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## WWW.CLMISS.CA A NEW LOOK

We've recently redesigned our web site making it more streamlined and user-friendly.



Looking for information about an upcoming Community Living Mississauga event? Want to access the Community Resources Guide? Need to know who to contact about a program or service?

The answer to all of these questions...and many more...are just a mouse click away at the online home of Community Living Mississauga: **www.clmiss.ca**



## DRESS FOR SUCCESS A NEW OPPORTUNITY WITH OLD NAVY

The directive was to give back to the community...the reality was a wonderful experience and new opportunities for five lucky ladies.

It all began when Christine Evans, store manager at Old Navy's Erin Mills Town Centre location, contacted Community Living Mississauga. She explained that their location was participating in the Dress for Success program and had a budget of \$1000 to support a local not-for-profit agency.

Community Living Mississauga was familiar to Christine since Kristy Khan, a young lady who has an intellectual disability, has worked at the Erin Mills location for the past five years.

Five ladies participated in this year's program, which initially included shopping for new clothes and a mock job interview.

By the time the big day arrived, Christine had much more planned for the participants. Each of the



Christine Evans (second from left) welcomes Dress for Success participants to Old Navy at Erin Mills Town Centre.

ladies was given \$200 to select a new outfit from Old Navy and visit other stores in the mall for shoes and make-up. Christine offered manicures and arranged for one staff member, who is also a hair stylist, to come in as well.

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# FAMILY INFORMATION SESSIONS

**Wills, Estates and Financial Planning** - Saturday, February 20 - (9:30 am - 4 pm)

A great opportunity to learn how to establish a specialized will that ensures your son/daughter's future is as secure as possible.

Guest Speakers: Bonnie Yagar, Pallett Valo, LLP  
Michael Parris, Assante Wealth Management  
Support and Trustee Advisory Services  
Mississauga Homes for Independent Living



**Income Tax** - Saturday, February 27 - (10 am - noon)

Do you know what the Disability Tax Credit is and how to claim it? Do you qualify to claim child care or medical/attendant care credits? Join Christine MacLean from TaxWise for the answer to these and other tax questions.

**Summer Program Fair** - Wednesday, April 14 - (7 - 9 pm)

This is a great opportunity to meet local day camp providers and get a head start on those summer program registration forms!

**All sessions are being held at Community Living Mississauga, 6695 Millcreek Drive, Unit 1. Space is limited, so please RSVP to 905-542-2694 ext.2400.**

## GET INVOLVED

**The Club** is a social club for adults age 21 and over which meets every Wednesday evening from 6-9 pm at a different location each week. The members of the group help to plan the activities. Activities include going swimming, or to the movies, having guest speakers in to discuss current issues, and get together at local pubs. For more information about The Club, call 905-542-2694 ext. 2544.

### **Youth Involvement Mississauga**

is an inclusive social club for individuals between the ages of 13-21. The group meets every Wednesday evening usually from 7-9 p.m. and has fun doing different activities every week. Everyone in the group has a say in deciding these activities. For more information about The Club, call 905-542-2694 ext. 2515.

**Leadership Group** is made up of individuals who attend a monthly meeting to see presentations and discuss issues which are important to them. These include, but are not limited to, rights, employment and hobbies. The Leadership Group meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Central Library. For more information about The Leadership Group, call 905-542-2694.



# DRESS FOR SUCCESS

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Recognizing an opportunity to build on this blossoming relationship, Nancy Mojsovski, Manager of Community Living Mississauga's Employment Resource Centre suggested that in addition to the mock interviews, participants could take part in real job interviews.

"We talked to the managers of Old Navy stores in Mississauga and decided that, since the ladies were being prepared for real interviews, it made sense to see if there was an opportunity for actual employment," explained Nancy.

Each of the five ladies took advantage of the offer and, for Hillary Nevins, the interview led to a position at Old Navy's Square One location.

"The people here at Old Navy have been very generous," said Hillary. "This has been a great experience."

This year, more than 1000 Old Navy stores across North America each received \$1000 for the Dress for Success program...meaning more than one million dollars is being invested back into local communities.

We hope that other communities are getting as much out of the program as Community Living Mississauga and Hillary did!

## STAFF, PLACEMENT STUDENTS EARN HONOURS FROM HUMBER COLLEGE



Congratulations go out to the Community Living Mississauga staff members and placement students who were recognized at Humber College's 2009 Awards and Scholarships Ceremony.

Ghada Omar received the Community Living Toronto Award for achieving academic excellence, excellence in field practice and showing strong commitment to community inclusion. Ghada did her placement at Community Living Mississauga and now works with us.

