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Community Living Belleville and Area Newsletter

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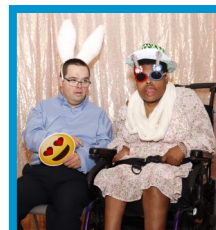
In Full Bloom Gala—May 11th, 2024

What a way to celebrate warmer weather and blooming flowers!

The first, of what we hope to be many, *In Full Bloom Gala*, was a huge success. The evening was filled with dancing, great music, tasty appetizers, a fun photobooth and so many smiles. In addition, the Ontario Dance Academy from Belleville put on a spectacular performance. Everybody looked fantastic!



Tearing up the Dance Floor in Style!



The Photobooth Captured the Good Vibes



The 40th Annual Mayors' Challenge Golf Tournament was bigger and better than ever!

The Annual Mayors' Challenge Golf Tournament was a great triumph again this year. The day was filled with excitement, laughter, friendly competition and lots of water to beat the heat. We raised \$33,571 with the help of local business leaders, community members and golfers. Thank you to everyone that participated, volunteered and contributed.



The Winner of this year's Mayors' Challenge was Hasting County. Congratulations to Warden Bob Mullen and his Team!

Thank you to Boyd Sullivan for volunteering to do a mini live auction.



AGM—June 27th 2024

The Board of Directors 2023-2024



Pictured from left to right: Ian Acton, Brad McNevin, Nima Chooback, Patty Preston, Cheryl Vandermeer, Sandra Barnes and Jeff Geen.

Missing: Tom Raycroft



Authentic Inclusion



Diana, Konor and Marnie

At CLBA, we believe that inclusion is not just a value but a way of life. Everyone plays an important role in our community and it is important to celebrate the spirit of unity and belonging.



Friends, Family & Self Care make the world a better place

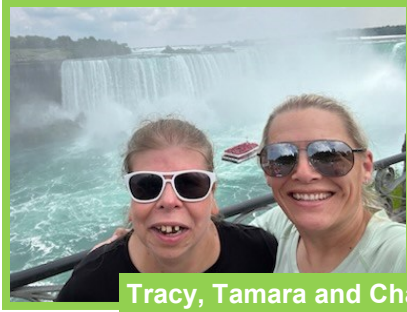


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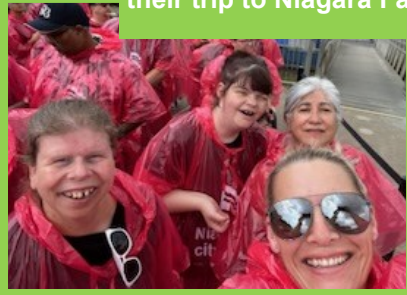
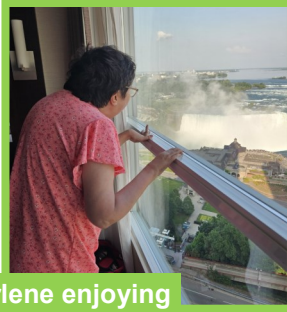
Katlin and Mathew had a great time at the Pink Concert in Toronto.



Jamyla enjoyed her trip to Waterloo to visit with her family. She also loved her time spent with her friend Kelly and her spa day at the Oxygen Bar and Lounge.



Tracy, Tamara and Charlene enjoying their trip to Niagara Falls—July 2024



Challengers Baseball League

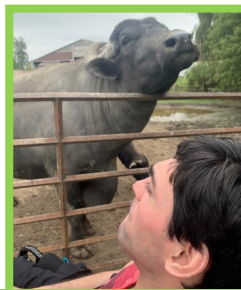
Sherry, Jess & Tamara at the Sunflower Field



Andrew Referring Basketball

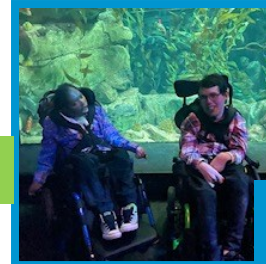


Mathew and Jahmar had a busy but very fun summer



Amar at the Water Buffalo Farm

Enjoying Kingston Waterfront



DJ and Jorden at Ripley's Aquarium



FEATURE STORY

This summer has been the busiest I've had in a while, filled with exciting experiences. I enjoyed visiting with friends from Toronto and showing them my new home. I celebrated a milestone - my first birthday in my new home which included multiple festivities. I also joined Challengers Baseball for the first time and loved every minute of it. To get familiar with my new neighborhood, I went on many solo walks to explore. Additionally, I attended Easter Seals overnight camp twice, in June and August, spending a week each time and having an absolute blast. I also had a getaway to Wasaga Beach with friends and another quick getaway to St. Jacobs, both were summer highlights. On a more personal note, I planted a tree in my backyard to honor my mom's memory.

