's a WIN WIN!!



Thank you to Domino's in Simcoe and all the people that participated. This Fundraiser raised \$2510.00 for Community Living Access!

## Ripley's Aquarium

Recently I visited Ripley's Aquarium in Toronto. Although we missed the first train, my spirits were not hindered. I had the opportunity to ride the Go Train that I love so much and was amazed at the city's towering buildings walking from the train station to the aquarium. I really enjoyed the sharks, eels and stingrays, and would love to go again in the future. I am looking forward to other upcoming adventures such as Medieval Times and indoor go-carting.



Submitted by Trevor Graham

## Community Living Ontario Conference

September brought the annual Community Living Ontario conference and another great experience.

The conference celebrated our vision of a world where everyone belongs, has equality and is respected.

Conference attendees were from all over Ontario, both large and smaller agencies, and we were well represented.

The conference was held in Niagara Falls with great weather and of course, spectacular views of the falls.

The Annual General meeting was held on the first day. The next two days were filled with activity and learning, and of course great fun, food, and conversations. Of course no conference would be complete for me without the yearly pen collection, which many of you know about and is lots of fun for me. In fact one of the people attending could not remember my proper name but did call me the Pen Lady. It was then I recognized there was a reputation to uphold, and so it began and I far exceeded my former "collections"!!!!!!!

On a more serious note, the workshops, for me, were the best ever. I certainly learned valuable information about raising awareness in our community as a whole and how our organization can advance inclusion.

Workshops focused on the next steps in the journey to access full participation and engagement within our shared community.

Guest speakers, Silken Laumann, four time Olympian, and Bruce Anderson from Community Activates made us all think, and as they were meant to, motivated. They spoke about fortitude, strength, change, and challenge.

The fortitude and strength we all have and how to accept change and challenge and move forward in a positive way. Both were excellent!

Dan Wagner, who is on our Board of Directors and also on the Community Living Ontario Board completed his two year term on the CLO Board and was recognized for his work on that Board. Great work Dan!

One of the really exciting happenings was during the Awards night. There are awards in different categories. Community Living Access was nominated for our Eye on Access newsletter. The committee required that the three latest issues be submitted for review. There was some stiff competition as you can imagine being an Ontario wide competition, but Eye on Access WON the award. What an honour for Community Living Access.

How excited were we??? Thanks goes to all those who contribute articles and ideas. In particular the success and award needs to go to Shelly, who spends LOTS of time putting the newsletter together and producing it. A HUGE thank you to Shelly!!!!!! APPLAUSE!!! APPLAUSE!!!

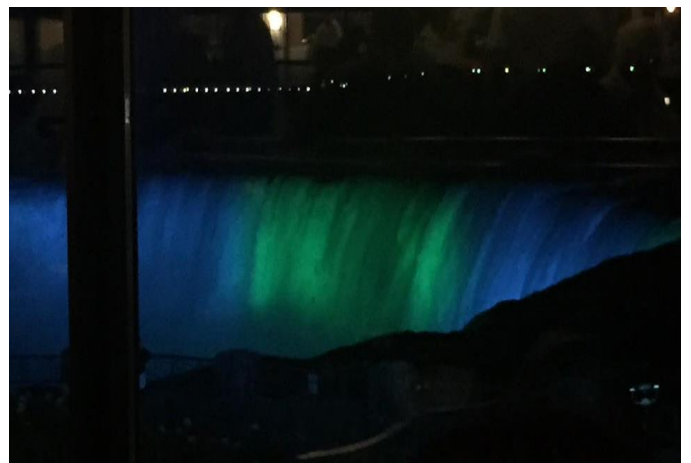
Anyone interested in seeing (she may not let you touch it) "Shelly's" award, it is in the office close to Shelly.

The annual banquet was held at the Tablerock restaurant that overlooks the falls. As part of the celebration just as dinner started the lights illuminating the falls were changed to the blue and green colours of CLO. How beautiful!!!!

