



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 warm days and getting together



After a gloomy spring, we're finally seeing some beautiful weather. With the warm summer days, people are getting out exploring and embracing new opportunities. Each day our vision of authentic and meaningful participation in community is becoming more of a reality.

The individuals we support are regularly engaging in local events and volunteering their time. Their involvement is a reflection of our shared goals.

With all this activity, some of our regular activities are taking a summer break. This includes Bringo Bingo, which has been one of our best attended events. Throughout the year we've enjoyed welcoming many community members to our fun afternoons. A special thank you to the churches in Rodney and Glencoe for providing the space for these gatherings.

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Strengthening our foundation

We're fortunate to have received a Canada Summer Job grant to run the summer youth transition program. This program offers meaningful experiences for young people, helping them grow and connect.

Our administrative team has been busy switching our accounting system to an online platform. This follows the completion of our financial audit. I'm sure there will be some growing pains with the new system, but my hope is by streamlining our process we'll see improved efficiencies.

On June 18 we held our annual meeting. This was a switch from October to better align with our financial year end.

Busy July

We have a lot planned in July. One highlight is our annual pancake breakfast as part of Tartan Days in Glencoe. For the last 10 years, since the Rotary passed the torch, our board members and volunteers have served up free pancakes. It's always great seeing family and friends come together to fuel up before the day's activities.

On July 31, we'll be holding our summer picnic for the individuals we support and our incredible staff. It's always a fun day of food, music and games. We hope you can join us for a day of laughter, conversations and connections.

Giving our respects

I would like to end by honouring the passing of Nancy McEachren. Nancy was not only a parent but also a board member for many years. She was the first board member that I met when I began my career with Quad over 39 years ago. Nancy provided me with great support on a project I was completing as a summer student. Her kindness left a lasting impression.

I wish you all a summer filled with fun and time spent with family and friends.

Linda Long
Executive Director



QUAD SUMMER PICNIC PARTY

Lunch, games and music by Crystal Gage!

Thursday, July 31 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Project 2000 Pavilion, Glencoe

RSVP to Jamie by July 18th to j.weese@quadcounty.ca

Spotlight:

A busy summer of activities



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Disney Adventure!

In May, Erica spent a magical week at Disney World. Here is her story.

The reason I wanted to go to Disney is because I wanted my dream to come true, to feel like a princess. Visiting Magic Kingdom was special because it felt magical.

My dream started shortly after I moved into my own apartment. My support staff asked me about my dreams and my goals, and if there was anywhere in the world I would like to go - where would it be. I just kept thinking Disney.

It took a little bit of time to plan as I had to apply for my passport, open a savings account and start saving money. Next, I had to decide which support staff I wanted to come with me - Tory. Then I had to see a travel agent, and I decided on Kristie Dewaele from Real Family Travels as she was local.

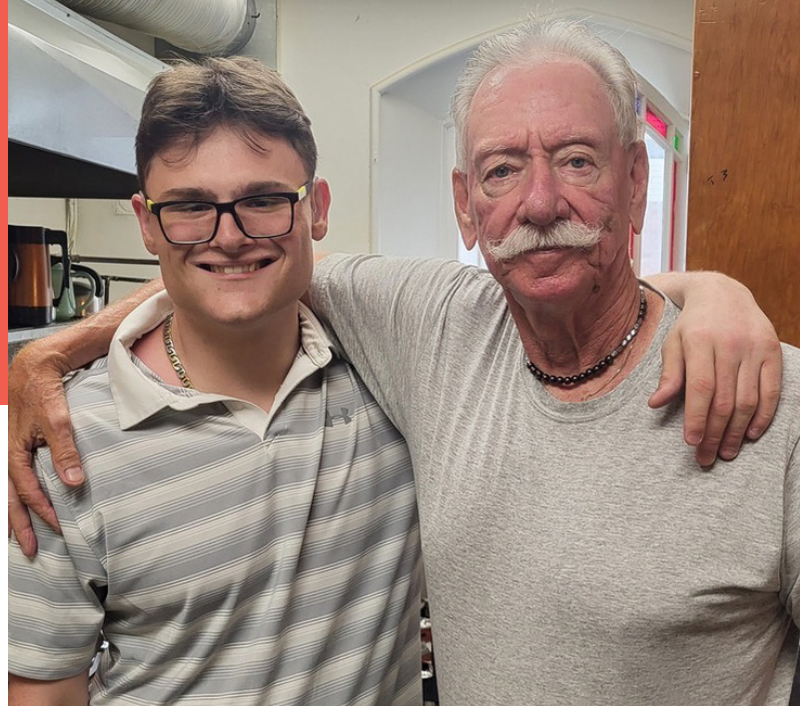
Some of the highlights were being on an airplane as it was my first time flying. I didn't know what to expect, but I did it and it was great! Staying at the All-Star Movie resort, there was so much to see and do and they had two pools.

I enjoyed going to Hollywood Studios, Epcot Centre, Animal Kingdom and Disney Springs, but my favourite was the Magic Kingdom, and watching the fireworks. The food was delicious as well.

I've already started researching my next big adventure – the West Edmonton Mall.



Summer Youth Transition Program



Gaining life skills while having fun

The Summer Youth Transition Program is underway, and the eight participating youth are having a great time. Thanks to funding from the Canada Summer Jobs Program and Quad County's Board of Directors, this valuable program is giving youth with developmental disabilities the chance to have fun, gain work experience, and give back to their communities.

Many of the youth are engaged in summer internships within their local communities, with placements at community-minded businesses such as 174 Currie, Dutton Foodland, SWM Municipality, Regen Lunch Station, SAMY's Alpaca Farm, West Lorne Home Hardware, and Elm Daycare.

On Working Wednesdays, the group has been busy creating vision boards and



participating in a soft skills workshop hosted by Employment Services Elgin. Fun Fridays started with a splash, with a refreshing afternoon swim at the Glencoe pool and a tour of Backus Page House.

Jacob Gott and Alex Steckly have been hired to facilitate the program under the supervision of Darlene Hoover, Quad County Support Services' Community Facilitator. Everyone is looking forward to the rest of the summer and all the exciting opportunities still to come — so watch for them as they work and play in the community!

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