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- Advocates headed to Port Elgin
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- Tons of great activities

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# CLM POST

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## Welcome To The New CLM Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the Community Living Manitoulin newsletter. I am very excited that we now have a means to share with our community members and our friends and family members some of our stories, our experiences, our dreams and our challenges.

I came to Community living Manitoulin in May of this year to assume the role as your Executive Director. While my career has been in government, business and the not-for-profit sector, this is my first foyer into a leadership role in the Adult Developmental Services Sector. For the past 25 or so years, my wife Jennifer has been a member of the L'Arche Sudbury Board. She has served on the L'Arche Ontario and the L'Arche Canada Boards of Directors. I had been an active and supportive member of the L'Arche community, before I was recruited to join their Board, by her!

My time on this Board

gave me some important insights into the administrative and operational complexities of providing support services for Individuals with developmental challenges. Since arriving at Community Living Manitoulin I have been immersed in getting to know all of the Individuals that we support, our staff, Board members and the community's friends and stakeholders. I have been so impressed with everyone's desire to improve the supports that we provide and to find new and innovative ways to deliver services within a very tight fiscal environment.

Compared to many other Community Living Associations in Ontario we are not large, however within the context of Manitoulin Island we are an important provider of developmental services and we contribute to the area's economic and social wellbeing.

Community Living Manitoulin is embarking on a Strategic Planning Process that will chart our course

for the next three to five years. We have engaged Jim Noble to assist us with this process. I, along with the Board of Directors look forward to your input and participation in this important process. If you would like to have a voice you can email Jim at [jamesnoble@amtelecom.net](mailto:jamesnoble@amtelecom.net) or you can call me at 705-377-6699 and I will connect you into the consultation process.

Last but not least I would like to welcome Megan Wickett to our administrative staff. Megan is an Island girl who was previously living in the Ottawa area. We are so pleased that she has returned home to take on the Executive Assistant mandate at CLM. If you would like to submit any articles or pictures for future editions of the CLM Post please contact Megan at [mwickett@clmanitoulin.com](mailto:mwickett@clmanitoulin.com)

Thank you - Megwiich

"Story by John Caruso"

# Manitoulin Island Advocates aka M.I.A.



Front left: MaryBeth

Back Left: Tyler

Front Right: Bruce

Back Right: John

***“Self  
Advocacy is  
an individual  
that speaks  
out about  
issues that  
affect their  
lives.”***

In November 2010 a group of individuals that use the services of Community Living Manitoulin decided it was time to find out what rights they have and to speak out about their rights and needs, and so the Manitoulin Island Advocates were born.

Their purpose is to develop a better community by seeing abilities in everyone.

Their vision is . . . Coming together as a community.

At meetings the agenda varies depending on what the issues are and what is new with other advocacy groups throughout Ontario. All advocacy groups support one another and learn from one another.

The MIA has met with groups from Sudbury, Elliot Lake, Sault Ste. Marie, and Espanola; there they partici-

pated in making a presentation and sharing with others. They brought a lot of information home with them to share with other members of the group. They also made a few friends that they keep in touch with.

The upcoming plan for the MIA is to attend an all Ontario Speaking Out Conference being held on October 12, 13, and 14, 2012. The theme is “Paying it Forward”, understanding how it feels to give back to the community. The conference is being held in Port Elgin, Ontario and plans are already made to go. There is a full agenda with guest speakers from all over Ontario. Some of the key speeches are: Equal Human Rights and what does this mean for people with disabilities, the ultimate power of friendship, removing barriers,

our choice matters, and tips on Public Speaking.

The MIA held a walk-a-thon to raise money for any additional expenses they might need, and raised \$265.45. In addition the Board of Directors donated \$50.00 dollars towards the fundraising and held a BBQ at the end of the walk.

The Advocates are planning an additional walk-a-thon and campfire with entertainment, in hopes to raise some additional funds to help with attending the Ontario Speaking Out Conference.

At this time the Advocates are looking for Volunteers, if you are willing to volunteer please contact Tyler Madahbee 705-377-5730 or Wendy Friesen 705-377-7133.

“Story by Wendy Friesen”

## Ship Shape



Tim (far left) all ready to go, and the rest of the crew excited to cheer him on!

On Haweater weekend our friend Tim and staff Myles entered the cardboard boat races that took place at Low Island, Little Current.

The two worked extremely hard building the boat with tons of

cardboard and loads of duct tape.

They ended up coming in third place and had lots of fun.

“Story by Clarrissa Moggy”



**Home Coming Parade Float —  
1st Place**

We have been painting cardboard forever! But it definitely paid off!

we painted a moose, a fish, and even a beaver rowing a boat.

## Parade Pride

We entered a float in the Home Coming Parade and came in 1st place. The theme was “Canada” so

We also entered a float in the Providence Bay Fair Parade and came in 4th place. The theme was happiness, so we painted our hand prints and pictures of our friends.

“Story by Clarissa Moggy”

## Supervisor Ed’s “Super Moments”



I would just like to say that I think it's great that we are launching a newsletter. This is a great way to give notice to CLM's wonderful individuals, families and staff that make this agency the great organization it is. Since I started on May 30<sup>th</sup> of 2012, I am impressed with the dedication, knowledge and compassion that each and every staff person brings to their work at CLM. In the programs I have had the privilege to be involved in, the individuals receiving services are positive and show great pride where they live and work.

