



## We want to hear from you!

Have ideas for a community program or questions about services and supports we provide? There are lots of ways to connect.



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## Enjoying a summer of in-person connections

With the warmer weather, and reduced COVID restrictions, we're excited to see people coming together. In June, we began running some of our regular in-person activities – like Bringin' Bingo. It's so great seeing all the smiles as individuals, families and staff enjoy the many community events.

One fun event was Canada Day. Individuals and staff were busy collecting donations for the fireworks on July 1, then back at the Glencoe fairgrounds the next day helping with the cleanup.

Our staff were finally able to enjoy an in-person staff celebration. This was an opportunity to focus on appreciating one another and recognizing the continued hard work through these challenging times.

Like many organizations, we're seeing a shift in our staffing team. While we have several staff who've been with us for 15+ years, 42% of our staff have been with the agency for less than 5 years. The in-person celebration was a chance to introduce new faces.

Another update includes a transition to a new medication service provider – Seamless Care Pharmacy. This new system furthers our focus on safety for the individuals we support while providing better resources for staff.

Finally, the board and management team are working to update our Strategic Plan. We're approaching the final phase and will share results in the fall.

*Linda Long, Executive Director*





# Youth Transition Program

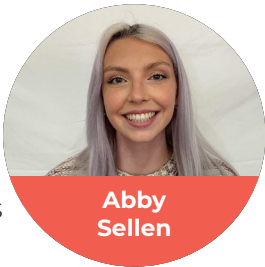


Thanks to funding from the Canada Summer Job's Program, the County of Elgin and the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex, our Youth Transition Program is running this summer. This valuable program creates

opportunities for youth with developmental disabilities to have fun, gain some work experience and give back to the community.

This includes enjoying the experience of having a summer job, which could be a first job, hanging out with friends and enjoying the summer and all it has to offer.

Emily Burdick and Abby Sellen have been hired to facilitate the program under the supervision of Darlene Hoover, Quad County Support Services' Community Facilitator.



A number of youths have registered for the program with a mix of familiar and new faces. Watch for them as they work in the community.

## Celebrating Community Living Month in May

On Friday, May 6, Quad County Support Services hosted a Shine the Light ceremony at the Glencoe Train Station. This ceremony was part of a province-wide day where landmarks, offices and homes across Ontario were lit up blue and green to honour Community Living Month.

Community members joined the celebration with a brief speech from Southwest Middlesex Mayor Al Mayhew and our own Darlene Hoover. Hot chocolate and cookies were enjoyed by all.

Thank you May's Flower for donating the beautiful carnations wrapped in blue and green ribbon. Thank you SWM staff and council for supporting this endeavour.

Quad County looks forward to a new chapter in our agency as we transition into a more inclusive model of being active members in our community.



# Self-Advocates Corner



Arch Disability Law Centre recently hosted a 6-week workshop series called "My Voice, My Choice." This was led by self-advocates from agencies associated with the Southwest Community Collaboration, with some of the individuals we support taking part.

Nicole really enjoyed the series and found different ways to advocate for herself. She had the chance to meet new people from across the province, and was even able to connect with someone from her high school days. Nicole's looking forward to the next session in September.

Thanks to lead support worker, Erin Gott, for all your hard work.

# Spotlight:

Find more pictures on our Facebook page and follow us to be part of the Quad County community!



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We're regulary posting on Facebook photos!  
We encorage you to follow, comment and help grow our Facebook 'Quad Community'.





# Summer Calendar

Find a more evens on our [Facebook page](#) and [website events page!](#)



## Zoomaoke

July 14<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup>  
at 1:40 p.m.



## Tartan Day Pancake Breakfast

July 16<sup>th</sup> from  
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
(Glencoe Legion)



## Jeremy Smith Concert

July 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m.  
(Simpson St.)



## Bringo Bongo

July 20<sup>th</sup> and  
August 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30  
(Glencoe Presbyterian Church)



## Snack Chat Over Zoom

July 26<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
2:00 p.m.



## Outdoor Movie Night

July 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.

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## COVID update

We're happy to report that we still have not had any COVID cases in the individuals we support.

To help keep everyone safe, our staff and visitors continue to wear masks. We realize the Province has removed the masking mandates, but the Chief Medical Officer of Health and our Ministry both recommend mask wearing. As such, we require staff and visitors to wear masks while indoors, and complete the required COVID screening.

We will continue to monitor changes to COVID variants and restrictions and will provide updates over the summer, as necessary.

Our priority is ensuring the safety, security and well-being for all of our staff and the individuals we support.

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