



WE DID IT!!!! 4-YEAR ACCREDITATION!!!!



Countless hours went into the work and preparation for Community Living Hamilton's Accreditation journey which culminated in achieving a significant milestone: we are ACCREDITED!

Here are the highlights from FOCUS' visit in November and the final report we received December 6th.

Tuesday November 19th began with a fantastic kick-off to our Accreditation visit. Imagine the Validators walking into the cafeteria at 191 York, filled with clients, staff, volunteers and board members; our green and blue splashed everywhere and our Drum Corps lining the perimeter decked out in their uniforms, drums and flags. Imagine even further the pride of everyone in that room as the drums beat and flags twirled. It was spectacular.



Josh Kirkwood from ARC Industries works on one of the signs that lined the cafeteria walls.

Thank you to the ARC Team for planning this event and all the bakers who provided refreshments. A big thank you goes to Andrea Lewis from Employment Access as well, as she took time from her student placement to honour us with her opening remarks at our kick-off celebration. The celebration was not only spectacular – it was perfect.

Message from the Executive Director

As the year draws to a close I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support of our organization. This year, our achievement of Accreditation has proven our organization provides quality services to our clients. Congratulations and appreciation to everyone who was involved in this tremendous accomplishment. Community Living Hamilton is strong and vibrant and we're collectively looking forward to a successful new year. To you all, my sincere thanks, and I wish you a peaceful holiday season and a happy and healthy 2014.



Sherry Parsley

Leeming Street Renovations Continue

There has been lots of activity at 22 Leeming Street as contractors are furiously moving forward on the final stage of interior renovations. I am happy to report that there have been no surprises or glitches that have held up any work on the inside of the building. Anyone who has seen the progress made to date has been very happy with the outcomes. Like any major



The custom kitchen area (above) is coming together nicely. The kitchen is in one of the main activity areas. The James Street day program re-locates to Leeming Street on December 16.

renovation project, this transformation of any space has been challenging with lots of detailed work. A big thank you goes out to the HUB staff still working at the Leeming Street location during the renovations.

As well, a special thanks also to the James Street day program for their input and support in the planning of this great new location for their day program.

-Lucio Barcaroli, Manager, Client Services & Project Manager

Learn & Grow Fall Courses Available

Sunday Social	Join us each week for different planned social recreational and leisure activities such as board games, crafts, dance contests, Karaoke, etc. The first session will be a meet and greet to plan the activities based on everyone's interests and preferences.	Time: Sundays 1:30–4:30 Start Date: 5 Jan 2014 End Date: 9 Mar 2014 Location: 191 York Blvd Cost: \$250
Learning & Leisure	Meet new people and have the opportunity to participate in the planning and development weekday leisure activities such as bowling, cooking, shopping, exercise, movement, music and games.	Time: Wednesdays 9:30–12:30 Start Date: 8 Jan 2014 End Date: 12 Mar 2014 Location: 669 Templemead Cost: \$375
Lunch Box	The lunch box is a social based program with a focus on nutrition education and skill development relate to safe kitchen practices and food handling techniques. As a group you will plan and prepare a healthy lunch each week.	Time: Saturdays 11:00–1:30 Start Date: 11 Jan 2014 End Date: 15 Jan 2014 Location: 50 East 34th
Men's Club	Make new male friends while participating in various leisure activities in the Hamilton Area. The first session will be a meet and greet to plan the activities based on everyone's interests and preferences. Past activities have included fishing, billiards, sports events, pizza & movies and attending local events.	Time: Thursdays 6:00-9:00 Start Date: 9 Jan 2014 End Date: 13 Mar 2014 Location: 191 York
Ladies' Night	Make new female friends while participating in various leisure activities in the Hamilton Area. The first session will be a meet and greet to plan the activities based on everyone's interests and preferences. Past activities have included attending Art Crawl, shopping, learning new exercises, crafts, spa and movie	Time: Fridays 6:00-9:00 Start Date: 10 Jan 2014 End Date: 14 Mar 2014 Location: 191 York
Drum Circle	"African and Latin Hand Drumming" A great opportunity to explore your musical talents, develop new skills and make new friends. Each week you will learn new techniques and drum rhythms. Hand drumming is fun, exciting and relaxing. No experience necessary. All instruments provided.	Time: Fridays 6:00-9:00 Start Date: 10 Jan 2014 End Date: 14 Mar 2014 Location: 191 York Cost: \$250
Learn to Knit	**NEW** Join us in a comfortable and friendly environment to learn basic knitting techniques from an expert. By the end of the class you will have knit your own scarf and a personalized washcloth/cozy that you can give as a gift or sell to friends and family. Yarn and knitting needles included in the fee. (no class Mar 13).	Time: Thursdays 4:00-6:00 Start Date: 9 Jan 2014 End Date: 20 Mar 2014 Location: 286 Barton St, Stoney Creek (near Green Rd) Cost: \$350
Gameopolis Adventure	**NEW** Join others each week at Hamilton's board game lounge to choose and play from over 500 board games in stock. Entrance fee, drink and sandwich included in the fee.	Time: Tuesdays 5:00-7:00 Start Date: 7 Jan 2014 End Date: 11 Mar 2014 Location: 223King Street E (near Walnut) Cost: \$350

