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Over 200 cyclists participated proudly in the *3Rivers Roll* on June 19th, 2018, a casual hour-long bike ride hosted by **Community Living Wallaceburg.**

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Creative Partners on Stage
Players performs live on stage
original musical and drama
productions in partnership
with **Theatre Orangeville**.



Who We Are, **Who We Represent**

Founded in 1953, Community Living Ontario is a non-profit, provincial confederation that advocates for people who have an intellectual disability to be fully included in all aspects of community life.

Community Living Ontario is proud to serve and advocate on behalf of more than 12,000 members across the province. Over 100 local Community Living organizations make up Community Living Ontario's membership.



Mission

Community Living Ontario is a family-based association assisting people who have an intellectual disability and their families to lead the way in advancing inclusion in their own lives and in their communities. As a province-wide confederation, rooted in a strong network of individuals, families, friends, member organizations and community partners, it will be guided by, adhere to and strive to achieve its goal and vision in all its actions.

Vision

Community Living Ontario envisions a society where people who have an intellectual disability belong, have equal rights, respect, and acceptance, a sense of self-worth, and opportunities for growth. The gifts, uniqueness and innate value of each individual are celebrated, supported, and acknowledged as essential to the completeness of the whole community.



Goal

Our goal is for people who have an intellectual disability to live in a state of dignity, share in all elements of living in the community, and have the opportunity to participate effectively.



Message from **the President and CEO**

As is often the case for the people who have an intellectual or developmental disability that we support, it's been another year of triumph, challenge, and change for Community Living Ontario.

There's no doubt that there have been changes within the developmental services sector. It always happens when there's a change in political leadership, and we look forward to working with the new Progressive Conservative government and its ministries to ensure that everyone in the community is able to effectively participate and experience a meaningful quality of life.

We also have only just begun to work toward the goals outlined in our *2017-2022 Strategic Plan*, which you'll find outlined in this document. As you may recall, we engaged over 200 stakeholders in 2016 to come up with the plan. We found out that people want us to continue to engage with and include families, build new connections, raise awareness of critical issues affecting our sector, and find innovative ways to share information.

How's it going?

We're proud to say that we're knee-deep in all of these efforts, which is laid bare by the document in front of you. Some of our initiatives have already borne fruit, while others will need a little longer to fully take shape. There will almost certainly be bumps in the road—ones which we're proud to weather with the support of our members, families, partners, and other key stakeholders.

No matter what happens, though, we need to always remember the impact that just one passionate, dedicated person can make in our sector. When **Colin Sanders** set out from the Canary Islands to row across the Atlantic Ocean on December 10th, 2017, he was driven not just by his oars, but by his unwavering belief that the Community Living movement can make a difference in the lives of people like his son, **Jeff**, and the disability community at large. In doing

so, his goal brought together people who wanted to help, many member organizations, and several communities across Ontario, raising a combined \$150,000 toward our organizations' efforts and for the disability community.

When **Audrey** and **Ian Cole** brought forward a human rights complaint that challenged the limits on home care and nursing supports, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care ultimately changed regulations governing the provision of home care services. The amendments will likely translate to much-needed support for people who have an intellectual disability who are at risk of being moved from their home to a long-term care facility.

It's people like Colin, Audrey, Ian, and you, the reader of this annual report, that have made our advocacy work possible. With your support, and with the direction outlined in the following pages, we can remain steadfast in our commitment to *Inspiring Possibilities*.

Sincerely,



Jim McNamara
President
Community Living Ontario



Chris Beesley
Chief Executive Officer
Community Living Ontario

Sinclair Yards in Sault Ste. Marie are in pristine conditions thanks to the maintenance work of employees like **Warren**.



2017-2022 Strategic Plan

Community Living Ontario continues to follow the new roadmap that guides its course of action in supporting people who have an intellectual disability and their families to lead the way in advancing inclusion in their own lives and in their communities. The organization remains committed to the four priorities that were adopted by the Board of Directors in 2017 to guide the work and initiatives undertaken:

- Strengthen the voices, engagement, and influence of people and families;
- Lead the way in raising awareness and advancing solutions to the complexity of challenges facing people, families, and member organizations through advocacy and social policy;
- Harness and share knowledge to drive progress and innovation so that people across Ontario live good lives; and
- Transfer knowledge and information into practical resources and tools.



A copy of the *2017-2022 Strategic Plan* can be obtained by contacting Community Living Ontario or by visiting our website – communitylivingontario.ca/en/strategic-plan



The membership elected or re-elected six Directors-at-Large to Community Living Ontario's **Board** for 2017/2018. They were **Jack Gillan, Peter Marrese, Earl McIvor, Sara Singh, Jill Teeple, and Melissa Young**. **Yvonne Spicer** was appointed as the representative for the Council of Community Living Ontario, replacing **Claude Sauvé**.



Strategic Priority #1

Strengthen the voices, engagement, and influence of people and families

The Council of Community Living Ontario

Advocating on behalf of adults who have an intellectual disability through advocacy, networking, and raising awareness, the **Council of Community Living Ontario** took the opportunity to have their voices and concerns heard by addressing delegates at Community Living Ontario's *Annual General Meeting* in September of 2017 in Niagara Falls. At the *Speaking Out Conference* in Port Elgin in October of 2017, the Council gave a presentation on their successes and plans for the future. The size of the audience was impressive and Council was given positive feedback during the question and answer period. The members of Council made some terrific connections and look forward to participating in future events organized by the **Speaking Out Committee**.

Council's priority continues to be people who have an intellectual disability living in poverty, with a particular emphasis on the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and how it is not enough to support a good quality of life that everyone deserves.