Submitted by: Jess

Child and Family Services—Summer Update:

The Summer months have flown by with a whirlwind of excitement! Plans were made for camp days and they were full of fun activities, community events, life skills building, crafts and play-based learning! Camp Days included trips to The Peterborough Zoo, The Sensory Garden at Base 31, The Sandbanks and several other local beaches, Primitive Designs, The Air Force Museum, local parks and splash pads, as well as a trip to the Big City of Toronto to go to Ripley’s Aquarium! While at camp, children played water games and board games, planned snacks and participated in grocery shopping— building skills that will stay with them in to the future.

Several youth connected to Families First graduated Grade 8 and have started High School in September. Planning meetings with parents and their children took place to help with the transition to High School. One youth applied to Loyalist College and has been accepted into the CICE Program, they will start September 2024. Two youth had orientations at the Humane Society to begin volunteering opportunities in their community, and three youth had support to complete applications and secure funding to be able to attend Over Night Summer Camp!

Submitted by: Darci



Peterborough Zoo



Base 31, Sensory Garden



Exploring Primitive Designs



Kaitlin loved visiting the Dinosaur Park and learning about them.



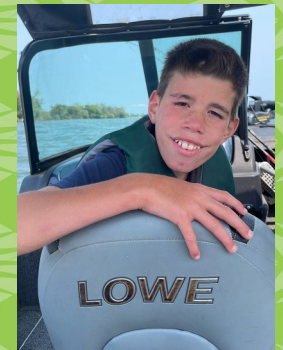
Tanis fishing on his camping trip!



Taylor took advantage of exploring local outdoor attractions this Summer.



Noah’s favourite part of Summer was swimming everyday!



Tristan loved boat rides while at the trailer.

Let's Celebrate!



Harvey celebrated his 50th Birthday this Summer! To commemorate this milestone, Harvey and Bev went camping at Silent Lake Provincial Park. With the help of Patty Preston, who continues to be an amazing resource for Harvey and his staff, Harvey's camping dream became a reality. They stayed in a unique and cozy cabin surrounded by nature from July 21st—July 24th.

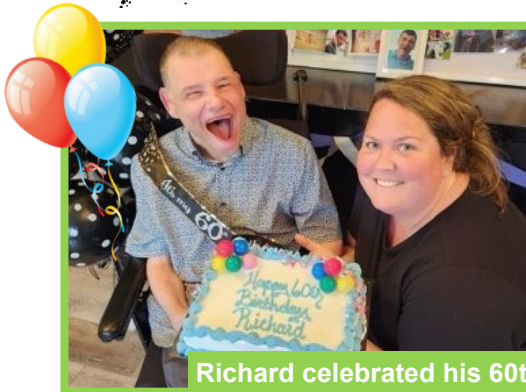


The camping trip involved bike riding, kayaking, trail walks, making s'mores over the campfire and lots of delicious food that was cooked on the BBQ. Harvey and Bev had beautiful weather and the lake was calm.



Once Harvey was back home, his house was decorated with streamers and balloons. He enjoyed dinner with his mates which included a lovely cake for dessert.

Submitted by: Harvey and Bev



Richard celebrated his 60th Birthday!



Lucas turned 29 on July 21st!

SUMMER FUN!

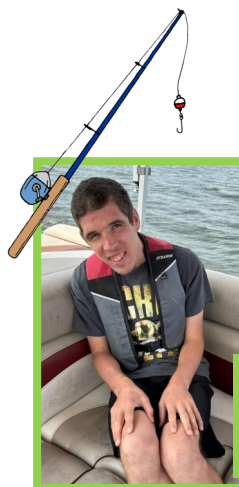
Jeremy ATVing



Andrew at Jungle Cat World.



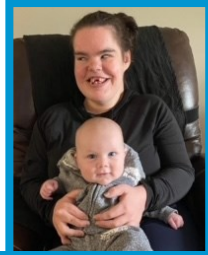
Jeremy and Jamal at Primitive Designs in Port Hope.



Alex and Jeremy enjoying Boat Days and Fishing.



Tala Bowling



Charlee brought her baby to visit, Megan was loving the snuggles!



Alex and Andrew at Heal with Horses in PEC.



Tanis and Tala getting pampered at the Tea and Toes Spa hosted by CPS.



Jeremy and Alex are the biggest Toronto Maple Leaf fans in Belleville!



Jeremy at a Toronto Blue Jays Game.



Jordan has been enjoying watching Wrestling over the past few months.

Community Participation Supports (CPS)

The sand was flying at CPS this Summer....from under our wheels!!! Our Summer started with a visit from Zoo To You, a traveling educational event that provides a hands on interactive experience with animals such as reptiles, mammals and exotics.

CPS went on multiple day trips and adventures that included many places to swim and soak up the sun—North Beach, Bon Echo Provincial Park, Roblin Lake, the Frankford River and more! There were also many days filled with fishing, picnics, enjoying the local Pop Up Shops, boat rides and a cruise, and playing Where's Waldo. It was definitely a Summer to remember!

Submitted by: Diana



Christine and Melissa at North Beach



Ashlynn Fishing



Konor holding a lizard when Zoo To You visited CPS



Tanis, Will and Diana playing Where's Waldo



James at Peterborough Lift Locks