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## LONGTIME VOLUNTEER NAMED MISSISSAUGA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Long-time Community Living Mississauga volunteer, Douglas Fowles, was named Mississauga Citizen of the Year at a ceremony on May 24th.

Fowles has volunteered on the Community Living Mississauga Tribute Dinner Planning Committee since 2005 - serving as chair from 2008 to 2012.

This is the latest nomination from Community Living Mississauga which has resulted in Fowles receiving recognition for his volunteer efforts.

Right from the beginning, Douglas

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOCUSES ON PROMOTING INCLUSION TOGETHER



On June 21st, nearly 200 people came out to celebrate a year of successes and learn how Community Living Mississauga, its members and community partners are "Promoting Inclusion Together".

Following a formal business meeting, the community celebration portion of the evening kicked off with the swearing in of the 2018-2019 Board of Directors.

Board President, Eugene Nolin, then

presented a gift to John Nevins who is retiring from the Board and former Board President, Mike Pawelchuk, was presented an Honourary Life Membership in recognition of his many years of service to Community Living Mississauga in a number of capacities.

The organization next recognized six employees who had gone over and above their job expectations with

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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (continued)

special recognition awards. (A complete list of all award winners is located at the bottom of this page)

The theme of the evening focused on promoting inclusion together. Jennifer Cowie-Bonne, from the City of Mississauga, and Community Living Mississauga's Lisa Kitchener spoke about how the two organizations have come together to develop the Inclusion Resource Initiative Pilot Project with the goal of making city run recreational programs more accessible for people who have an intellectual disability.

Following their remarks, Lisa presented Jennifer with the Community Partnership Award in recognition of this initiative.

Additional awards were presented to

the employer of the year, Compass Group Canada (see article on page 4) and to our corporate donors (see list below).

Following these presentations, Tia Tennent spoke about her brother, Jeff, and his participation in a City of Mississauga recreational program through the Inclusion Resource Initiative Pilot Project.

## BOARD RECOGNITION:

Former Board President and now Honourary Life Member, Mike Pawelchuck (top photo). Eugene Nolin (bottom photo left) presented retiring Board member, John Nevins (right) with a thank you for his tenure on the Board.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE AWARD WINNERS AT OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### Above and Beyond Special Thanks and Recognition

Jamie Curran

Marissa Marr

Tundun Olasusi

Brett Paveling

### Above and Beyond Leadership Initiative Values Enthusiasm

Amanda Williams

### Above and Beyond in Building Social Capital and Community Connections

Aimee Shaw

### Employer of the Year

Compass Group Canada

### Community Partnership Award

City of Mississauga

### Corporate Donor Awards

Canadian Construction Workers Union

Cummins Eastern Canada

Gary Bluestein Charitable Foundation

Rotary Club of Mississauga-Meadowvale



## WHATLEY FUND ENHANCES PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

The Whatley Fund was set up in memory of Alexander John Whatley, a young man who participated in the base site program through Community Living Mississauga.

Each year, the fund supports activities through the base sites by providing assisting with the purchase of equipment/materials or admissions to community-based activities.

This past year, Community Living Mississauga has been able to promote the arts by purchasing a new

tablet with keyboard, DVDs and karaoke CDs for the Argentia Base Site; provide for art therapy at the Queensway Base Site; and enabled participation at Crack Pot Studios and the Riverwood Conservancy Enabling Garden,

Thanks to the contributions from the Whatley Family, Individuals who attend the three base site locations have been given the opportunity to participate in more community-based activities and learn new skills.

## ANDREW SINGH COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FUND

The Andrew Singh Community Participation Fund is another fund which is designed to enhance the experiences of individuals attending on of Community Living Mississauga's four base sites.

Participants from the Argentia Base Site were able to attend a Raptors 905 game while others participated in a four-week creative art class with Visual Arts Mississauga.

The fund also provided the opportunity for people attending the Queensway Base Site to see a Raptors 905 game, a Mississauga Steelheads game as well as go on a trip on the Waterloo Scenic Train. Participants from the Watline Base

Site were also able to participate at Crack Pot Studios and Rivergrove Conservancy's Enabling Gardens.



## FOWLES NAMED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR (continued)



embraced the mission of Community Living Mississauga.

"He freely gave of his time and expertise to support us in providing support to individuals who have an intellectual disability and has continually promoted Community Living Mississauga to other business leaders in Mississauga, helping to raise awareness of our vision and goals," said Keith Tansley, Executive Director at Community Living Mississauga.

Previously, he was presented with an Ontario Service Award as well as a Mississauga Civic Award of Recognition in 2013. Then, in 2014, he was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Mississauga.



# EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR



Each year, Community Living Mississauga's Employment Resource Centre recognizes an employer who demonstrates a commitment to inclusive hiring and creating positive changes for employment for people who have an intellectual disability. This year, it was our pleasure to present this award to Compass Group Canada.

Compass Group Canada, including its company Chartwells, has been working with Community Living Mississauga for many years. The partnership has continued to evolve with Compass Group Canada not only hiring more people who have an intellectual disability but also including additional locations and employment opportunities.

To date, Compass Group Canada has hired nine people who have an intellectual disability throughout five locations, plus, they onboard a student for summer employment. People are working in a variety of positions and Compass Group Canada is committed to inclusive hiring, often calling Community Living Mississauga's Employment

Resource Centre for support with fulfilling their hiring needs.

Compass Group Canada recognizes and values inclusive hiring practices and recently participated in the Employment Resource Centre's Employer Engagement Event hosted in March 2018. Compass Group Canada, represented by Praveen Suresh, Food Service Director, was one of the champion employers to speak on the panel.

Praveen spoke about Compass Group Canada's positive experiences hiring people who have an intellectual disability while educating other potential employers on the benefits of inclusive hiring.

"People who have a disability demonstrate a strong level of commitment to their assigned duties and are consistent in delivering to our level of standards-we can always count on their performance," said Praveen.

"Compass Group Canada truly sees the value in hiring people who have an intellectual disability," says

Lakshika Jainshad, a member of the Employment Resource Centre team. "They see the strengths of their employees and the benefits that inclusive hiring brings to their business, their workplace culture and their customers."

Natasha, who is employed with Compass Group Canada at Sheridan College-Hazel McCallion Campus, will celebrate one year working with her team as a Food Service Worker in September 2018.

"I like working at Compass because the people I work with are friendly and helpful, and they appreciate the hard work that I do," explained Natasha.

This messaging resonates with all of the employees hired, regardless of location or position, exemplifying how Compass Group Canada is a champion employer who truly values its employees.

Community Living Mississauga's Employment Resource Centre is proud to present Compass Group Canada with the Employer of the Year Award and look forward to continuing our partnership.

If you are an employer who would like to hear more about the benefits of inclusive hiring and how it can benefit your business, please contact Community Living Mississauga's Employment Resource Centre at (905) 542-2694.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER

## PORT CREDIT BUSKERFEST

August 17 - 19  
Admission: FREE  
[www.portcreditbuskerfest.com](http://www.portcreditbuskerfest.com)



## SQUARE ONE FARMER'S MARKET

Wednesdays, August - October  
3 Robert Speck Parkway  
North Parking lot on Shipp Dr.  
[www.lionscentral.com](http://www.lionscentral.com)

## ON THE VERANDA MUSIC SERIES



August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31  
Benares Historic House  
Admission: Pay What You Can  
[www.museumsofmississauga.com](http://www.museumsofmississauga.com)

## WALKING TOUR OF STREETSVILLE

August 10 - 7 pm  
September 9 - 1 pm  
Meet at 280 Queen St. S.  
Admission: FREE  
[www.villageofstreetsville.com](http://www.villageofstreetsville.com)

## CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION

August 17 - September 3  
Exhibition Place Toronto  
General Admission (all ages): \$15  
[www.theex.com](http://www.theex.com)

## TIM HORTONS SOUTHSIDE SHUFFLE BLUES AND JAZZ FESTIVAL



Sept. 7 - 9  
Various locations in Port Credit  
[www.southsideshuffle.com](http://www.southsideshuffle.com)

## MISSISSAUGA STEELHEADS HOCKEY

September - March  
Hershey Centre  
Admission:  
Adult - \$18.90, \$22.15 & \$27.80  
Seniors (65+) - \$16.50, \$18.25 & \$22.75  
Child (3-12) - \$15.50, \$17.25 & \$21.50  
[www.mississaugasteelheads.com](http://www.mississaugasteelheads.com)



## PORT CREDIT IN-WATER BOAT SHOW

August 24 - 26  
Port Credit Harbour Marina  
Admission:  
Adults: \$10  
Seniors (65+): \$5  
Children (15 and under): FREE  
[www.portcreditboatshow.ca](http://www.portcreditboatshow.ca)



## DRAGON LION DANCE FESTIVAL

September 22  
Celebration Square  
[www.culture.mississauga.ca](http://www.culture.mississauga.ca)

## FOR MORE EVENTS IN MISSISSAUGA, DON'T FORGET TO VISIT:



[www.culture.mississauga.ca](http://www.culture.mississauga.ca)

# ANOTHER SEASON OF EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION SESSIONS COME TO AN END

It's hard to believe but Community Living Mississauga is wrapping up another season of Information Sessions. We've had an amazing roster of Sessions again this year including Wills and Trusts, Role of the Trustee and Power of Attorney and Guardianship, Financial Planning, 'Ask the Expert', and ODSP!

