



## 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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## Celebrating a new year



The end of one year and the beginning of another is always a busy time with a flurry of activities. I love scrolling through our Facebook page and seeing the individuals we support participating in community activities. The mild weather meant even more time outdoors.

While Christmas is traditionally a time to get together with family and friends, unfortunately we had to cancel our Christmas party. With an increase in illness, we made this decision out of an abundance of caution. We wanted to keep everyone healthy so they could spend time with their family and friends over the holidays.

But that didn't stop us from getting into the Christmas spirit. We had lots of fun assembling the Christmas bags that were made possible thanks to community donations. It was heartwarming to see the community support and even better watching the bags being opened by the individuals we support with big smiles and lots of gratitude.

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## Growing Our Community

Last year was a year of celebration as we marked our 60th anniversary. As we begin a new year, we continue with our theme of growing community. We will continue to help individuals grow and lead their best lives. We'll also continue to help our communities grow and embrace inclusivity as well as develop community well-being.

As an organization, we're working on implementing our strategic directions. These provide the roadmap for where we're heading. I will provide an update on our progress in the spring newsletter.

Another growth we're excited about is welcoming a new board member – Doug Bartlett. Doug brings several years of experience working in accounting and finance. Welcome to the board Doug!

Linda Long  
Executive Director



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ALL WELCOME!

\$5  
ADMISSION  
(CASH)

JOIN US  
GLENCOE AGRICULTURAL HALL

If you'd like participate or want more information, please reach out to  
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# Spotlight:

## A winter of celebration and adventure!



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





# Community involvement

We're proud to sit on the Southwest Middlesex Celebrate Community Committee that believes in fostering community spirit. You may have seen their community cans placed throughout local businesses for people to donate their spare change.

For the last several years, individuals we support visit these businesses monthly to collect the cans and roll the change.

In 2023, community donations through these cans totalled \$3,338.60. This money was used to support local charities and events including the food bank, Elm's Children Centre, Sundays at the station, and Quad County Support Services.

A new program that received funding this year was the community dinner held on Christmas day at the Anglican church. This dinner is open to those who want to share a meal with others or are needing a place to go for Christmas dinner.

The committee was overwhelmed by the community's support. In December, Redberry Home and Garden/Sparrows Clothing ran a draw, raising \$569.65 for the Christmas dinner. This, combined with the money collected at

other local businesses, resulted in a whopping \$913.55 raised in December.

Individuals we support both helped and enjoyed the community Christmas dinner. This included making the signs to advertise the dinner as well as taking out meals for people to enjoy.

**Thank you to the SWM Celebrate Community Committee and all the businesses who participated.**



# Bringing Christmas smiles

In November, we asked the community to help us reach our goal of creating customized Christmas bags for every individual we support. We are so grateful for all the donations we received which helped us ensure we had a gift for everyone.

It was so great seeing the smiling faces as the bags were opened. Each one was as unique as the individual, containing some of their favourite items.

A big thank you to the following donors for your generosity.

## Corporate

Pooran Law  
Gallagher  
Surge Learning  
Inclusion System  
MNP LLP

## Service clubs

Kiwanis Club of  
Rodney  
Rodney Lions Club  
Glencoe Lions Club  
Duff Ladies Aid

## Business

Mike and Grace  
NoFrills

## Community members

Linda St. Onge  
Anja Zwambag  
Mary Jocius  
Linda Holder  
Mary Anne Zwambag  
Laurie McGill  
Darlene Hoover  
Carrie Fraleigh  
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