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*Inspiring Possibilities*

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# ABOUT US...

... a community that celebrates inclusion and inspires possibilities

Supporting people of all ages who have an intellectual disability and their families since 1961.

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## OUR PAST

Prior to 1961, a number of families in Essex County came together to demand and create services and supports for their children. They started with a one room school house with one teacher, four students and a borrowed station wagon.

In September, 1961 the Agency was incorporated and is now one of over 100 local Community Living agencies in Ontario serving people who have an intellectual disability and is part of a network of thousands involved in community living across Canada.

## OUR PRESENT

Community Living Essex County has a strong membership governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, elected annually, and consisting of family members, advocates and other community members.

As a fully accredited agency through Focus Accreditation, supports and services are provided to over 600 people of all ages who have an intellectual disability and their families throughout Essex County. Supports include a full range of supported community living options, community involvement supports, employment supports, short break or respite supports, Special Services at Home (for children) and Passport (for adults).. A central role of the Agency is advocacy for people who have an intellectual disability and their families. We work in partnership with Ensemble (family leadership) and New Day (advocacy group).

## OUR GROWTH, OVER FIFTY+ YEARS

*1961...*

- 37 people receiving support
- Six (6) employees
- \$35,537.23 operating budget
- One owned/leased property
- One borrowed station wagon

*Present ...*

- 600+ people receiving support
- 450+ (full time equiv.) employees
- \$28+ million operating budget
- 55+ owned/leased properties
- 50+ owned vehicles

## *Our Vision*

A community that celebrates inclusion and inspires possibilities

## *Our Mission*

We are committed to support people in achieving their goals and dreams and to realize their value as full citizens in their community.

## OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- The value of each person as an individual citizen
- Individualized and flexible supports
- Choice, control and safety for each person supported
- Natural support networks
- Community partnerships
- Advocacy
- Accountability

## OUR GOALS

- Promote full inclusion and citizenship of all people supported.
- Enhance community outreach and engagement initiatives
- Prepare for change and transition that continues to evolve in the operating environment.
- Develop an excellence in human resource capacity and potential.

## OUR ANNUAL EVENTS

Annual General Membership (June) | Charity Golf Tournament (July) | Apple Festival Bowl (late September) | Ruthven Apple Festival (September) | Jingle Bell Run-Walk-Wheel (November) | Holiday Gift Wrapping at Devonshire Mall (November and December)

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