



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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A summer of adventures



Our mission is we are committed to empowering people with developmental disabilities to live their best lives.

It's a pretty simple mission as each of us wants to live our best life. Lives that are filled with choice, dignity and active participation in the community.

Summer is filled with so many opportunities and I always enjoy seeing people out and about in the community, hearing stories of adventures and watching the people we support embrace life.

There is a wide range of interests, including gardening, exercising, staying active, caring for pets, learning new skills and hobbies as well as lots of coffee visits. Many individuals are heavily involved in community activities – both as participants and volunteering their time.

I love how Quad staff and individuals are great supporters of our communities.

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We're blessed to have direct support professionals who are committed to the people they support, helping them find ways to pursue their goals and dreams.

While we're always sad to see familiar faces leave, it's refreshing to welcoming new people to our teams. I've had the pleasure of meeting many new hires at our recent training event.

Community growing

Our community is very important to us. We're grateful for the support we've received and partnerships that have been developed.

Bringo Bingo is a successful event that brings community together. We're thrilled to have expanded this fun event in Rodney. Thank you to the churches in Rodney and Glencoe for offering us their space.

We also had a great time hosting our annual pancake breakfast as part of Glencoe's Tartan Days. Volunteers, made up of our board members, staff, families and individuals we support, helped serve breakfast to a hungry crowd.

There were lots of positive connections and conversations happening with individuals we support and community members. I believe this is a direct result of our vision to make meaningful community connections.

Finally, we recently held our summer picnic. I loved watching friends reconnect who hadn't seen each other in a while. Everyone seemed to have a great day. I also saw how staff supported individuals so they could get the most out of the event. The genuine care they have for the work they do was very evident.

As the summer continues, I look forward to hearing about the many adventures and stories of individuals living their best lives. Many of these are shared on our Facebook page. I encourage you to follow along.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Linda Long
Executive Director



Spotlight:

Here are some photos from our summer picnic!



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Summer Youth Transition Program



We're a month into summer, and it's been a busy time for our Youth Transition Program. We have two staff members who, along with Darlene Hoover, are supporting eight local youth.

We're happy to report that each student has a weekly job placement where they learn valuable on-the-job skills. We also have fun Fridays, making sure it's not all work with no play.

This is a person-directed program, which means each individual's interests and goals guide their experience. Some focus areas include skill building, finding opportunities for employment, volunteering, and of course, having fun!

As a non-funded program, we rely completely on donations and grants. Thanks to the community members and businesses who have supported this program

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Meet our summer staff



Heidi Acres

You may recognize Heidi as it's her second year with our program. She's also the current fair ambassador for the Rodney Aldborough

Agricultural Society. In her free time, she enjoys playing tennis, staying active with her dog and trying new recipes.

Heidi is looking forward to trying new activities with youth this summer, including lawn bowling and pottery making. She's a second-year business finance student at Huron College.



Logan Mosher

This is Logan's first year working with our youth. He's currently in his third year at Western University, with a goal of becoming a teacher.

In his free time, Logan likes to hang out with family, his dogs and play hockey, baseball and basketball. He's excited to learn more about the Youth Transition Program through the fun summer events that are planned.



I love my neighbour trip

In July, Matt took part in a I Love My Neighbour trip to Quebec with Association d'Eglises Baptistes Evangeliques au Quebec. Trip participants took part in helping community members. This ranged from minor home repairs, helping a small business, assisting in parks and more.

The program's designed to show love and service to others, asking nothing in return. Volunteer teams were strategically organized to include both English and French speaking individuals.

Matt truly enjoyed his time in Quebec and meeting new people. The last time he did this trip was in 2019, pre-COVID so he was excited to return.