For more information about any of the courses listed above, please contact Gloria Petitti at 905-528-0281 Ext. 241 or gpetitti@clham.com

United Way - Scary Halloween Events



There was a lot of spooky spirit shown this Halloween to raise funds for the United Way. We held our 1st annual pumpkin carving contest. Winners were selected from well over a dozen submissions. Staff at ARC Industries would like to express their thanks to all the programs who participated by submitting awesome pumpkins.



Carved pumpkins were submitted from programs from all across the agency and put on display for judging,

The winners were:

1st place: CAP Central day program

2nd place: East 34th day program

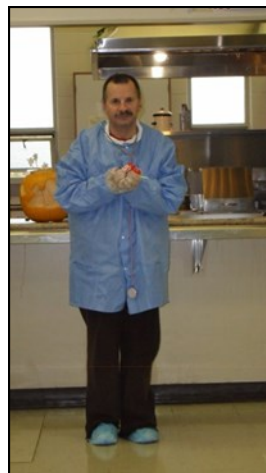
3rd place: Charlton respite program



The winners from the 1st Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest!

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191 York also hosted a Best Costume Contest that saw doctors, royalty, zombies, Elvis and many more! Congratulations to Steve Rothwell from the leadership team who won first place for his court jester costume.



The Winner!



The Corps Wraps Up their 10th Season

2013 Highlights:

- ◆ New uniforms purchased with proceeds from the annual fundraiser
- ◆ New partnerships; GWN Wrestling, Southern Smoke Truck, Mohawk College, Hamilton Street Railway, Hamilton Hurricanes Football Club and The Lively Dragon Boat Club
- ◆ A two-part music video and documentary was produced in conjunction with Mohawk College



2013 Performances:

- Hamilton Boy Scout Parade
- Opening Day of Minor Football
- Burlington Sound of Music Parade
- Opening of the Dragon Boat Festival
- Hamilton Hurricanes Home Games (pre-game and half-time performances)
- Dundas Cactus Festival Parade
- GWN Wrestling event
- Re-opening of Eastgate Square
- Opening of the Accreditation Validation Visit
- Santa Clause Parades - Hamilton and Mississauga



The Drum Corps has wonderful volunteers and as a result they sported a new look for this Christmas season. Heartfelt thanks to Joanne, Mary, Anne, Bonnie & Betty who donated their time, talent and wool to provide us with a new look.



An Opportunity for Your Input

The Select Committee on Developmental Services will meet to consider the urgent need for a comprehensive developmental services strategy to address the needs of children, youth and adults in Ontario with an intellectual disability or who are dually diagnosed with an intellectual disability and a mental illness, and to coordinate the delivery of developmental programs and services across many provincial ministries in addition to the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

The Committee intends to hold public hearings. Interested people who wish to be considered to make an oral presentation to the Committee should contact the Clerk of the Committee. Those who do not wish to make an oral presentation but wish to comment may send written submissions to the Clerk of the Committee at the address below:

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Check out our Updated Website!

We are proud to announce the official launch of our new website! We invite you to check out www.communitylivinghamilton.com for all your Community Living Hamilton information needs! Information about the services we provide, news and events, job postings, volunteer information, helpful links, and more is available for viewing NOW.

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The Drum Corps was an integral part of the kick-off ceremony on November 19th.

Over 3 days, the Validators met with and interviewed:

- 11 staff,
- 13 clients,
- 9 families,
- 11 Managers, Senior Managers and Directors,
- the Board of Directors,
- 11 community partners; and
- Our Executive Director

They also visited 4 of our Residential sites: Mountain, Cartier, Queenston and Mohawk; 3 day

programs: Westdale, Valley Park and Unsworth; one child care centre where we provide service; and our Retail location; Drop N Shop.

Interviews can be a nerve-wracking experience, and therefore a special thank you goes out to all of the staff, clients, families and other stakeholders who sat down with the FOCUS Validators to talk about the great work we do here at Community Living Hamilton.



Well over 150 clients and staff attended the kick-off ceremony at 191 York Blvd.

A thank you also goes out to all of the team members who helped “hold down the fort” while our colleagues were preparing for Accreditation and participating in the interviews during the onsite visit; a great team effort to be proud of.

We now have our official report from FOCUS that confirms Community Living Hamilton has achieved a four-year Accreditation status.

**Out of 201 standards, we achieved 197.
That is a 98% result!**

This is an incredible result for an organization to achieve for the first time through the accreditation process.



Congratulations to us!