For the 2017/2018 year, Community Living Ontario's **Council** consisted of President **James Taylor**, Vice President **Stella Curtis**, Secretary **Nicky Jones**, Treasurer **Jackie Watts**, **Brad Campbell**, **Theresa Somerton**, **Raina Flexhaug**, **Ashley Stekel**, **Jordan Pretchuk**, **Claude Sauvé**, **Mark Anderson**, and **Brant Mawdsley**.

Council made recommendations during the Ministry of Finance's pre-budget consultations. The areas members highlighted as priorities included ODSP, the elimination of the gap between Special Services at Home and Passport funding, and families needing additional funding to offset the minimum wage increase for workers that support their loved ones. Council received a subsequent letter from then-Premier **Kathleen Wynne** stating the members' concerns had been heard and Council was pleased with the positive response.

Members are also passionate about other issues that directly impact the lives of people who have an intellectual disability. Council representatives provided input on what should be done with the surplus land at Huronia Regional Center in Orillia, while Council President **James Taylor** addressed MPPs and representatives from member organizations that took part in *Community Living Day at the Legislature* in May of 2017.

Council works closely with Community Living Ontario's Board of Directors and feels their relationship has never been better, and members are pleased with the direction being taken. Council also actively supports the **Freedom From Harm Committee**, which consists of self-advocates and professionals that provide awareness and solutions to education and advocacy-related issues for the development of safer communities.

The goals for the future continue to be advocating for people who have an intellectual disability living in poverty, taking action when important events or crises arise, and making sure the voices of self-advocates continue to be heard.

Family Engagement

Community Living Ontario had an incredible opportunity this past year to build on almost a decade's work related to *Family Engagement*, which consisted of 14 partnerships with member organizations to do local projects and approximately 80 families participating in our *Family Leadership Series*. The learning from this rich body of collaborative work directed us to develop a *Community of Practice* that was supported by Community Living Ontario's **Family Engagement Steering Committee**. The Community of Practice is a commitment of its partners to have a focused look at Family Engagement and to learn from one another. There are two primary areas of focus; the empowerment of families through connecting them to one another, and the role of family within the structure of member organizations and the Community Living movement.

The context for the work is as follows:

1. Family involvement and family as primary leaders in our movement has been diminishing;
2. There is growing dependency of families on government-funded services and the limiting availability of them;
3. Families are expressing interest in having more opportunity to connect with one another;
4. Member organizations are being negatively impacted in their relationships with families by government policy; and
5. Community Living Ontario has committed to reacquire its knowledge, skill, and engagement of families.

Partners involved with Community Living Ontario's Family Engagement Community of Practice included **Brockville and District Association for Community Involvement, Rygiel Supports for Community Living, Community Living Mississauga, and Community Living St. Marys and Area.**

Family Engagement, The Last Ten Years, a report created by Consultant **Doug Cartan**, provides an overview of our collective inquiry with our many partners that has directed our work.

In addition to the Community of Practice, Community Living Ontario hosted workshops for families that were held over four weekends this past year. The four-part series was intended to help families strengthen their advocacy efforts and to develop strategies for implementing effective supports that align with the vision they hold for themselves and their family member for a good life. The series offered a dedicated space for valuable learning and time for families of all ages and stages in their lives to nurture and renew their visions.



In The Loop Media's Katherine Thomson spoke with former Oakville MPP Kevin Flynn on May 5th, 2018.

The series included focused learning and discussions on:

- The importance of creating and holding a vision that is full, meaningful, and inclusive;
- Exploration of the natural pathways in life, including home, work, education, spirituality, and relationships;
- Practical hands-on learning on how to analyze services and supports; and
- Developing leadership, individually and as part of a network of families.

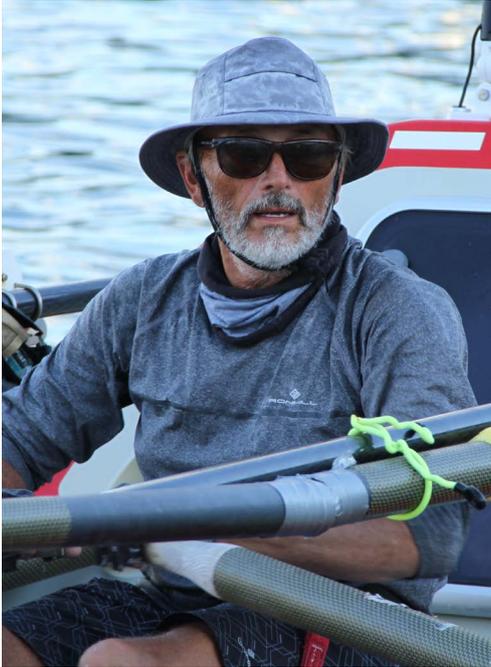
The primary benefit for families from their involvement with the series, beyond building leadership among themselves, has been that it connects them with others from across Ontario, which strengthens and rejuvenates their spirits and advocacy efforts. It then offers families a concrete way to sharpen their focus and reinforces value in the vision they hold for their loved ones.

Over the past eight years, the *Social Development Partnerships Program – Disability Component*, has enabled Community Living Ontario to do focused work with our membership on Family Engagement. It was also through this Federal grant that Community Living Ontario's Family Engagement Steering Committee was able to design and implement the framework to bring families together provincially, which is the Family Leadership Series.

While the grant was scheduled to wrap up in March of 2018, the Federal government has since announced an extension for 2018/19 that will enable Community Living Ontario and its partners to provide additional leadership series for families. It will also support ongoing learning about what it takes to support Family Engagement within a Community of Practice.

Peter Rothenburg (pictured left) captured all the action from the *Kinsman Santa Claus Parade* on November 18, 2017 for **YourTV** in North Grenville.