All this to say it was a great conference and don't be surprised if we ask for your help to raise awareness and advance inclusion with the ideas from the conference.

This was an excellent conference which provided lots of learning and lots of fun all wrapped up together.

If you are interested in learning, contributing, having fun and meeting old acquaintances and making new ones consider going to the next conference in 2018. You won't regret it!



Submitted by Jennie Chanda



## COMMUNITY LIVING ACCESS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As all who receive Eye on Access are aware, Community Living Access is a most worthwhile and progressive organization. We serve the needs of the community with particular emphasis on a vulnerable sector. We do this because we want to make the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities better. We are currently seeking to expand our Board of Directors. We are not necessarily asking you, the Community Living Access membership to volunteer, but since you know what we do and who we are, perhaps you may know someone that would complement our Board. The commitment is for 3 years. We meet once a month from September to June. Our meetings are currently held on a Wednesday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. We have committees which may benefit from a Board Member's work history or other general background.

**If you know of someone who you think would be a complement to our Board, please contact them and ask them to call our office at 519-426-0007 ext. 100. Their name and number will be passed to our Nominations Committee for follow up.**

## Christmas Baking



I booked the Indwell community kitchen and invited some friends to bake Christmas cookies. Dozens of short bread and butterscotch squares were made and of course taste tested!

Submitted by Cindy H.

## Christmas Party

Families, friends, children, staff etc. all had a chance to sit on Santa's knee and tell him what their wishes are for this coming Christmas.

As you can see from the smiles, everyone had a terrific time at this year's Christmas Party/Dance.

Submitted by Shelly Marinic



## Reaction4Inclusion



On October 20-22, 2017, 17 students from 3 high schools in Haldimand and Norfolk, 2 teacher and 4 staff attended the 9th annual ReAction4Inclusion Youth Conference at the YMCA Geneva Park Conference Centre.

Over 130 people across the province attended this dynamic weekend. Students, teachers and staff came together to connect with each other with the goal of building youth leadership and inclusive communities.

It was a busy weekend including presentations from guest speakers Ryan Porter and Dr. Andrew Campbell; a Change Maker Marketplace which profiled previous Change Projects including our own 'Fusion4 Inclusion'; focused debriefing sessions; a mini Reaction4Inclusion youth speaker series and a community building interactive workshop. Saturday night was a Much Music Video Dance party where students and adults came all dressed up in their Halloween costumes. It was a fun evening.

Inspiring and thought-provoking were terms the students used after the conference. The excitement was in the air as our students were already coming up with ideas to bring back to their schools on how they could continue to promote inclusion. Our students have already been meeting in their respective schools and will be meeting collectively late November to 'continue the conversation' about inclusion.

On a personal note, I had the opportunity to attend the conference and I must share that it was an amazing and uplifting weekend being with youth from across the province who came together with a common goal of challenging the negative stereotypes and barriers that exclude youth who have a disability and a desire to affect change within their schools and communities.

I would like to acknowledge the continued collaborative support from Community Living Access, Community Living Haldimand, HN REACH and the Norfolk Association for Community Living, who collectively support the Re:Action4Inclusion initiative here in Haldimand and Norfolk.

Submitted by Sharon Norrington



## Christmas is coming

Les is pictured here with his favorite plant....the Poinsettia. When you see the Poinsettia it can only mean one thing.....Christmas is just around the corner!!



Submitted by Michele Druett



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Have a picture of YOU and your MOTORCYCLE in our 2019 Friday 13th Cash Calendar.

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- Port Rowan Pharmacy – 1019 Bay Street

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# A MILLION POSSIBILITIES

In December of 2017, Colin will be crossing the Atlantic Ocean – from the Canary Islands to Antigua – to not only challenge himself, but to challenge others including **YOU** in making a real difference in the lives of people who have an intellectual disability and their families.



**Watch for further details and fun events happening in our area around the phrase "A MILLION POSSIBILITIES". Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter to stay in the loop!**

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