



Esprit Newsletter

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Ottawa-Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OCAPDD) – Open Hands

Association d'Ottawa-Carleton pour personnes ayant une déficience intellectuelle (AOCPI) – Mains Ouvertes

National Archives Contract “Sorted Out”

After the decision by Library and Archives to get out of the sorting and disposal business and after years of talks with different federal departments it became clear that the National Archives Program would have to close its doors after 35 years of operation. Fifty individuals and staff would be without work.

A temporary facility on Colonnade Road was secured for our impending move of April 1st where we would work at reinventing/developing a new program.

On March 19th The Ottawa Citizen published an article on our situation which was followed by a feature on the CTV National News, various radio interviews, online articles and letters to the editor. This caught the attention of the government and ultimately the office of Pierre Poilievre, MP for Nepean-Carleton and Minister of Employment and Social Development, who came to our rescue. A five year commitment has been secured, new equipment provided and a far brighter future has resulted.



Marko Blazevic, Minister Poilievre, Moustapha El-Jammal and Jacques Vante.

There was a great deal of excitement when Minister Pierre Poilievre came to the program to speak with our individuals who did not hold back in expressing their feelings and gratitude.

This wonderful result would not have been possible without the support and drive of our families, advocates, management, staff and our very devoted, hardworking individuals, a few of which have become media celebrities.

By Jim Rudkoski
Supervisor of National Archives

President & Executive Director's Report

ONTARIO

Since our last Esprit in the fall, the Ontario Liberals passed their Budget. While no additional funds were announced for the DS Sector, an additional increase of 1% to ODSP rates was approved. Some of the funding announced in last year's Budget was targeted for wage increases for most employees in the Sector. These funds were allocated through a provincial process, and then in turn bargained at local tables. New collective agreements were reached with CUPE in Ottawa, and with OPSEU in Cornwall, with wage increases negotiated for both 2014-2015 & 2015-2016.

MCSS have announced that the wait lists for both Passport & SSAH were eliminated over the past year, with the new funding announced in last year's Budget.

The Ministry has created a Housing Task Force, which has been working since the fall. They have announced a first round of funding for new housing initiatives / proposals.

OMBUDSMAN

Apparently the rumour we mentioned in the Fall Esprit has proved to be just that, as there has still not been a release of the Ombudsman's report from his investigation conducted over two years ago now. We will continue to monitor for this, and will share it with you when able.

NATIONAL COALITION

The Every Canadian Counts initiative has continued to be very successful over the past several months. ECC was incorporated, and now has a Board of Directors. We encourage you to visit the website at: www.everycanadiancounts.ca where more current updates and research material has been posted.

SILVER SPRING FARM SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

We would like to congratulate Claire Maxwell & Robert Robertson, this year's recipients of The Silver Spring Farm Scholarship Awards. The Awards were presented at the April Board meeting.



William Cowie, Robert Robertson, Claire Maxwell and Dave Ferguson.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

As many of you will already know from media reports, the Archives Program came very close to ending its operations after more than 30 years. This was despite efforts over two years to avoid this result. At the proverbial '11th hour', and as a result of media coverage, a local MP intervened with the program being maintained. We would like to thank both Minister Poilievre and former Minister Baird for their efforts in this matter. MCSS had also been very supportive of our efforts to make changes to the program.

GOLF

As always at this time of year, we would like to encourage you to join us at this year's golf tournament on June 15th. This year will be our 15th tournament and we look forward to selling out!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Bill Cowie
President

David A. Ferguson
Executive Director



GREEN THUMBS PROJECT

Open Hands has developed a new partnership with Kozroots Community Empowerment Project. The purpose of Kozroots Community Empowerment Projects (KCEP) is to oversee and collaborate with stakeholders in order to initiate and develop projects, activities, and events that encourage citizen engagement, social entrepreneurs, businesses, not for profits, agencies, organizations, and government to partner for the common good. Open Hands will be part of a pilot called The Green Thumbs Project. Founded by Joseph Geneau and Brenda Norman, Green

Thumbs is a community garden that promotes social inclusion and community participation for youth and adults with developmental disabilities. Green Thumbs is not only about planting; it includes an educational component that teaches the practice of growing and cultivating plants as part of horticulture as well as providing sensory stimulation, fine/gross motor skills, building and fostering relationships, improving self-esteem and empowering individuals to be more independent and play valued roles as active members of their community. The gardeners have already begun the planting process and they have been nourishing and watching their plants grow at the Open Hands head office. Kozroots has donated a section of land in Monkland and beginning June 2, 2015, individuals involved with the project will travel to the farm to transfer their plants and begin planting new crops. The gardeners will be growing tomatoes, turnip, lettuce, bell peppers, cucumbers, onions, cantaloupe, and garlic. All of the crops that are grown are donated back to Open Hands for the individuals to enjoy as fresh produce. The produce is also available for purchase with the proceeds going to Open Hands.