A Million Possibilities: Solo Ocean Row 2017

Port Hope resident **Colin Sanders** (pictured left) completed his 83-day row across the Atlantic Ocean in support of the Community Living movement on March 2nd, 2018. Sanders performed the feat to raise money and awareness, shoring up over \$150,000. The trip took him from the Canary Islands' Puerto de Mogán on December 10th, 2017, to Antigua's English Harbour.

Sanders endured capsizing, equipment difficulties, and food poisoning from the row, which he proposed partially as a thank-you for assisting his son, **Jeff**, who is supported by **Community Living Campbellford/Brighton**. A full collection of Sanders' blog posts written during the adventure is available at www.onemillionpossibilities.com.

Prior to the launch, Community Living Ontario hosted *An Evening of Possibilities with John Baird, Colin Sanders and Michael Jacques: Stories of Personal and Collective Triumph* in Downtown Toronto on October 25th, bringing together well-wishers to support Colin's quest. It kicked off the wider *A Million Possibilities* campaign, which aims to raise \$1 million for Community Living Ontario over four years. In addition to speeches from the three men, there were videos from Family Leadership Series participants **Patricia** and **Gabi Franks**, Advocate **Yvonne Spicer**, and Re:Action4Inclusion Ambassador **Michael Jacques**.

Community Living represented at Toronto Waterfront Marathon

The weather conditions could not have been better for the *Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon*. Community Living Ontario was proud to take part in the October 22nd event, with seven staff members either walking or running the 5-kilometre and half-marathon distances. They were joined by nine representatives from **Community Living Parry Sound**. Together, the two organizations raised \$10,000. Community Living Ontario will be working to encourage other member organizations to join the more than 25,000 runners and walkers in 2018.



Strategic Priority #2

Lead the way in raising awareness and advancing solutions to the complexity of challenges facing people, families, and member organizations through advocacy and social policy

Legal Capacity, Decision-making, and Guardianship

As always, Community Living Ontario is committed to ensuring that everyone in the province is allowed to make decisions for themselves to the greatest possible degree. This year, we received funding to begin developing pilot projects in the communities of Windsor, Dryden, Brockville, Toronto, and York Region. They're based on models already successful in Zambia, Bulgaria, and Colombia, as well as other Canadian provinces.

Community Living Ontario's Director of Policy, **Gordon Kyle**, and **Brendon Pooran** of PooranLaw Professional Corporation spoke at the *Inclusion International Congress* in Birmingham, England in May of 2018 to update the congress on work Ontario has done in this area. This includes the development of an *Inclusion Standard*, which outlines the key elements needed for establishing a legal framework for supported decision-making. Informed by Community Living Ontario's 30 years of advocacy to replace existing guardianship legislation, the Standard will be used to build on conversations surrounding this issue with the province's new Attorney General **Caroline Mulroney**.

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Health Standards Development Working Group

Community Living Ontario's Director of Policy, **Gordon Kyle**, was named to the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Health Standards Development Working Group*. Its goal is to make sure people who have a disability have access to hospital services. The group has met four times so far, with an additional group working to eliminate specific barriers. The plan is for recommendations from the working group to be implemented by 2025.

Receiving Health Supports at Home

Community Living Ontario is delighted to see recent changes to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's regulations governing the provision of home care services. Effective April 1st, 2018, the government changed the home care service maximums set out in *Ontario Regulation 386/99* (the Regulation) under the *Home Care and Community Services Act, 1994*.

The Regulation was amended by increasing the combined service maximum for homemaking and personal support services to 120 hours in any 30-day period. The amendment created exemptions from the service maximum and the nursing service maximum for people with complex care needs and defined 'person with complex care needs' in the Regulation. We believe that this change will provide much needed support to people who have an intellectual disability who are at risk of being moved from their homes to long-term care facilities. We also hope that this new regulation will prove useful in helping the approximately 2,000 people who have an intellectual disability and are inappropriately living in long-term care facilities to find the support needed to move back to the community.



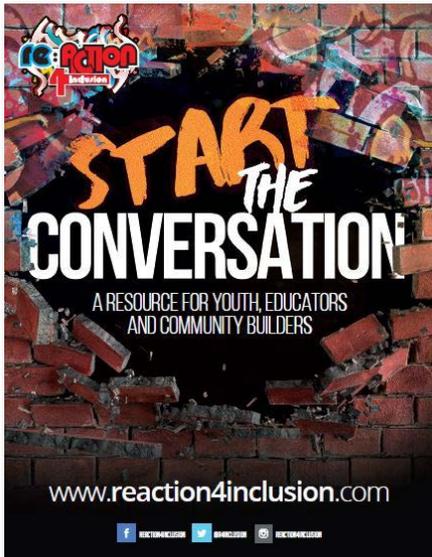
Community Living Ontario Past President **Hélène Morin-Chain** and CEO **Chris Beesley** presented **Audrey Cole** (middle) with the *Orville Endicott Social Justice Award* in 2017. **Audrey** and her son, **Ian**, challenged Ontario's limits on home care and nursing supports for people with complex care needs.

These changes are in response to recommendations made by a working group aimed at helping people with complex support needs to remain in their homes and avoid placement in long-term care facilities. Community Living Ontario played an active role in that working group, including co-chairing the process, and we are pleased to see the government act on the recommendations.

The working group was initiated in response to a human rights complaint brought by **Audrey Cole** and her son, **Ian**, with respect to limits on home care and nursing supports that were putting him at risk of placement into a long-term care facility. Community Living Ontario applied to intervene in that case along with partners and negotiated the establishment of the working group as part of a settlement.

