

In Touch



COMMUNITY LIVING UPPER OTTAWA VALLEY

Canadian Blood Services Honours Local Donor

**FROM CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICE
“HONOURING OUR LIFELOOD” AWARDS CEREMONY:**

Every year, we take time to celebrate the individuals and organizations who are the heart of Canada’s blood system, and who provide a lifeline each year to hundreds of thousands of Canadians who need blood, blood products or stem cells. Without their commitment and support, there simply would be no blood system in Canada!



Larry Markus (shown above right)
Recipient of the Honouring Our Lifeblood Award
North/East Ontario and Nunavit 2012
This distinguished awards ceremony was held
in Ottawa September 2012

Honouring Our Lifeblood ceremony is a National Event and winners come from each region of the country. There are several categories: Volunteer, Peer, Recruiter and Donor.

Larry Markus of Pembroke won this award in the donor category for the North & Eastern Ontario Region and his story was shared at the awards evening as follows:

“Larry is a loyal donor who has a first-hand understanding of the importance of giving, he has needed blood products himself. A number of years ago, Larry received platelets after suffering a life threatening accident. His experience compelled him to help others and led him to become an active advocate for blood donation.

Primarily, Larry works to promote Canadian Blood Service with clients and staff at Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley. The organization joined the Partners for Life program in 2011. Larry plays an important role in promoting the partnership throughout the community and has been instrumental in reaching out to new donors.”

Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley 2012/13 Board of Directors



Shown Left to Right: Jane Dougherty, Laura Mayo, Kyle Croft, Elaine Clouthier, Pat Durston, Colleen Whittier, Shelley O'Malley, Brian Tate, Karen Payne, Joanne Clarke, Christine Reavie, Dave Marcus, and seated in front Keith Rae

Gary Severin is the 2012 Recipient of Community Living's Executive Award

**Annual General Meeting
June 20, 2012** ~ The 54th Annual General Meeting of Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley was attended by members, guests, and staff of CLUOV. Following the installation of the 2012/13 Board (pictured above) Gary Severin was presented with the Executive Award. This award is presented in recognition of outstanding achievements in advancing the goal of CLUOV. Mr. Severin, a former board president over a decade ago, and currently a member of Pembroke city council, was

recognized for his diligent efforts in convincing the City of Pembroke to be an inclusive employer. Mr. Severin's ongoing efforts in the community over the past decade and in particular helping to shape inclusiveness in the workplace is an example to all citizens.



Gary Severin is flanked by his daughter Christine Reavie, Past President of CLUOV and Jamie Foster, employee City of Pembroke

Partners for Life



Larry is shown above giving his **75th** blood donation

Together we can save more lives

With every blood donation you make, you save lives. By donating, you share your health and vitality with someone who needs it. Whether it's for someone in your community or someone on the other side of the country, your single donation makes a difference in the lives of others.

Now just think of the difference you could make if you brought someone with you the next time you donated.

What if you brought two people?

What about Five? Twenty? Fifty?

Partners for Life is a nationwide program that is designed for corporate and community organizations. By joining the program, your organization makes a commitment to save lives by donating blood as a team. The need for blood is ongoing, and patients that are treated for such things as cancer, surgery and trauma depend on a stable supply of blood year round, which is why ***Partners for Life organizations have the power to save lives!***

As noted, Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley has joined the Partners for Life program with Canadian Blood Services. As part of the program, we are given a challenge of meeting or exceeding 16 blood donations per calendar year. Although the program has started off slowly, this month we saw at least 5 new Community Living staff join our program. We were thrilled to see our staff join our partnership program and to help save a life!

If you are interested in further information about the crucial ongoing need for blood donations, please visit the Canadian Blood Services website at www.blood.ca

If you are interested in joining Community Living's Partners for Life program and help us meet our yearly organizational pledge, please contact Nancy @ (613) 735 - 0659 or nancygoodbody@communitylivingupperottawavalley.ca



Jennifer Heale is **Community Living's** liaison through Canadian Blood Services who provides information and promotion of our Partners for Life. Jennifer nominated Larry Markus for his award after meeting him at the local clinic and taking the time to hear his story for giving.

Thanks Jennifer!