Patricia Grenon, who also did her student placement with us, received the Developmental Services Worker Faculty Award for demonstrating an empathetic and flexible attitude, good teamwork skills and an overall enthusiastic commitment & President's Letter for the highest academic standing in a semester.

Joanne Greco, another placement student with Community Living Mississauga earned a President's Letter for the highest academic standing in a semester

Ross McLellan, who works with us, received the Kay Blair Award as a student with excellent leadership skills, a demonstrated passion for social justice and displaying an ethic of care in all their personal and professional interactions.

In addition, Community Living Mississauga representative Joanne O'Connor was on hand to present the Tyler Williamson Memorial Award. This year's winners of the the award were Patricia Grenon and Annalisa Mari.

This award is presented annually to two students who are in good academic standing and are pursuing a career in the developmental services sector. It was the 4th year for the award, which is made in memory of Tyler Williamson, son of long-time Community Living Mississauga supporter, Laurie Williamson.

Congratulations again to all of the evening's award winners!

# EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTRE CELEBRATES CONTINUING PARTNERSHIPS, DEVELOPING PROGRAMS

As 2009 winds down, the Employment Resource Centre and Job Path at Community Living Mississauga can look back on another strong partnership-building year. New partnerships were made and many existing partnerships prospered - despite the drastic economic downturn. As many employers were looking to layoff in an effort to ease the economic plunge, the Employment Resource Centre and Job Path were able to endure with a profound belief in the strength of its program and resources.

Ways to Shine, a workshop offering tips, advice, and roundtable discussion about various employment issues, continued strong with new attendees and exciting topics. The new Drop-In Resource Centre was developed as a way for individuals to explore employment goals and offers individuals the option of researching various aspects pertaining to current and future employment. Both Ways to Shine and the Drop-In Resource Centre also offer excellent opportunities to network. With the development of these programs, many of the individuals supported by the Employment Resource Centre and Job Path have developed and expanded skill sets which provide the tools to continue to excel in the workplace.

We are proud to announce new partnerships and applaud current relationships that have strengthened over the past 12 months. We would like to sincerely thank all of the employers who have demonstrated commitment to partnerships which have enabled ongoing personal growth and the promotion of inclusion for individuals supported by Community Living Mississauga.

Community Living Mississauga would like to give special mention to the following new employers and existing partnerships that continued to grow over the past year.

Chartwells UTM, Mississauga Rd.

Art Gilewski & Vicky Jezierski

Home Depot, Mavis Rd.

Quintin Miranda & Stephanie Tavares

Toys 'R' Us, Hurontario St.

Ian Boyle

Aramark (Rogers), Dixie Rd.

Maggie McDonell

Value Village, Hampshire Gate

Lucy Marrisett

Loblaws, Glen Erin Market

Mike Gnurlandino & Hema Prashad

QuikX, Davand Dr.

Anne McKee & Tim Ritter

Shoeless Joe's, Courtney Park

Igor Camber

Old Navy, Square One

Gillian Dubroy

Dollarama, Heartland Town Centre

Raj Teed



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL

## SUGARBUSH MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

March 6 - April 11  
Kortright Centre for Conservation  
Adults \$8  
Kids, Students, Seniors: \$6  
Children 4 and under: FREE  
Parking: \$4 on weekends  
[www.trcaparks.ca/maplesyrup](http://www.trcaparks.ca/maplesyrup)



## OUTDOOR SKATING

Operational through Mid-March.  
*Burnhamthorpe Community Centre*  
1500 Gulleden Drive - 905-615-4630  
*Mississauga Civic Centre*  
300 City Centre Drive - 905-615-4100  
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

## GLENN GROVES: ALL I HAVE

February 19  
Cuchulainn's Irish Pub  
158 Queen St. S, Streetsville  
March 26  
Franklin House  
263 Queens St. S, Streetsville  
Admission: FREE  
For more information, visit  
[www.glenngroves.com](http://www.glenngroves.com)

## NATIONAL HOME SHOW

February 19 - 28  
Direct Energy Centre  
Exhibition Place Toronto  
Admission:  
Adults: \$15  
Students/Seniors: \$11  
Children 12 and under: FREE  
[www.nationalhomeshow.com](http://www.nationalhomeshow.com)  
(416) 263-3000

## THE MISSISSAUGA FESTIVAL CHOIR PRESENTS: BROADWAY WITH HEART

February 20  
8 p.m.  
Living Arts Centre  
Admission:  
Adults \$35  
Seniors & Youth rates available  
[www.mississaugafestivalchoir.com](http://www.mississaugafestivalchoir.com)  
(905) 306-6000