Social Policy Forum

Community Living Ontario again partnered with the **Ryerson School of Disability Studies** for its **2018 Social Policy Forum**, which took place on March 16th at the university's Jorgenson Hall. Topics included what supports people might expect under a system of mandated services, what legal obligations currently exist for the government to implement such a system, how it should be integrated into other entitlement systems, and what models exist in Canada and internationally.



Re:Action4Inclusion

All projects funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation wrapped up in June of 2017, although activity continues and support to member organizations on youth engagement remains strong.

Youth leaders of Re:Action4Inclusion invited other active youth movements and groups within the province to a *Knowledge Exchange*. The purpose was to facilitate a conversation among civic minded youth and to ensure the voices of youth who have an intellectual disability were represented in matters of community interest related to youth. Partners included the **Mayor Youth Advisory Council from Durham, R.I.S.E, 4R's, Harmony**, and the **Youth Social Innovators Council**.

In an effort to support our membership with their own youth engagement initiatives, several workshops were initiated and made available. *Start The Conversation* was designed for organizations to welcome community partners into a conversation that establishes a foundation for collaboration on issues of inclusion and youth engagement.

A separate workshop series was designed specifically for youth: *Youth Voice - Where is it?, It Takes Action, Action Research*, and *Let's Get To It!*

Each workshop builds on the other and is a process to support youth who want to develop a strong plan of action for change. It offers a youth-friendly process to plan for action that will move to promote and foster a culture of inclusion, either within a school community or neighbourhood.

Both of these workshops were enthusiastically welcomed by our membership and other youth-focused organizations and groups, and facilitated by our Youth Partnerships and Project Advisor, **Emily Branje**.

Additionally, throughout the course of the past year, there has also been support provided to our membership to implement the curriculum that had been developed to assist both youth and organizations to begin conversations on topics related to advocacy, leadership and inclusion. The five modules are civic engagement, community development, creative leadership, inclusion, and advocacy. The curriculum has been shared and tested with stakeholder groups and can be downloaded from the website, **www.reaction4inclusion.com**.

If Inclusion Means Everyone, Why Not Me?

Community Living Ontario partnered with **Brock** and **Western** universities, **ARCH Disability Law Centre**, **Brockville and District Association for Community Involvement**, and **Inclusive Education Canada** on the *If Inclusion Means Everyone, Why Not Me?* survey. It polled over 400 parents of children with an intellectual disability about their experiences with the school system.



ARCH Disability Law Centre's Luke Reid reads some of the key findings from the report on inclusive education in Ontario, *If Inclusion Means Everyone, Why Not Me?* He was joined by (pictured left to right) **Dr. Sheila Bennett**, Brock University's Faculty of Education, **Dr. Jacqueline Specht**, Western University's Faculty of Education, and **Dr. Kathryn Underwood**, Faculty of Community Services at Ryerson University.

The group released a report of its findings on May 4th. Key takeaways were:

- The role of attitudinal barriers and how they often limit the academic and social opportunities available to students;
- The positive role that inclusive educational practices could play for students who have an intellectual disability;
- The importance of good and productive relationships with educational service providers;
- The need for better conflict resolution processes and better adherence to existing processes; and
- The importance of strong and positive leadership at the level of school and school board administration.

The report concluded that real leadership is necessary in order to address these barriers within school boards and the Provincial government.

Student Links

Continuing to have success at initiating the development of social roles for students who are transitioning out of high school, Community Living Ontario's *Student Links* program and its coordinators work in collaboration with students, family members, community mentors, and service providers to identify local experts in the student's field of interest. In turn, these experts support young people to explore interests such as employment and volunteer roles, educational opportunities, and membership in interest-based clubs,

associations, co-ops, councils, sports teams, and civic and political action groups.

By the end of March of 2018, the program had served 266 high school students in over 100 schools in 36 boards across 10 Ontario regions. The result exceeded the original goal of 220 students and 28 school boards.

Seven coordinators completed Plan Institute's *Personal Support Network Facilitation* course, which focused on teaching service workers, families, and advocates how to develop and maintain circles of support. The coordinators learned practical ways they can support students and their families in inviting people into their lives to build an active and supportive social network.

Coordinators also attended the *From Presence to Citizenship Learning Exchange* and the *Revised Conception of Social Role Valorization* course. In partnership with the **Brockville and District Association for Community Involvement**, Student Links sponsored the *Good Life Workshop* in Brockville. Led by **Darcy Elks**, the workshop gathered young adults and their support networks to develop tools and strategies for how to develop a vision for a full, meaningful, and inclusive life.

Together, We're Better Contest

In celebration of *National Inclusive Education Month* in February of 2018, Community Living Ontario invited elementary school children and classes from across the province to participate in the 5th annual *Together, We're Better Contest* that promotes the benefits of inclusive education.

Open to Ontario students aged four to 14, the contest challenged people and classes to explain why classrooms that include students who have an intellectual disability are better. Classes were asked to submit videos of five minutes or less offering their explanations, while students were also able to send in individually-written responses of under 250 words.

Ms. Nadine Gallacher's Kindergarten class from London's **Riverside Public School** submitted the top video (*pictured right*), while **Isabella Smallwood**, Grade 3, of **Millbrook/South Cavan Public School** had the top story.

