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Summer Celebrations and Gratitude for Our Staff

I'm sure I'm not alone in asking - where did the summer go? It seemed to fly by with people enjoying many new activities, experiences and opportunities to connect.

Throughout the warmer months, the people we support participated in community life and enjoyed new experiences. If you follow our Facebook page, you regularly see that people are leading full and meaningful lives. I personally love watching their adventures, which include outings to the beach, going to concerts and baseball games, attending family picnics, walking with friends and so much more.

This summer also saw the return of our youth program. It was a great success with 10 youth supported in learning life skills, making connections and having fun. We're grateful for the grants and donations that made this happen. This is especially important as this is not a fully funded program, requiring outside funding to keep it viable.

Individuals we support, staff and families also had a blast at our summer picnic. It was a beautiful summer day, complete with games, food, entertainment and fun. This year we were entertained by Crystal Gage. A huge thank you to Lyn and Kali for all their hard work in putting together this annual event.





Fall fun

As we moved into fall, the activities didn't slow down. The fall is always a great time to take in the fall fairs, pumpkin stands and hikes in the forest.

At the Glencoe Fall Fair, people had the opportunity to participate in the VIP Day. Many community members volunteered their time to make this day happen. We extend our sincere thanks to the Glencoe Agricultural Society, Gordon Walker and all the donors who come together to create such an enjoyable day.

In September, we also celebrated Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Week. To say thank you to our hard-working staff, we had giveaways throughout the week and gathered for a cupcake social. This gave us some much-needed time to share stories and laughs.

Our DSPs are always in the background, helping people pursue their goals and dreams. Not every goal is visible. It may be helping someone get a job, going for their driver's license, visiting a family member that lives far away or travelling for fun. In the background, their visions are supported by the direct support professionals who offer encouragement and assistance to make their dreams come true.

We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated and caring group of staff who are making a true difference in the lives of the people we support. Thank you for being you!

Linda Long
Executive Director

Save the dates!



Creature Crawl

When: Saturday, October 31
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Where: Glencoe's Main Street
Why: Come join us to hand out candy for trick or treaters



Quad Christmas Party

When: Tuesday, December 8
Time: 5:30 pm
Where: Glencoe Agricultural Hall
Why: To get in the Christmas season and have fun!

Spotlight:

Our Community in Pictures

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Setting Goals and Planning for the Future



Zack is a man on the go with many goals. He recently got his G2 license and bought his first car! With that goal complete, he's now saving up for a backpacking trip in Southeast Asia. He would also love to take a train ride to Toronto, eventually travelling by train across Canada.

When he's not busy planning for his future, he's working at Foodland Glencoe. His job includes facing products, stocking shelves, taking the trash out and managing the receiving area – the job he enjoys the most.

"I love to develop new skills, learn how everything works around the store and helping customers," Zack said. "I really enjoy talking with customers and coworkers. The social aspect of my job is where I really shine. Having employment has helped to make my goals achievable."

He shared that Quad has helped him along the way by being part of his support system, including guiding him to Employment Services at the local library.

"No matter how hard things can get I keep pushing forward and Quad staff really applaud me for this mentality!" he said.

One day Zack would like to own his own landscape business as he enjoys being outdoors and would love seeing the end result. "How nice would it be to make a property stand out, all because of MY hard work!"

Zack's incredibly proud to be researching his goals and interests and putting them into action.

"I really enjoy being independent, but it is very important to me that I make time for family and friends as well."

October is Disability Employment Awareness Month

Throughout October, we've been celebrating employment success stories on our Facebook page, highlighting people whose work brings joy, connection, pride and a pay cheque.

Some of these stories include:

- **Kosta** enjoys caring for plants at Erie Gardens and working with cows at Bellson Farms. His jobs keep him active and earning a pay cheque, with time for a chocolate milk!
- **Erica** takes pride in keeping Port Glasgow Marina's bathrooms tidy while enjoying views of Lake Erie. She also volunteers at the Glencoe Library.
- With support from Community Employment Choices, **Cassy** brings her sparkling cleaning skills to our Wardsville and Glencoe offices.
- **Autumn**, a former participant in Quad's Youth Transition Program, works at Foodland in Dutton, organizing shelves, collecting baskets and carts, and recycling cardboard.

Employment offers more than income. It builds identity, connection and a sense of purpose.

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