# CONNECTED CONVERSATIONS

### **Community Living Belleville and Area Newsletter**



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## **Direct Support Professional Week ~ Sept.10-16**

We celebrated DSP Week in September 2023. Our gratitude was extended to all who dedicate their time, energy, and compassion to making a difference in the lives of people supported. Each employee received a small token of our appreciation. Again, thank you for your unwavering commitment and the positive impact you make in the lives of those you support. You truly are the heroes who inspire us all.

"Nothing can reset your heart more quickly than gratitude"
- Lauren Fortenberry



Captured in Photo:
Team Harrington from left to
right — MaryAnne, Brooke,
Cindy, Kristina, Tracy,
Donna, Amanda, Jenny,
Vicky, Tammy, Morgan,
Sherin and Cassie.

# **2nd Annual QREPDA Conference for Direct Support Professionals**

The 2nd Annual Conference for Direct Support Professionals took place on October 18th, Belleville. 2023. at The Grand in The conference aimed to inspire and foster growth amongst Direct Support Professionals from Developmental Service Organizations Hastings County and Northumberland County. The Conference featured various sessions and speakers including Xavier Noordermeer, Nick Foley, and Jennifer Spear. Overall, conference provided DSP's with an opportunity to gain insights, learn new strategies, and network with their peers in the field.



### Annual Mayors' Golf Tournament Supports the Purchase of an Accessible Van:

On September 13th, 2023, CLBA received the newest vehicle through monies raised from The Annual Mayors' Golf Tournaments. The Ram ProMaster provides versatility, space and reliability.



#### **Recent Retirees:**

Thank you Heather Chapman (38 years) and Kathy Nugent (33 years) for your commitment and dedication. You will be missed at CLBA.

Pictured is Ian Acton and Sandy Barnes, representing the Board of Governors, along with Robin Zelle, Kelli Stewart, and Amarjeet Saggu.

# Save the Date: 40th Annual Mayors' Golf Tournament - June 4th, 2024



On November 26th, Focus Accreditation conducted an orientation session. It was a wonderful day filled with learning and collaboration.



## **HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES**

CPS collected donations for the Stocking drive for Not Alone Team Quinte. In total, they contributed 28 stockings to this community need.

Families First children had the opportunity to write letters to Santa. Generous donations made children's Christmas wish lists to Santa come true.











2023 United Way Workplace Campaign

Over 70 employees from CLBA donated \$7,983.25. THANK YOU!

Every Wednesday, 25+ people join together at Sidney Place to share a homemade cooked lunch and engage in many conversations and laughs. Participants of the Transition to a Home of Our Own Service have contributed to cooking and meal prep to help make this happen!