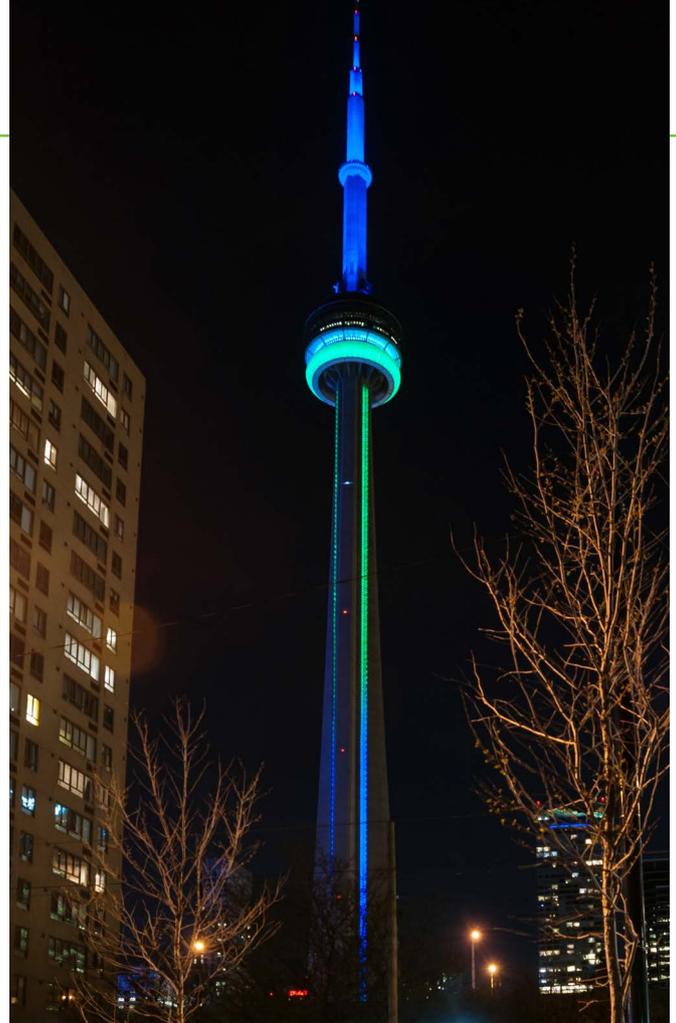


Shine a Light on Community Living

Member organizations big and small did their part to cast a bright light with the Community Living colours in their respective communities on Friday, May 4th, in support of the *Shine a Light on Community Living* campaign. More than 25 agencies took part and many included their communities, which involved the lighting of buildings and landmark structures in blues and greens, the colours of the Community Living movement.

In Toronto, the **CN Tower** (pictured right) and the **Toronto sign** in Nathan Phillips Square were illuminated blue and green, while the **City of London** had many of its buildings lit, too, as did **Western University**. **City Hall** and the **Market Square** in Kingston, as well as the **Welcome to Parry Sound sign** and **town marina** changed their lighting, and the **Bridge Street bridge** in Belleville was illuminated blue and green all month. Representatives from Community Living Belleville and Area (pictured right) posed proudly in front of the Bridge Street bridge.

Turn to page 28 for more photos from the *2018 Shine a Light on Community Living* campaign from around the province.





Strategic Priority #3

Harness and share knowledge to drive progress and innovation so that people across Ontario live good lives

Ready, Willing & Able

A national partnership of the **Canadian Association for Community Living**, the **Canadian Autism Spectrum Disorders Alliance**, and partner organizations including Community Living Ontario, *Ready, Willing & Able's* focus is to increase the labour force participation for people who have an intellectual disability or Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Community Living Ontario is responsible for 258 new employment outcomes for people throughout the province since the initiative was established in 2015, well exceeding its targets. This includes partnerships with dozens of businesses, including **Costco**, **Value Village**, **The Home Depot**, **Sodexo**, and **Holloway**, among others. Community Living Ontario remains steadfast in its dedication to ensuring people who have an intellectual disability are integrated into the community as valued members of the workforce.

Air Canada takes off with inclusive hiring initiative **Ready, Willing & Able**.
From left to right: **Julian Wong**, **Tamara Biancini**, and **Christopher Biagioni-Guezzaou**.



 AIR CANADA

READY
WILLING
& ABLE

Provincial Election Strategy

In April of 2018, Community Living Ontario launched its election strategy with the goal of raising awareness of the crisis facing people who have an intellectual disability, their families, and community agencies, as well as the need for mandated services and supports.

We launched **www.NotInMyOntario.ca**, featuring the issues impacting people and the developmental services sector, the parties' platforms, information on ways to cast a ballot, people's personal stories, and a link to a petition on **Change.org** calling on the next government to develop a plan of action with community stakeholders to address the gaps. As of July 1st, the petition had garnered nearly 15,000 signatures.



Candidates from London's *Provincial Election Forum on Developmental Services* are pictured above, while political representatives from the Toronto forum are pictured below.



The election strategy also included *Provincial Election Forums on Developmental Services* that were co-hosted by Community Living Ontario and **Community Living London** (May 23), **Community Living Toronto** and **Reena** (May 24) and **Community Living Thunder Bay** (May 31). A planned forum in Ottawa was cancelled due to a lack of participation from area candidates from the Liberal and Progressive Conservative parties. In every case, the Tories' candidates in each area either did not respond or declined our invitations to participate in the forums.

Candidates who did take part responded to questions that were submitted in advance that dealt with poverty, transition funding, waitlists, and the underfunding of community agencies. The representatives also answered questions from the audience related to the developmental services sector.

Community Living Ontario's AGM and Conference

People from all parts of the province came together in Niagara Falls for two days of learning, networking, and fun as part of Community Living Ontario's annual conference in September of 2017.

The sessions were largely tied to the conference theme, *Spark Change: Raising Awareness and Advancing Inclusion*. Three-time Olympic medalist **Silken Laumann** gave the keynote address. She spoke about the many obstacles she encountered, not only in her athletic life, but also the intense personal challenges of her past. Silken also talked about the approach she uses to live a bold, loving, and successful life, and challenged delegates to accept change and to strive to reach their dreams.