The gardeners will also have the opportunity to sell the fruits of their labour at this year's Garlic Festival taking place in Cornwall on August 30, 2015. The Green Thumbs Project will also provide the opportunity for supported work and paid employment for the individuals involved in the initiative. This is the beginning of an incredible partnership and journey. Everyone at Open Hands gives it two Green Thumbs Up!



Sheldon Gates, Earl Poirier, Christopher Sly, Christian Leger and Peter Paiment.

By Joe Geneau
Quality Assurance Manager

International Hockey Came to Ottawa

The 2015 Special Hockey International (SHI) was held in Ottawa from March 19-21, 2015. This annual tournament, which involves players who have some type of developmental disability, accommodated almost 1500 participants; this year there were 73 SHI teams from Canada, the US and Europe.

There are a number of hockey players from the local clubs who participated in the tournament who are involved with OCAPDD. Feedback from everyone was that the games were lots of fun and good competition.

Next year, the teams are off to Lake Placid, N.Y.



TD Canada Trust YOU Are Excellent!



Riley the Raccoon and Melanie Quinn.

A visit from Riley the raccoon and our own personal waiter who brought us cheesecake and hot chocolate, just added to the thrill of the game. The 67's winning didn't hurt either! And those boys are quite big when you are sitting that close. We all got a kick out of the game when they would run into the boards right in front of us. We think they did that for our viewing pleasure.

Thank you Emily and Patti and the whole gang at TD Canada Trust for an evening we won't soon forget. We will never watch a 67's game the same way again!!

By the Quinlan Centre

On Friday January 9th, Quinlan was the honoured recipient of four TD Comfort Zone tickets to a 67's game against the Windsor Spitfires, courtesy of TD Canada Trust. Jason and Melanie, along with Gisele and Frances, were treated first class to a night of pampering and excitement. From the minute we arrived, to the end of the game, the graciousness of all employees of TD Place and the 67's organization, were nothing but top notch.



Jason Shields, Frances Bloom and Melanie Quinn.

Head Office Tours



Michael Corney

The Head Office now has an official tour guide who introduces visitors to the office teams and to members of management.

Michael Corney, a person supported by OCAPDD, has undertaken the responsibility to make visitors feel more welcome when they come and visit.

This story began when Michael expressed an interest in such and, as a result, he and his team worked together to make this job a reality. Michael practised the routine and on March 16th presented his first tour to a group of new employees at their General Orientation. Feedback from the group was that the tour was very informative and that they were impressed by Michael's skill and presentation.

From Michael's point of view, these opportunities are important as they allow him the chance to give everyone "the best tour" he can. He stated that he takes great pride in his responsibility and he enjoys the interaction he receives.

For anyone interested in visiting the Head Office and having a tour, please contact Michael Ladouceur at 613-569-8993, extension 232 to discuss arrangements.

By Michael Ladouceur

Artswell Therapeutic Arts

Rick is working on this multimedia masterpiece with Artswell therapeutic arts. Rick embodies Artswell's mission to promote the arts as an agent for healing, sustaining and restoring the health of the body, mind and spirit. Rick never wants to miss an art session and has such a great sense of pride in everything he creates. This particular piece is destined to be donated to the Royal Ottawa Health Care Group. Check out Artswell.ca for more information or if you are lucky Rick may invite you to observe one of his art sessions, he loves a chance to show off his accomplishments.

By Janet Beath



Rick Prophet

French Language Services / Services de langue française

L'AOCPSI est désigné pour les services de langue française dans certains programmes. Le Conseil d'administration a mis sur pied un comité pour assurer la qualité des services francophones de l'AOCPSI. Le comité veillera que l'agence s'assure de répondre aux critères de désignation suivants : permanence et qualité des services en français; accessibilité de ces services; représentation des Francophones au sein du conseil d'administration et de la gestion de l'organisme; et l'obligation de rendre compte de la prestation de services en français. Les membres du comité; Majid Turmusani, Robert Labelle, Louis Renaud et David Ferguson, prévoient deux rencontres par année.

OCAPDD is designated to provide French Language Services in some programs. The Board of Directors has established a committee to oversee the quality of French language services. The committee will ensure that the agency meets the following designation criteria permanency and quality of services in French; adequacy of access to these services; effective representation of Francophones on the Board of Directors and at management levels; and, accountability for French language services. The members of the committee Majid Turmusani, Robert Labelle, Louis Renaud and David Ferguson are scheduled to meet twice a year.

By / par Louis Renaud

Director of Supports and Services / Directeur des services et soutiens

THE EVERY CANADIAN COUNTS CAMPAIGN



This campaign is a coalition of people living with different disabilities, their caregivers, advocates and support organizations. Their aim is to provide a lifetime of dignity and purpose to all chronically disabled persons. We are tired of the fragmented, ineffective systems currently in place across the country and wish to replace them with a national disability support system using sound research and advocacy. As a

starting point, we are working towards a model that will provide equitable access, portable supports, best practices, better data, combined federal-provincial funding and eliminate service gaps.

Our voices are being amplified as other Canadians become aware of the crisis in the disability sector and realize that this is part of Medicare's unfinished business. Canadians, of all walks of life – family associations, service organizations, research institutions, unions, the private sector and groups with a focus on different single disabilities, are joining us.

