

CN Tower shines a light in honour of developmental services sector

Friday, May 15, 2020 - Toronto – The CN Tower will shine bright in blue and green on Friday, at dusk, in honour of those working hard to keep people who have an intellectual disability and their families safe.

May is traditionally recognized as Community Living Month, a province-wide annual awareness campaign to promote true inclusion for people who have an intellectual disability and their families. This year, due to COVID-19, the developmental services community has faced unprecedented challenges. We have delayed the launch of Community Living Month to give agencies time and space to focus on what matters most: the health and safety of the people they support and their frontline support staff.

While this may not be the time for celebration, it is a time to say thank you. It is a time to shine a light on the resilience of this sector. Thank you, family members who have taken on an even greater role to make sure the people around you are supported. Thank you to all our local member associations, that have shown great resourcefulness and collaboration to make sure we are all supported. To the people we support, we want you to know that we are here for you.

“We are working with and for people, families and the organizations that support them,” said Chris Beesley, CEO of Community Living Ontario. “We have been advocating to ensure equal access to care and flexibility in how people can use their Special Services at Home and Passport funding. The provincial government is beginning to listen to our voices and address our concerns.”

As we continue to figure out life during this pandemic, Community Living Ontario will continue to advocate for equity in health care access.

Quick facts:

- Community Living Ontario is a non-profit organization with over 100 members across the province
- Over 70,000 individuals have an intellectual disability in Ontario

Associated Links

- Photo montage – join us by using #InThisTogether #AgissonsEnsemble
- [Staying Connected resource hub](#)

For more information, please contact:

Marcy Galipeau | Director, Marketing and Communications
marcy@communitylivingontario.ca | 613-979-0267