## PERFORMANCE WORLD CUSTOM CAR SHOW

March 12 - 14  
International Centre  
Admission:  
Adults \$20  
Children (6 to 12): \$5  
Children 5 and under: FREE  
For more information, visit  
[www.performanceworldcarshow.com](http://www.performanceworldcarshow.com)  
(416) 229-9919 ext. 21

## SUCCESSFUL GARDENING SHOW

March 18 - 21  
International Centre  
Admission:  
Adults \$14  
Seniors & Children (9 to 18): \$10  
Children 8 and under: FREE  
For more information, visit  
[www.successfulgardeningshow.ca](http://www.successfulgardeningshow.ca)  
(416) 512-1305

## MISSISSAUGA PLAYERS PRESENTS: ENCHANTED APRIL

April 1-3 and 8-10 at 8 pm  
April 4 at 2 pm  
Clarke Hall - 161 Lakeshore Rd. W  
Admission:  
Adults: \$20  
Students/Seniors: \$17  
[www.mississaugaplayers.com](http://www.mississaugaplayers.com)  
(905) 607-2513

## ALL ABOUT PETS SHOW

April 2 - 4  
International Centre  
Admission:  
Adults \$12  
Seniors & Children (6 to 15): \$8  
Children 5 and under: FREE  
For more information, visit  
[www.allaboutpetsshow.com](http://www.allaboutpetsshow.com)  
1-877-340-7387





## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY SPORTS LEAGUE

The Community Sports League, a softball league consisting of recreational and competitive teams for people who are supported by Community Living Mississauga, is presently looking for volunteer coaches and committee members for next season!

If you are available from 6:30-9 on Thursday evenings from late May until the end of August and would like to help coach a team, or are interested in joining the committee to help organize the league, please call Joanne O'Connor at 905-542-2694 ext. 2243.

The "Rep League" team enjoys playing against other teams in the community so if you play on a team and would like to arrange a game against our "Rep Team", please call Mary Dillon at 905 542-2694 ext. 2242.

## CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION SUPPORT VITAL TO COMMUNITY LIVING MISSISSAUGA PROGRAMS

Community Living Mississauga would like to thank the following corporations and charitable foundations which provided financial assistance to our organization during 2009.

### CORPORATIONS

CIBC  
M&M Meat Shops Ltd.  
TransCanada Pipeline Ltd.  
TD Securities Underwriting Hope Fund – TD Securities Employee Charity Auction

### FOUNDATIONS

Frank Fowler Foundation  
Ignat Kaneff Charitable Foundation  
OREA Foundation (Ontario Real Estate Association Foundation) – Realtors Care Foundation  
The Lloyd Carr-Harris Foundation  
The GlaxoSmithKline Foundation  
Scotia Private Client Group: The Marion Ethel & Fredrick John Kamm Foundation  
State Street Foundation



# COMMUNITY LIVING MISSISSAUGA EMPLOYEES RAISE OVER \$10,000 FOR UNITED WAY

Thank you to everyone who participated in Community Living Mississauga's 2009 United Way Employee Campaign. All together, we raised a grand total of \$10,256.50!

Campaign Committee:

Mary Dillon, Nancy Mojsovski, Lisa Kitchener, Helen McAlpine, Sue Taggart



**United Way**  
of Peel Region

Special thanks to the Employment Resource Centre and Job Path teams, the Service Coordination team, the Preschool team, the Community Partnerships team and the Planning & Facilitation team for organizing the special events.

Special thanks to the following sponsors and donors who helped to make our campaign so successful:

Buka Bean Bagel - Millcreek Drive  
Loblaws  
Playdium

Dominion  
Mr. Sub - Meadowvale Town Centre  
Sobeys

## GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



Building relationships with local businesses and other not-for-profit agencies is essential if Community Living Mississauga is to achieve its goal of integrating individuals who have an intellectual disability into the community.

The Community Living Mississauga staff and individuals who are supported by the association who are volunteering with the Salvation Army, Mississauga Temple on Cawthra Rd. are not only helping another local not-for-profit agency, but they are also helping to build a lasting relationship.

A team of three to four individuals who attend Community Living Mississauga's Queensway base site volunteer at the Salvation Army's food bank each Thursday. The team helps to package donated pizzas and other foods into food packages which can be distributed to the more than 250 people who rely on the food bank each month.

“This is truly a win-win situation,” said Dianne Falkinson with the Salvation Army, Mississauga Temple. “The volunteers have the chance to be integrated into the workings of a community agency and the people we support benefit from the packages they put together.”

**Victor  
Oh**



**Tribute  
Dinner**

*In support of the Community Living Mississauga Foundation*

**Thursday, March 25th, 2010 - 6 pm - Mississauga Convention Centre**

For more information or to order tickets, please contact Sara Dias at 905-542-2694 or sarad@clmiss.ca.

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