Silken Laumann poses with delegates from Community Living Ontario's *64th AGM and Conference* following her keynote presentation.



A highlight for many delegates was the dinner and dance at the Elements on the Falls, overlooking the Horseshoe Falls. Later in the evening, **Leighton Jay, Stella Curtis, Michael Jacques, James Taylor, and Sean Avery** travelled to the Illumination Tower. There, they turned on the 10,000 LED lights that illuminated the falls in Community Living's colours.

Membership

Community Living Ontario continues to maintain strong relationships with our membership through visits to local organizations, attendance at regional meetings of Executive Directors, and participation in special events throughout the province.

Community Living Ontario's Director of Membership, **Keith Dee**, attended several Annual General Meetings and anniversary celebrations. He and Chief Executive Officer **Chris Beesley** visited several member organizations in the province's northwest, including **Kenora Association for Community Living**, **Community Living Dryden-Sioux Lookout**, **Community Living Fort Frances and District**, **Community Living Atikokan**, **Community Living Thunder Bay**, and **Superior Greenstone Association for Community Living**.

Community Living Ontario continues to work collaboratively with the **Provincial Executive Directors' Coordinating Committee**, and provided support to the annual meeting of the **Provincial Executive Directors' Group** in September. The Director of Membership participates in monthly conference calls with the Provincial Executive Directors' Group and the **Inspired by Our Grassroots Steering Committee**.



People supported and staff from **Almaguin Highlands Community Living** showed their support for the **Humboldt Broncos** hockey team following the tragedy of April 6th, 2018.



Strategic Priority #4

Transfer knowledge and information into practical resources and tools

Administrative Justice Support Network

In 2010, Community Living Ontario established the *Administrative Justice Support Network* as a resource for people who are facing administrative justice processes such as a human rights tribunal, education tribunal, and others. Our initial focus was on the development of a website that contains information on eight such judicial mechanisms and provided information and tools aimed at demystifying these complex processes and helping people who may be considering or preparing for an appearance before one of these bodies.

Once the web resources were in place, the Administrative Justice Support Network undertook a process to build a network of mentors around the province who could help people facing administrative processes.

Community Living Ontario worked in partnership with others in the establishment



Community Living Fort Frances and District kicked off their *Open Air Art Studio* by partnering with the **Borderland Pride Group**, who celebrated the very first Pride Week in the Rainy River District on July 9th, 2018.

and operation of the network. Over the last year, we undertook a process to have the resource become independent of Community Living Ontario. That work was finalized and on March 27th, an event was held in Aurora to announce the new partnership that will take Administrative Justice Support Network into the future.

Community Living Ontario will continue to play a role and will maintain the Network website, ensuring that the information on the site remains current and relevant. **Family Alliance Ontario** has agreed to take over the coordination of the mentoring element of the Administrative Justice Support Network, something that the organization is well equipped to do given its focus on family support across Ontario. **Partners for Planning** has agreed to play a role in helping develop online resources such as training and information materials. **PooranLaw Professional Corporation** has been a long-time supporter of the network and has agreed to continue to provide legal advice and support. Other partner groups will continue to support the ongoing work in various capacities.



Representatives from
**Community Living
Chatham-Kent** rode the
*Big Bike for Heart
and Stroke* in Chatham on
May 24th, 2018.

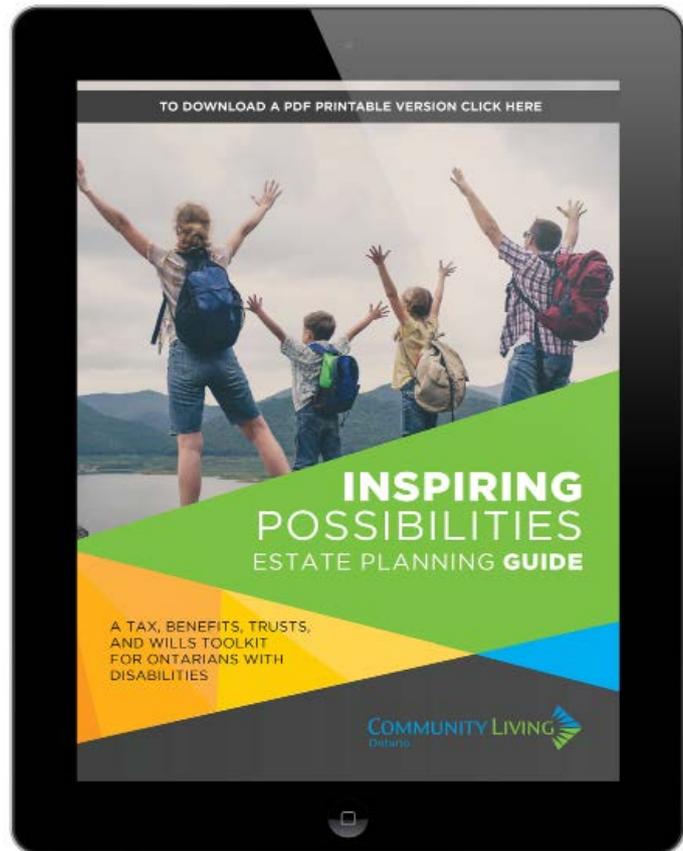
Inspiring Possibilities Estate Planning Guide

The 2017 edition of the *Inspiring Possibilities Estate Planning Guide* was made available in September. The guide was developed to assist families and professionals in navigating the current patchwork of systems, benefits, and planning tools when making estate plans involving people who have a disability. Updates were provided by **Brendon Pooran** of **PooranLaw Professional Corporation**.

Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities Privacy Project

The *Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities Privacy Project* aims to protect the privacy of young adults with an intellectual disability when deciding what information to disclose to medical practitioners. Community Living Ontario is collaborating with **York University** to promote these privacy rights.

The two groups held consultations with a variety of stakeholders, including lawyers, parents, and people who have an intellectual disability, and developed two toolkits; one for young people accessing health services and their families, and one for agencies. The toolkits outline a patient's rights and make it clear to them why they're being asked for certain information, who will have access to it, and where it will be stored. Finalized versions of the toolkits will be made available shortly.



Community Living Ontario wishes to thank people who have an intellectual disability, communities all over the province, and the many local associations that took part in the *Shine a Light on Community Living* campaign:

Community Living Central York, Community Living Fort Erie, Community Living Espanola, Community Living Kingston and District, Community Living Dundas County, Community Living Toronto, Community Living Essex County, South-East Grey Support Services, Community Living London, Community Living Chatham-Kent, Community Living Parry Sound, Middlesex Community Living, Community Living Belleville and Area, Community Living Windsor, North Hastings Community Integration Association, Community Living North Frontenac, Community Living North Perth, Community Living Prince Edward, Community Living Grimsby, Lincoln and West Lincoln, Community Living Wallaceburg, Community Living Tillsonburg, Community Living Algoma, Community Living Fort Frances and District, Community Living Welland Pelham, Bruce Peninsula Association for Community Living, Community Living Oakville, and Community Living Owen Sound and District.



Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto



Ken Knapp Ford, Essex



Alumni Hall, Western University, London



Town marina, Parry Sound

On the job in Barrie,
Johnathon Fallows shows
he's an integral part of the
Tim Hortons team, and
that customer service is his
number one priority.



