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COMMUNITY BASE SITES CELEBRATE GRAND OPENINGS

Mayor Hazel McCallion, MPP Bob Delaney and City Councillors Bonnie Crombie and George Carlson attended the grand openings of Community Living Mississauga's newest Base Site location on Watline Avenue and Argenta Road.

The new locations include kitchen areas, computer rooms, lounges and television areas, but participants will focus their time on participating in community-based activities.

Community Living Mississauga offers Community Base Sites located throughout Mississauga. The goal of each Base Site is to provide opportunities to participate in meaningful day time, recreational, social and leisure activities at the locations and in the community. Each participant directs the activities they wish to participate in and are provided with a monthly schedule.

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ARTISTS SHOWCASE TALENT AT PAINTING EXHIBITION

A few short months ago, when several individuals who have an intellectual disability came together to share their interest in painting, little did they realize that they would be holding their first public art exhibition by the end of November.

The November 29th exhibition, which was held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Streetsville, was a celebration of individuals coming together as artists and celebrating achieving their personal goals.

"This whole exciting opportunity started when two ladies supported by our organization realized that they shared similar goals and started a painting club for anyone, with or without a disability, who wanted to learn how to paint," explained Anna Rossa, Community Living Support Manager at Community Living Mississauga. "A local artist, named Christina Garza, was asked to teach the group."



"Each participant has progressively evolved to incredible artists and are extremely proud of their achievements," said Rossa. "To celebrate, all of the groups decided to come together for a year-end art exhibition."



GLAXOSMITHKLINE EMPLOYEES HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT COMMUNITY LIVING MISSISSAUGA

On November 23, employees from GlaxoSmithKline's Information Technology Department volunteered at Community Living Mississauga. They participated in many projects; computer training, toy and book inventories, installing firewalls, assisting in recreational activities in the community and providing support at Mississauga Packaging and Assembly.

“The day provided a great opportunity for the GSK Canada IT team to get out and support Community Living Mississauga,” said Jerry Boyer, Director of IT at GlaxoSmithKline.

“We are really proud to be able to support such a great organization and are humbled by the incredible difference that Community Living Mississauga makes for the lives of the people it supports.”



ARTISTS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH EXHIBITION AT IMAGEMAKER ART PRINTS STUDIO



More than 100 people turned out for the Idlewilde Art Exhibition and Christmas Celebration, held December 10th at Imagemaker Art Studio in Port Credit.

The event was an opportunity for artists Peter Corp, Grace Goncalves, Ron O'Connell and Trung Tran who showcased many of their original paintings.

All of the participants would like to extend their thanks to everyone who came out and made this a very special and memorable celebration.



WHO NEEDS MORE GIFTS?

CONSIDER A DONATION

Throughout the business world, many vendors give gifts over the holidays as a way of saying thank you to their business partners for using their services.

But a new trend is emerging. Instead of buying a trinket for the office or a bottle of "holiday spirits", many people are making donations to their business partners' charities of choice.

"We've seen more and more people approach us with this type of donations over the past few years," said Sara Dias, Manager of Resource Development at Community Living Mississauga.

This type of donation extends beyond the business world as well.

"There is a sense of fulfillment for people who opt for gift donations, charitable birthday parties or non-profit wedding registries - a feeling they don't get from giving or Receiving traditional gifts," said Dias.

So next time you are struggling to put together a wish list for your birthday, anniversary or other special occasion, consider asking your friends and loved ones to make a donation to Community Living Mississauga instead. It is the gift that will truly make a difference!

"THE CLUB" TRANSITIONS TO THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESOURCE INITIATIVE

In August, Community Living Mississauga announced it's plans for the evolution of "The Club" and now, after 10 years, the Club in it's traditional format, has closed it's doors. We know many of you have fond memories of creating culinary works of art, cheering on the Argos, Blue Jays and Raptors, watching block buster movies and meeting friends and building relationships that still hold strong today.

The old saying about when one door closes another one opens is true, but in this case, many more have opened. The Club is evolving into the Community Engagement Resource Initiative where small groups of friends are getting together and hanging out each week, doing things they really enjoy. People are trying new things and spending time with new and old friends, doing what they love to do, or perhaps planning an activity they always dreamed of doing but were reluctant to try on their own. The possibilities are proving to be endless!

COMMUNITY SPORTS LEAGUE CELEBRATES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON

A very special thanks to all the enthusiastic coaches and committee members who helped make the 2011 season spectacular!!