Community Living Ontario

Community Living Ontario is hosting a series of Webinars on Inclusive Education that are free and available to anyone. They may be of special interest to families and educators. See the website for more information: www.communitylivingontario.ca

Changes to Passport!



Starting April 1, 2012, adults with an intellectual disability who are seeking direct funding for help with daily living and respite will be supported through **Passport**. In the past, some adults with a disability received funding under the Special Services at Home (SSAH) Program.

Starting April 1, 2012, SSAH is for children only.

Adults with a disability (or their families) who received SSAH funding are now supported entirely through the **Passport** program.

If you received SSAH funding in 2011-2012, you do not have to apply for funding in 2012-2013. You will automatically receive the same amount of money that you received in 2011-2012. The money you receive in 2012-2013 will be under the Passport program, **not** SSAH.

You can use your Passport funding in the same ways you used your SSAH funding.

Accessibility is the law in Ontario

The Accessibility Standard for Customer Service applies to all organizations (public, private and non-profit) that provide goods or services either directly to the public or to other organizations in Ontario and that have one or more employees in Ontario.

Did you know.....

Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley

- Has a policy on Complaints and Feedback that can be available to you at any time.
- Welcomes input from all stakeholders and gathers ideas through surveys, Facebook and events.
- Shares data and information with all levels of the organization.

If there is information you would like to share please do so!!

Call: 613 735 0659

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Send us an email info@communitylivingupperottawavalley.ca

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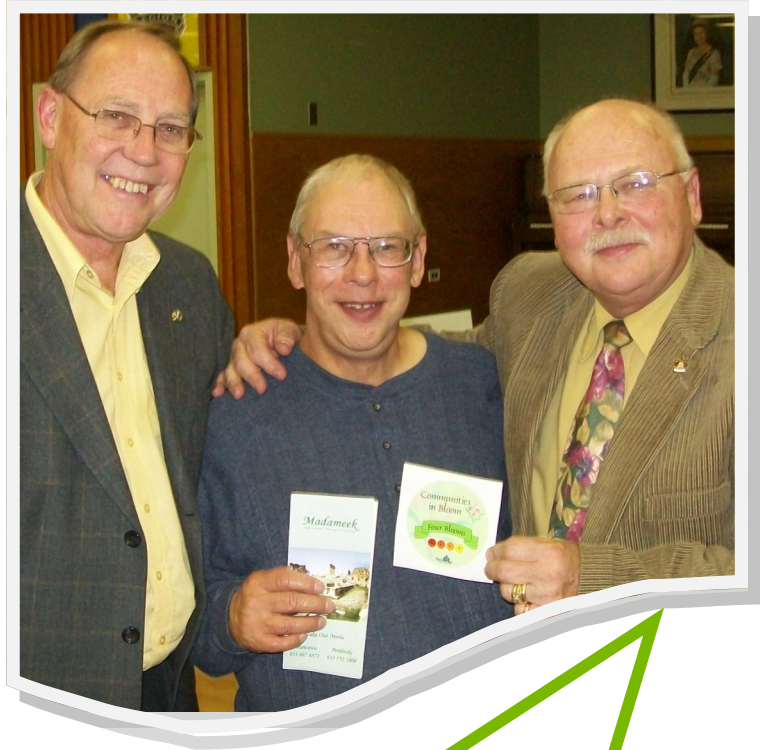
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This information is safeguarded on the premises and electronically; and is accessible only with permission by the person it pertains to except by staff of the organization; and then only on a need to know basis as it pertains to their jobs.

Communities In Bloom and Donations



Gord Bellamy volunteers in the spring and summer watering the large containers of flowers at the office.



Mark Raglin, attended the Communities in Bloom awards night and accepted a 4 Bloom Award for Community Living. Mark poses with Mayor Ed Jacyno and Jay McClaren of C.I.B. Thank you Mark for assisting in caring for our gardens this spring and summer.

The County of Renfrew
8th Annual Warden's
Golf Tournament
Raised \$1,200.00
In support of
Community Living
Donna Locke, Interim Executive Director
and
Shelley O'Malley, Board President
Proudly display the cheque



August 17, 2012 Community Living Annual Golf Tournament



Your support helped us raise over **\$12,600** at our Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley Annual Golf Tournament! Mark your calendar for next year's event set for **August 16, 2013 @ Oaks of Cobden.**



Cheque Presentation

\$126,000
Raised Over
16 Years!