We are fortunate to have connections with many skilled local professionals who generously donate their time and share their knowledge with families attending the Sessions.

Lisa Sticht-Maksymec, B.A., LL.B., is an esteemed lawyer from Pallett Valo LLP who speaks at a number of information sessions including Wills and Trusts, Role of the Trustee and Power of Attorney and Guardianship - all of which are consistently popular and well attended. Lisa generously volunteers her time and shares her expertise on these very complex topics all the while answering questions and providing clear explanations.

Mike Parris, BA, CFP, CPCA, is an Investment Advisor with Manulife Securities Incorporated who shares his insights and wisdom at the Financial Planning Information session. He will be joining the 'Ask the Expert Panel' this upcoming year as well!



Kevin Wong, CPA, CA, MTAX, Partner, is from MDP LLP Chartered Professional Accountants; and Wyn Kanyogonya, FCSI, TEP, Manager Private Trust, is from TD Wealth Private Trust, The Canada Trust Company; share their extensive collective experiences as well on the 'Ask the Expert' Panel.

We also appreciate all of the representatives from ODSP who have always provided an excellent overview of the program, including recent updates, at their presentation.

Our thanks and appreciation go to all the professionals who volunteer their time and expertise to inform and educate families at the Community Living Mississauga Information Sessions.

We look forward to the upcoming roster of Sessions and encourage you to join us to take advantage of the opportunities to hear and learn from professionals in the field.

## NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE ONLINE

Recent additions to the Community Living Mississauga website ([www.clmiss.ca](http://www.clmiss.ca)) are giving site visitors education about quality assurance for individuals supported by the organization as well as tips for promoting inclusion in the community.

Located under the "About Us" tab, the Online Quality Assurance Videos provide an annual review of the organization's vision and mission statements, service principles and statement of rights.

They also provide education and awareness-building on abuse and neglect prevention and reporting to people who receive support or services from Community Living Mississauga.

A series of tip sheets around inclusion has also been added under the Links/Resources tab.

In addition to an Inclusion Fact Sheet, tip sheets, specific to Early Childhood, Employment, Planning/Living, Recreation and Leisure, and Respite are available.

These tips sheets discuss the values behind inclusion, the benefits of inclusion as well as specific tips on how to promote inclusion.





On Tuesday, May 1st, the Community Living Mississauga flag was raised on the Community Flag Pole in Celebration Square, in recognition of Community Living Month. Mayor Bonnie Crombie, as well as Councillors Chris Fonseca, Dave Cook, and Ron Starr, joined representatives from Community Living Mississauga at the ceremony.

For the second year in a row, the Crown and Lion Pub (located at the corner of Steeles and Financial) donated the proceeds from its annual golf tournament to Community Living Mississauga.

Following the event, owner, Dennis Greer, presented a cheque for \$6100 to Community Living Mississauga representatives Debbie Moffatt (left) and Sara Dias (right).

Thanks to the Crown and Lion Pub for its ongoing support!



# GRANTS HELPING EXPLORE DAY SUPPORT OPTIONS AND ENHANCING ACCESSIBILITY

## Ministry of Community and Social Services Grant Enables Research on Day Support Options

Community Living Mississauga has received a grant from the Ministry of Community and Social Services' Employment and Modernization Fund under the Modernization Stream for a one-year project.

The main objectives of this initiative are to research and develop inclusive and individualized day options for

people who have an intellectual disability and who require an enhanced level of support.

The information gathered in this project will be used to build responsive supports that will promote community inclusion and independence, particularly for people we support transitioning from school to other day opportunities.



## Trillium Grant to Make Base Sites More Accessible

Community Living Mississauga has received a grant for \$52,600 over the next 12 months from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to make its base site locations more accessible.

Currently, support is provided to 180 individuals who attend the base sites on Argentia Road, Matheson Blvd, the Queensway and Watline Road.

## 2018 COMMUNITY LIVING MISSISSAUGA GOLF CLASSIC



**TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**LIONHEAD  
GOLF COURSE  
AND CONFERENCE  
CENTRE**

We are excited to be celebrating our 15th Annual Community Living Mississauga Golf Classic! Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support and commitment to the golf tournament and subsequently to individuals who have an intellectual disability receiving support from Community Living Mississauga.

Thanks to everyone for your generous support and commitment that began 15 years ago by one devoted parent with a vision and has flourished into the event it is today!

Community Living Mississauga...providing support to individuals who have an intellectual disability to ensure their quality of life in the community is meaningfully improved!

**VISIT [WWW.CLMISS.CA](http://WWW.CLMISS.CA) FOR MORE INFORMATION**