Some Super Moments to Note are:

- Tim and Myles in the duck tape boat races at Low Island in Little Current. Community Living at its best, smiles, fun and superb craftsmanship, “Red Green” would be proud! A truly super moment celebrating community across Manitoulin, way to go!
- Home Coming Parade Float engineered with the contributions of Individuals and staff at Day Program. I didn't know you could make flowers out of coloured garbage bags! But hey you

learn something everyday! A cardboard Moose designed by Mr. O'Leary, truly a masterpiece. Sam did a wonderful job covering Silverbullet One with an original floral design! As a new staff person in the agency, I was truly impressed with the spirit and collaboration of everyone in this community event. Stand up and take a bow, everyone was awesome!

- Laura and the staff at Maple Terrace did a fantastic job putting on the Family reunion. This was an opportunity for individuals and families to have a fun day, enjoy some food together and share in the positive experience of community living. Water balloon wars was the highlight for me! It was a splash! I tried my hand at face painting and what do you know, I could do that too! Face painting was a hit, the food was fantastic, good reviews from all family members and an event we will have to do again.

- Providence Bay Fair Parade was another hit created out of much cardboard and creativity! Community Living doing a show and shine! Winning a prize!, What community spirit and energy!

The old Dodge half-ton never looked so good.....!

- The first Annual CLM Soft Ball Game was another success. Krystal taking the lead organizational role did a fabulous job bringing everyone together to have a blast! This was a great afternoon of laughter and fun, sliding into third and smacking the ball around the field. It was great to see all the smiles and everyone having so much fun! You guys are the best! Congrats to all the participants.

I would just like to say I am grateful to be back working for Community Living Manitoulin. This was my first employer working on Manitoulin and its destiny I think to come back again. I am excited to see this agency grow and develop into a powerhouse in the developmental services sector. I am assured and have the confidence that everyone celebrates this vision. Celebrate CLM this is your time!

“Story by Ed Didur”





**"Best week and month in revenue EVER, achieved this year!"**

## Everything Under The Sun Consignment Store

After an extended time of being closed, the store reopened June 12, 2012 with much joy on behalf of staff, employees, our consignees, and the community.

We had many compliments and well wishes as we got down to the business of running our unique CLM business.

With a lot of hard work and dedication we pulled off our best week in revenue

ever as well as our best month.

We have a few new faces and some happy returning ones at our store.

At the end of summer, we had a BBQ to say goodbye to summer staff.

We are working to have our bag sale shortly and then we will close our store front for the fall and winter change over.

We currently have a 50%

off sale in our back tent. The front tent yard sale was a big hit and kept us hopping.

We are looking forward to having an on-line presence later this fall.

We love the news letter and are glad to be part of it!

All of us at EVERYTHING UNDER THE SUN!



↑ Phillip having a blast at work!



↑ Shirley manning the cash register.



Bonnie



Della



↑ David tagging new merchandise.



↑ Matthew enjoying work.



← David hard at work removing all wrinkles!

Aaron making sure everything is neat.



# Labour Day Penny Run



On September 1, 2012, I was honoured to be Community Living Manitoulin's management representative at the Annual Penny Run at Timberlane Lodge. This event is hosted each year by the "Brothers of the Blade" Motorcycle Club from Stouffville Ontario. The event was attended not only by their membership but by many of their club supporters, some even from as far away as West Virginia, USA.

This charitable bike club collects pennies all year long then rides to beautiful Manitoulin every year to donate the collected pennies and other money they have raised over the year. They host a BBQ and provide games, prizes and bike rides for our individuals and staff. The pennies

are solely for CLM however the additional money they have raised is split between CLM and Espanola Community Living.

ECL attended the event as well, and their bus driver even volunteered to have his head shaved to raise even more money. One of our own staff, Wanda, did the honours and raised over \$300.00 from that event alone, as member after member and supporter after supporter of the bike club stepped up to put money in the bucket, all the while being cheered on by CLM!

It was a beautifully hot day and perfect for the event. I enjoyed myself thoroughly and was extremely impressed by the caring support provided by all the CLM staff in at-

tendance that day. Needless to say, a great time was had by all!

CLM is especially grateful to Mr. Bruce Arrowsmith, and all the members and supporters of the "Brothers of the Blade" who so generously gave their time, with such compassion and friendly camaraderie, to all of us at CLM.

I have only been a part of CLM since May 2012, but am extremely impressed by the support received from all the staff and community members involved with this amazing organization. It is wonderful to be a part of this growing community and I look forward to many years with CLM!

***"As member after member and supporter after supporter of the bike club stepped up to put money in the bucket, all the while being cheered on by CLM!"***

"Story by Lynn Brandt"



**Staff and individuals giving a big thank you to "Brothers of the Blade" with their homemade banner!**





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Community Living Manitoulin is an incorporated non-profit agency offering residential, vocational, and community services to adults with developmental disabilities.

Community Living Manitoulin currently operates 4 group homes, a Supported Independent Living program, a Life Skills program, a Transitional program for young adults, a Respite program, a Supported Employment program, and a Consignment store.

Community Living Manitoulin serves over 60 individuals with developmental disabilities across Manitoulin Island and employs close to 60 staff. We are led by a volunteer Board of Directors that works with the Executive Director and the Management Team to ensure the individuals we serve attain their goals of independence and inclusion within their communities.

*Inspiring Possibilities*



## Upcoming Events

Community Living Manitoulin is holding our Annual Harvest Ball Friday October 19th, 2012 at the Tehkummah Triangle Centre from 7pm until 12am.

Admission will be \$12.00 and tickets can be purchased in advance at our main office (located at 6062 Hwy 542, Mindemoya) or at our consignment store "Everything Under the Sun" (located at 6109 Hwy 542, Mindemoya). Tickets will also be available at the door for your convenience.



Hope to see you all there!