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 6:30-9:00 pm 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 Lisa Kitchener at 905 542-2694 ext. 2246.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTRE THANKS KEY EMPLOYMENT PARTNERS FOR 2011

2011 has been another exciting year for the Employment Resource Centre and Job Path at Community Living Mississauga. We are proud to announce new partnerships and applaud current relationships that have strengthened over the past year. We would like to sincerely thank all of the employers who have demonstrated commitment to partnerships which have enabled ongoing 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 employers for 2011:

AMC Courtney Park Drive
110 Courtney Park Dr.
Sarah Medeiros

Little Caesars
Bloor St.
Sangeeta Dahaiya

Starbucks
189 Rathburn Rd. W.
Joanne Loewen

Aramark
5100 Dixie Rd.
Maggie McDonell

Loblaws Superstore
3045 Mavis Rd.
O'Neal Brown

Swiss Chalet
6430 Erin Mills Parkway
Zain Raza/Manny Azar

Athlete's World
100 City Centre Dr.
Dave Nascimento

McDonald's
2965 Eglinton Ave. W.
Ian Campbell/Grace Selvanadham

Tim Hortons
475 Courtney Park Dr. E.
Nancy Osberg

Blockbuster
Rathburn Rd. E.
Sana Deek

Milestones
Heartland Centre
John Baker

Tim Hortons
3285 Derry Rd. W.
Steve Nicholson

Bluenotes
Square One
Lena Mandaglio

Panera Bread
Square One
Bob Way

Tim Hortons
6677 Meadowvale Town Centre
Saffi Syed /Steve Nicholson

Boston Pizza
2915 Eglinton Ave.
Mark Ritchie

Real Canadian Superstore
Argentia Rd.
Rita Johnson

Winners
3135 Argentia Rd.
Sean Blackwood

Cora's Breakfast & Lunch
1865 Lakeshore Rd.
Michelle Millette

Shoppers Drug Mart
Rockwood Mall
Arthur Cheung/Anil Aggarwal

Winners
Rockwood Mall
Ian Kelly-Boxe

Cora's Breakfast & Lunch
4559 Hurontario St.
Hamza Ehmadi

Sport Chek
Heartland Town Centre
Jenny Richards

Dollarama
South Common
Loretta Hendrickson

Starbucks
3235 Dundas St. W.
Jody Wessel

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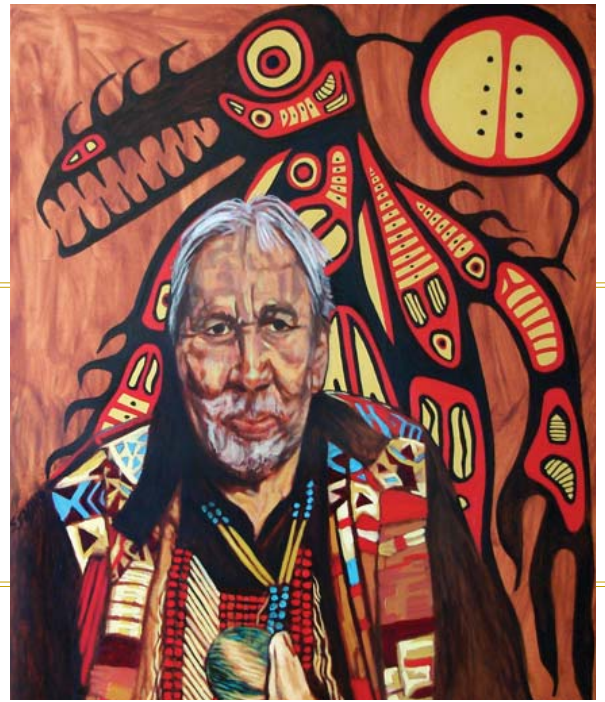


WHAT'S HAPPENING

FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL

LEGENDS: NORVAL MORRISSEAU AND WOODLAND ARTISTS

Through April 8th
McMichael Art Gallery
Admission: Adults - \$15, Students/Seniors - \$12
(905) 893-1121
www.mcmichael.ca



OUTDOOR SKATING RINKS

Through March (Weather Permitting)
1- Burnhamthorpe Community Centre
2- Celebration Square
3- Woodhurst Heights Park
(905) 615-46100
Admission: FREE
www.mississauga.ca

THE MISSISSAUGA FESTIVAL CHOIR PRESENT: FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS

February 4
Eden United Church
Admission:
Adults \$20
www.mississaugafestivalchoir.com



MEADOWVALE MUSIC THEATRE PRESENTS: ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

February 17-18 and 23-25 at 8 pm
February 19, 25 and 26 at 2 pm
Meadowvale Theatre
Admission:
Adults: \$24.50
Students/Seniors: \$22.50
www.encoreseries.ca
(905) 615-4720

MISSISSAUGA POPS CONCERT BAND PRESENT: TV POPS

March 3
Meadowvale Theatre
Admission:
Adults: \$20
Students/Seniors: \$18
www.mississaugapops.com

NATIONAL HOME SHOW/ CANADA BLOOMS

March 16-25
Direct Energy Centre
Admission:
Adults: \$20
Seniors: \$17
Youth (13 - 17): \$16
Children 12 yrs. & under: FREE
www.nationalhomeshow.com
(416) 644-5460

MISSISSAUGA PLAYERS PRESENTS: STEEL MAGNOLIAS

March 22-24 and 29-31 at 8 pm
March 25 at 2 pm
Maja Prentice Theatre
Admission:
Adults: \$20
Students/Seniors: \$17
www.mississaugaplayers.com
(647) 858-2153

GLENN GROVES - ALL I HAVE

March 24 - Clarkson Pump
April 6 - Cuchullainn's Irish Pub
April 13 - Lucy's Seafood Kitchen
Admission:
FREE
www.glenngroves.com

GREEN LIVING SHOW

April 13-15
Direct Energy Centre
Admission (subject to change):
Adults: \$12
Seniors: \$9
Youth (13 - 17): \$9
Children 12 yrs. & under: FREE
www.greenlivingonline.com
(416) 360-0044 ext. 327

UPCOMING FAMILY WORKSHOPS

5 Meets to a Future Plan - Provides parents with an interactive opportunity to develop a plan for the future of their son or daughter who has a disability. Parents who participate must be prepared to attend all six sessions and complete questionnaires and assignments.

