

# Our Vision



## COMMUNITY LIVING UPPER OTTAWA VALLEY

Our vision is that all persons live in a state of dignity, share in all elements of living in the community and have the opportunity to participate effectively.

Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley envisions a society where all rights, both legal and human, are afforded every citizen without discrimination, and, where every person is supported in their efforts to become participating, respected members of society.

The fulfillment of this vision will have ensured that all people are welcomed and supported in their community:

- That all community services are available to every citizen;
- That people can aspire to and have the opportunity to work towards a career of their choice, real work for real pay, and fair recognition of accomplishment;
- That people have the opportunity to retire and enjoy the lifestyle and activities of their own choosing;
- That, as adults, people choose where, how and with whom they live;
- That children live in nurturing and supportive family-like environments and enjoy the benefits of family life;
- That children attend their regular neighbourhood school in age appropriate classes with their peers, from pre-school through to post-secondary;
- That educational programs are challenging and tailored to the individuals.

Because of the quality of our lives is so dependent upon how, when, where and with whom we are free to live, love, learn, work and spend our personal time, fulfillment of our community responsibilities will have ensured that people are free and have the necessary empowerment to enable them to:

- Enjoy, develop and maintain whatever relationships they find meaningful;
- Make choices/decisions in self-defined terms from a wide range of options;
- Receive appropriate support when desired.