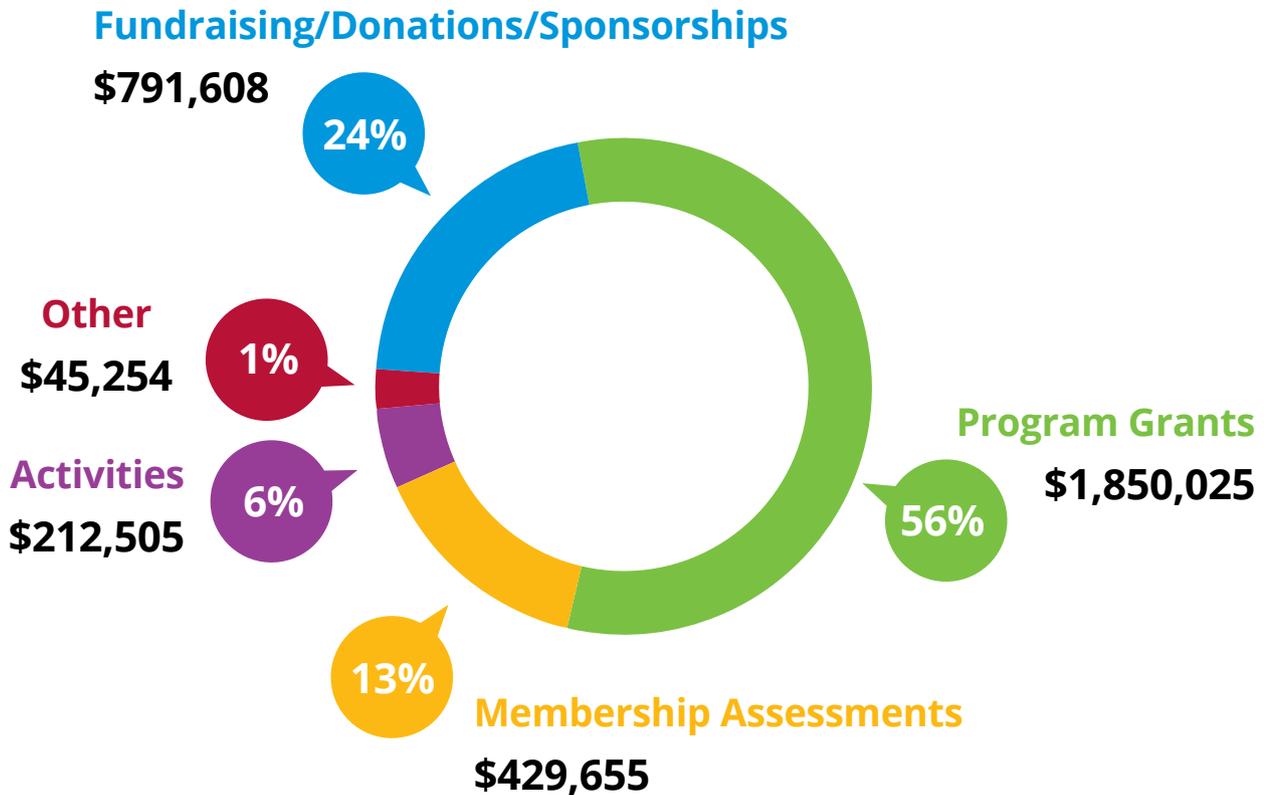


Financial Summary

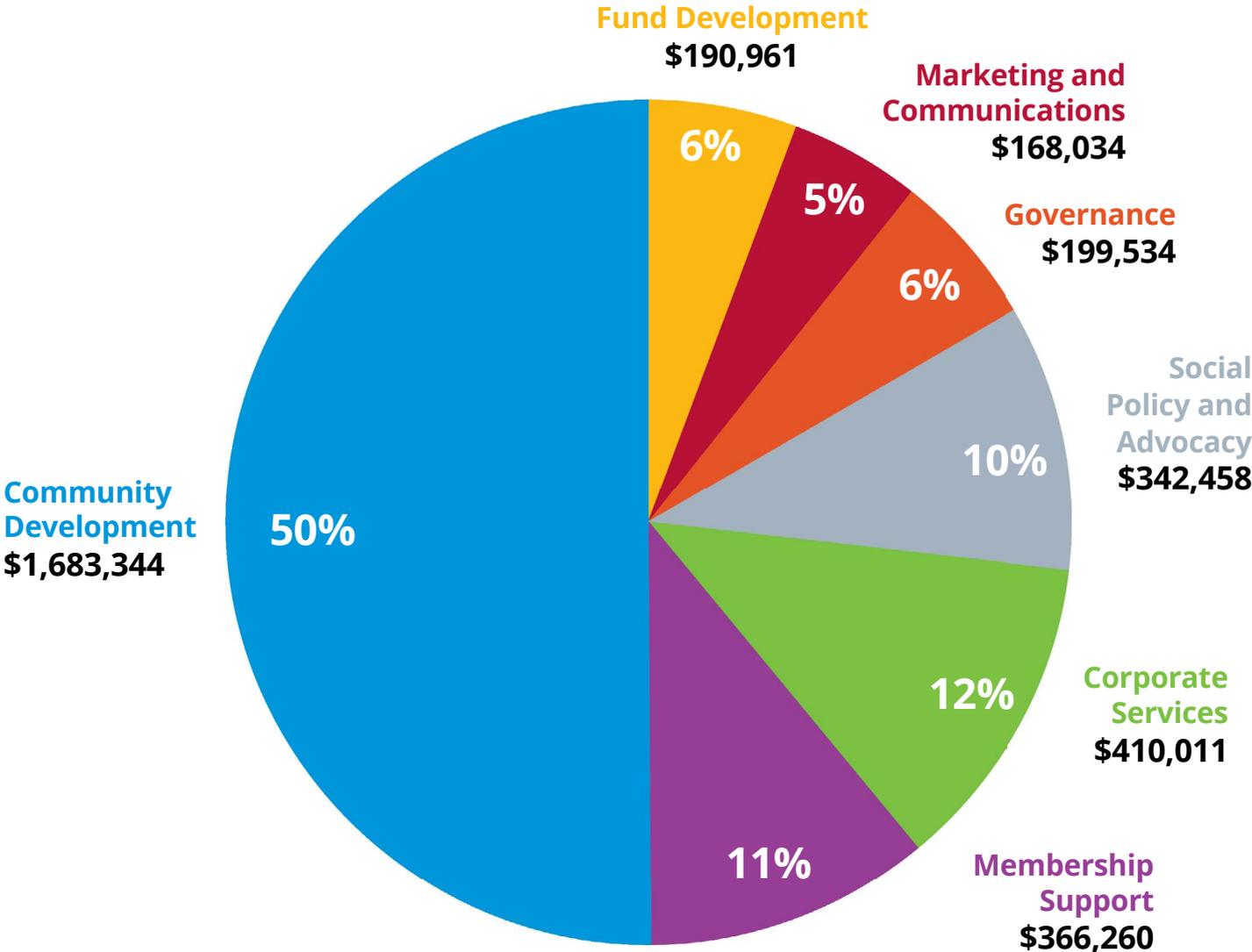
Financial results for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2018 show an approved net deficit from operations of \$35,355. Community Living Ontario continues to maintain a solid financial position with net assets of \$818,000.

Financial Data

Where the Money Came From



How We Put the Money to Work



Statement of Financial Position

March 31	2018	2017
Assets		
Current		
Cash	-	\$ 49,640
Short-term investments	1,015,017	1,083,837
Accounts receivable	47,311	73,302
Prepaid expenses	35,073	38,338
	1,097,401	1,245,117
Capital assets	124,981	152,951
	\$ 1,222,382	\$ 1,398,068

Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current		
Bank indebtedness	\$ 29,359	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	375,019	202,652
Deferred revenue	-	235,267
	404,378	437,919
Net assets		
General fund		
Operating	545,261	552,646
Invested in capital assets	124,981	152,951
Designated funds	147,762	254,552
	818,004	960,149
	\$ 1,222,382	\$ 1,398,068

Statement of Operations

For the year ended March 31		
Revenue	2018	2017
Ministry of Community and Social Services	\$ 1,095,961	\$ 1,122,261
Federal grants	663,629	583,222
Ontario Trillium Foundation grant	90,435	129,889
Membership fees	429,655	474,919
Registration fees	212,505	169,760
Donations	683,448	677,910
Investment income	39,054	27,825
Other revenue	110,560	54,581
	\$ 3,325,247	\$ 3,240,367
Expenses		
Amortization	\$ 31,555	\$ 34,451
Bank charges	3,607	3,953
Disbursements for external partners	123,294	97,929
Employee benefits	258,562	283,153
Events catering	96,328	80,403
Fundraising	101,161	76,809
Insurance	5,249	6,632
Office and general	288,802	217,649
Professional fees	41,505	30,832
Project expenses	449,109	439,446
Purchased services	79,526	122,695
Rent	114,858	77,161
Staff training	23,257	34,754
Telephone	35,332	50,484
Travel	130,129	129,583
Wages	1,578,328	1,575,738
	\$ 3,360,602	\$ 3,261,672
Deficiency of revenue over expenses before the undernoted	(35,355)	(21,305)
Designated fund - net revenue (deficiency)	(106,790)	(63,024)
Deficiency of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ (142,145)	\$ (84,329)



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Carlos was all smiles at the *2018 Sharing Smiles Day* on March 25th, 2018. Hosted by the London chapter of **Oral Health, Total Health**, the event was an opportunity to educate people with developmental disabilities about the importance of oral health care.

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