“5 Meets” is best suited for families with sons or daughters over the age of 18. Participation is limited to a maximum of 8 families.

Winter session starts on January 17th.

Topics include: Wills and Trusts, ODSP, RSMC, living arrangements, developing and managing the budget, setting goals and circles of support.

Place: Community Living
Mississauga
6695 Millcreek Drive, #1
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm
RSVP: Sue Taggart at
905-542-2694 ext. 2312

Planning for Your Child’s Future - For parents with children who have a disability, future planning is a more complex process than it may be for others. It involves looking at day opportunities, housing, networks of support and estate planning.

Support and Trustee Advisory Services has developed a workbook which helps parents with future planning for their child who has a disability. This seminar will focus on the workbook and assisting parents in beginning the planning process.

Dates: Wednesday, January 18th, or
Wednesday, March 21st

Place: Community Living
Mississauga
6695 Millcreek Drive, #1
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm
RSVP: Sue Taggart at
905-542-2694 ext. 2312

Wills & Trusts and Financial Planning- A great opportunity to learn how to establish a specialized will that ensures your son/daughter’s future is as secure as possible along with information on how to fund your son/daughter’s trust fund.

Guest Speakers:

Craig Ross, Pallett Valo LLP
Michael Parris, Financial Planner

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2012
Time: To be confirmed
Place: Community Living
Mississauga
6695 Millcreek Drive, #1
RSVP: 905-542-2694 ext. 2400

Power of Attorney & Guardianship - A great opportunity to learn more about the similarities and differences between power of attorney and guardianship.

Guest Speaker:

Craig Ross, Pallett Valo LLP

Date: Wednesday, February 22nd
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Place: 6695 Millcreek Drive, #1
RSVP: 905-542-2694 ext. 2400

EMPLOYEE UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN EXCEEDS GOAL

We would like to thank everyone who participated in Community Living Mississauga’s 2011 United Way Employee Campaign.

Together, we raised a grand total of \$11,557.58 - exceeding our goal of \$11,500.

Special thanks go out to the various teams and individuals who took the time to organize and participate in our Sub Day, E-Bay Day, Bake Sale, 50/50 Draw, Casual Days and Book Sale.

In fact, the money raised during the campaign will be helping Community Living Mississauga. The United Way of Peel Region helps fund many of our organization's summer programs for children and youth.



United Way
Peel Region



DAY SUPPORTS PLANNING - HELPING TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL TO COMMUNITY DAY LIVING

Community Living Mississauga is offering Planning Services for parents whose sons or daughters are in their final year at school and are looking ahead at the transition process from school to community day living.

Families will have the opportunity to meet one-to-one with a planner who will assist with creating a plan for their son or daughter's continued community participation after graduation from school. Each plan is person-directed and is

created specific to the individual's needs, interests and goals. This is a great opportunity for families to prepare for one of the most significant times in their son or daughter's life and also for changes that adult life may bring.

The planning process helps families think creatively to identify how their son or daughter would like to spend their day and also is an opportunity for them to become familiar with community resources available to their son or daughter. Examples of

such resources are: Community Day Programs, College Programs, Employment Supports, Life Skills Enhancement Programs and Respite Options.

If your son or daughter is in their final year at school and you would be interested in meeting with a planner please contact your Service Coordinator or Raheem Awan (905) 542-2694 ext. 2441.



SIBLING WORKSHOPS FOR FAMILIES

Sibling Workshops are offered to a brother or sister who has a sibling who has an intellectual disability. We are offering sessions in the winter and spring for children between seven and 11 years of age.

The workshops are held in a safe place and structured environment and are intended to support children with sharing their experiences, learning about different disabilities and meeting new people. This workshop is offered in partnership with Brampton Caledon Community Living, Kerry's Place Autism Services, Treatment, Research & Education for Autism and Developmental Disorders (TRE-ADD) and Community Living Mississauga.

Workshops will be held from 5 to 8 pm, generally on the 3rd Monday of each month. The location of the workshop rotates between Brampton and Mississauga. Children are able to register for any of the sessions regardless of where they reside.



There is a \$10 fee per session, which covers the cost of dinner, refreshments and arts and crafts.

To inquire or register for the workshop please call Melanie at Kerry's Place at 905-855-4984 ext. 200.

Mississauga Location
January 16, March 19, May 14
6695 Millcreek Dr., Unit 1
please confirm this address with Melanie when you register

Brampton Location
February 13, April 16, June 18
19 Rutherford Rd S Unit B



Ralph Tribute Chiodo Dinner



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