



# COMMUNITY LIVING SOUTH MUSKOKA

## *Happy Holidays*

Come and celebrate the  
Holidays with  
Community Living  
South Muskoka  
at our  
Christmas Wine & Cheese  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
Thursday, December 20th,  
2:00 - 4:00pm  
15 Depot Dr., Bracebridge

*Everyone  
Welcome!*

December 2012

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## CLSM Annual General Meeting



The Annual General Meeting of Community Living South Muskoka was held on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in the barn at Morrison Meadows. The meeting was well attended and after a Family BBQ, Board Chair Gord Haugh called the meeting to order. Gerry Franklin, Program Supervisor for the Ministry of Community and Social Services thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication and noted that the agency is a creative and innovative leader in both the Northeast region and the province. The Annual Report was reviewed and the Board answered a number of questions from those in attendance. At the end of the evening the following staff were congratulated and recognized for their commitment and service to CLSM:

### 10 Years of Service

Shari Ecclestone  
Wendy Miller  
John Potter  
Fran Kettle  
Michael Gillmore

### 15 Years of Service

Linda Carley-Raithby  
Tina Chatillon  
Tara Prout

### 20 Years of Service

Shawna Painter  
Dawn DeCaire  
Peggy Jeffrey  
Pat Kerr

### 25 Years of Service

Michael Campbell

## Fall Harvest Festival Days

Fall Harvest Festival Days took place this year over the last two weekends in September at Morrison Meadows. There were many great outdoor activities for families to enjoy including a petting zoo, hay wagon rides, face-painting, giant potato sling, tractor train rides and much more. The Moose FM's DJ Andrea Kitchen broadcast live from Morrison Meadows on the first day of the Festival and more than 200 families attended over the two weekends!

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped make Fall Harvest Festival Days a success as well as to all the families who came out to enjoy the festivities.





## Second Annual Muskoka Mud Run

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The Muskoka Mud Run was held at Morrison Meadows on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. On the 19<sup>th</sup> the Farm was host to 840 students in grades 4 through 8 from central Ontario and surrounding regions in a cross-country event. Throughout the day students raced through the mud in a series of courses ranging from 1.5 to 2.8 km. On October 20<sup>th</sup> open division 5km and 9km trail runs took place with 57 runners participating and almost 200 spectators cheering them on. Coming in February, 2013 the trails at Morrison Meadows will host the Muskoka Snow Scamper Snowshoe Race which will include 4km and 8km courses.



## Special Olympics Ontario

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The Annual Christmas Party for Special Olympics will be held at CLSM Bracebridge on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00 pm. Two Muskoka curling teams will compete in Midland on December 8<sup>th</sup> in an all-day qualifying bonspiel. The winning team will move on to the provincial playdowns.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Muskoka Special Olympics Fun Bonspiel will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Gravenhurst Curling Club. This is an all-day event and includes lunch. 10 teams from 5 towns are expected to compete. Come on out and watch!

Weekly Sports: Floor Hockey - Mondays at 7:00 pm  
Bowling – Wednesdays at 4:00 pm  
Curling – Thursdays at 3:30 pm  
Swimming - Fridays at 3:30 pm



## Quality Assurance Measures Preventing, Recognizing and Reporting Abuse Training

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In late 2010 the Ministry of Community and Social Services introduced Regulation 299/10 – Quality Assurance Measures which specified that education about abuse be provided to employees, volunteers, board members and individuals with a developmental disability. In October, (17) staff members from Community Living South Muskoka received in-depth training on Preventing, Recognizing and Reporting Abuse Education for People Supported. The group was divided into teams which will begin the process of educating individuals about Abuse Definitions, Boundaries and Safety Planning. An education session will be held for families in the New Year. Families and individuals will have the option to opt out of the training provided documentation is completed to this effect. Watch for a flyer on this event in early January.

## Compliance Review

In November Community Living South Muskoka underwent a compliance review conducted by the Ministry of Community and Social Services. The purpose of the review was to ensure that where services and supports are provided to adults with developmental disabilities, we are in compliance with the statutory requirements of Ontario Regulation 299/10 respecting quality assurance measures and ministry policy directives.

Our policies and procedures were reviewed along with three residential locations; Woodward St., Fraserburg Rd. and Spencer St. Community Living South Muskoka achieved 100% compliance in all areas – the only agency in the province of Ontario to do so! Many thanks go out to everyone that worked so diligently in the days, weeks and months prior to the review. We can all be very proud of this achievement!

## Food Bank Challenge!

It's that time of year for collecting donations for the Manna Food Bank's holiday season food drive. Staff on the first floor at 15 Depot Dr. have challenged employees on the second floor to bring in the most donations. Please bring your non-perishable food items in by Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>. It's not too late to join in the challenge!



## 'Tis the Season

It's time for Annual Christmas Door Decorating Contest!  
This year's theme is  
"Outrageous Christmas Trees"

Judging will take place on Monday,  
December 17th

Prizes will be awarded on Thursday,  
December 20th

1st prize \$50 Tim Horton's card  
2nd prize \$30 Tim Horton's card  
3rd prize \$20 Tim Horton's card



## Did You Know...

Since it began in April 2009 the Youth Works Committee for Raising Awareness of the Planet has collected and delivered 609 bags of recyclable materials and safely disposed of 88 loads of hazardous waste. That's amazing!

**From the Staff, Management and Board at Community Living South Muskoka, we hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season!**