Donna Locke
Interim Executive Director

Gerry Mansveld
Golf Committee Chair

Thank You ...

2012 1st Place Team

Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley is grateful to Golfers, Community Supporters and Volunteers



See You Next Year
at the
Golf Tournament
August 16, 2013
Oaks of Cobden



Board Member Profile



Laura found herself taking on a lead role with the Parent Support Group, and she explains, “I also appreciate the contacts I have made with Community Living staff who have been instrumental in assisting all the parents in the group to move forward. We are a small group but we are trying to move mountains”.

Earlier this year, Roger Clarke, Director of the Renfrew County District School Board met with the support group at their request to discuss concerns about inclusive education.

As a result of this meeting the group is close to the completion of a report they will submit to the RCDSB. Laura is firm in her convictions, “discrimination starts very young, children start school very young, and it is vital all students are given the opportunity to reach their full potential and be fully engaged with their same age peer groups.” Children who are kept separate from their peers, end up being adults who sit at home alone isolated from community networks, connections, and employment opportunities. All of these roles assist us to expand our world in terms of involvement in local organizations, meeting colleagues in the workplace and making friends.

The work is not done and Laura looks forward to making a difference.

Laura Mayo’s involvement with other advocacy organizations eventually led her into contact with Community Living about 5 years ago. Laura came to a meeting sponsored by Community Living and met other parents at the same meeting who agreed their commonalities could be best served by joining forces to form a Parent Support Group. At the same time Laura immediately sensed the atmosphere here was very welcoming and something she felt drawn to. Laura eventually

left some of her other commitments behind to become more engaged with the Parent Support Group and most recently, elected to the Board of Directors.

Laura states her son Joshua is close to graduating from Mackenzie High School, and is on the brink of adulthood. Josh who was undiagnosed until age 5, led her life into an advocacy role very unexpectedly. Laura states “this has been a tougher road than I ever could have expected”.

Parent Support Group

Meets: last Monday of the month
Monday October 29th
Monday November 26th

For more information about times & location please contact:

Laura Mayo @ 613-584-2406
or Donna Duffin @ 613-735-0659 ext 507

Work Plan

- ◆ Review & finalization of report for Roger Clark Renfrew County District School Board
- ◆ Laura will bring questions her family was asked during the Developmental Services Ontario Eastern Region Assessment
- ◆ Review/discussion of Draft Legislation for eligibility for Adult Developmental Services

Laura, an artist, opened her own business enabling her to maintain a flexible schedule for Josh’s appointments and school meetings. Although the advocacy role was unexpected, Laura has embraced the role with gusto.



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In Memoriam



In Memory of Sandra Turcotte

*Born: July 24th, 1938
Died: August 30th, 2012*

Sandra Turcotte, beloved daughter of the late Sirella Turcotte. Loving sister of Hazel, Lloyd, Danny, Connie, Carl, Tammy, Richard, Johanne, Roxanne & Kim. Predeceased by sisters Beverly and Wanita.

**Sandra is
lovingly remembered by
Ernie & Rita Hurd & family**

Shown above Sandra, Rita & Ernie
being honoured with an
Executive Award
at the 2007
Annual General Meeting



Dana Rondeau

January 15, 1968 ~ August 9, 2012

Dana gently passed away after a courageous battle with leukemia. Predeceased by her mother Karen Hector and her grandparents who raised her Hector & Frances Rondeau.

Dana came to work at Community Living and connected with many staff and people served. Dana showed compassion and joy during her employment and is missed by many.

Community Living Benefits from BBQ



Shelley O'Malley, President of Community Living
accepts \$232.00 from our neighbours at
Mac's Convenience, Pembroke St. West.
Mac's employees donated their time & efforts on
Canada Day to hold a fundraiser BBQ for CLUOV

In Memoriam

Michael Kraftchick

It is with much sadness we announce the passing of Mike Kraftchick, a long time resident of Eganville at the age of 59 years, while residing at Bonnechere Manor in Renfrew. Mike was born on June 8, 1953 and died peacefully on August 10, 2012. Mike will be missed by his brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.