We are a small federal not-for-profit organization with no staff but many dedicated volunteers and expert advisors. However, we need your help and support, which you may provide by: signing up online with friends and family as our supporters; sharing your story with our partner organization at www.realpeoplecampaign.com; inviting us to your community for an information meeting or focus group; registering your organization as a coalition member; and making a financial contribution to support our advocacy.

You can learn more about us from:

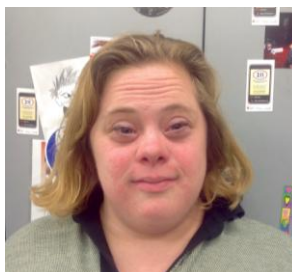
www.everycanadiancounts.com or email us at info@everycanadiancounts.com, look us up on Facebook "Every Canadian Counts" or call 1-866-844-8736.

By Terrence Mooney

❧ In Memoriam ❧

Ernie Miller (August 7, 1952 - December 28, 2014)

In December Ernie Miller passed away. Ernie will be fondly remembered by many including staff at Charette, Beaudry, and CSS. When asking staff how they remember Ernie it was most often said he was remembered for his smiling blue eyes, his intelligence including his knowledge of geography and French. Ernie was always willing to have a good conversation. His whole family was devoted and supportive of Ernie and in return he enriched their lives as well as those who had the honour of working with him, and his good friend Clarence Hamelin.



Katie Le Blanc-Hyde (February 17, 1983 - January 29, 2015)

Katie was a colourful individual, not only in the make-up she wore or hair colour she chose but in her fun-loving personality and infectious smile. Her 4 years at National Archives have left us with an abundance of fond memories. Katie was also active in gymnastics, OCAPDD's Glee Club and other activities.

Normand Charron (May 9, 1961 - March 3, 2015)

Normand was a happy and smiling man. He loved to play all kinds of games and was always the winner. He left the centre in 2013 due to illness but individuals are still asking for him. He has left his prints at CTC. He started at Atelier Arc in 1982, almost at the beginning. He went through all the changes of the program. He knew everybody and was well liked. He also visited the French Respite Program and received service from our transportation program.

Normand, you will not be forgotten.



Louis Alberelli (December 12, 1964 - March 10, 2015)

Louis was a kind, friendly, hard-working individual. A true gentleman. He always had a smile on his face. He loved music and learning to play the accordion. Louis's passion was cooking, and he dreamed of working in a restaurant.

∞ In Memoriam ∞

(continued)



David Simser (August 28, 1955 - April 10, 2015)

David came into the association in 1983 as one of the founding members of Quinlan Centre. As the years went on David's Mom decided it was time for her son to move out and into his own place. That's when he moved into Byron sharing a house with many friends. He came to Loeb as part of a group called "Quinlan at Loeb" but they were eventually integrated fully into Loeb.

David had a unique way of showing people how he cared for them. If he yelled or muttered at you it meant you were one of the ones he cared for because right after the yelling came the hug or hand shake saying "I'm sorry". He also had a great love for his family and enjoyed spending time with his sisters Cheryl and Donna. Staff at Byron would often hear David saying "phone Cheryl". Once he had spoken to his sister he would walk around the house with a smile beaming ear to ear.

We are all going to miss his quirky little way of carrying around an apple and bottle of Pepsi which was not so much to eat and drink but just to show people he was happy to have them.

Sue Carre (September 19, 1963 - April 13, 2015).

Let me tell you a bit about Sue. Suffice to say that she lived in many of our group homes and attended the Loeb Centre for many moons. Sue was a character; she loved to laugh and joke with friends and staff. She was tickled pink when she could say that you were "silly, clumsy or a smarty pants"! Her kindness and gentleness shone when she gave you one of her famous hugs. You knew you were one of "Sue's staff" when she gave you a hug. Her kind spirit will be missed.



Wendy Doucette (February 11, 1970 - April 19, 2015)

Wendy Passed away after a long battle with cancer. Wendy is survived by her loving husband, Pierre and her daughter Megan. Wendy was a long time staff member of the Community Support Services Program where she was a strong advocate for the people she served. She worked at several other OCAPDD programs including Oakdean and Moffatt residences and Quinlan Centre. Wendy lived her life with dignity and grace. She will be greatly missed.

Robert Fillion (April 23, 1953 - May 26, 2015)

Beloved by his large family and anyone who had the pleasure of meeting him and renowned as the best AD Bag worker that Open Hands has ever had; Robert's happy demeanor and sense of humour will be greatly missed.



BEST BUDDIES



Renee Nelson and Kim Dupuis.

Renee Nelson started Best Buddies in September 2014 and was paired with Kim in our Community Support Services Program. They've managed to have a ton of fun this year. Here is what Renee has had to say about her time with her buddy, Kim: "I have only been with best buddies for a few months now and it has already started to have a personal impact. The relationship I've started to build with my buddy is truly special as we both can learn so much from each other... and we have lots of fun together!" Here we are celebrating the holidays at the Ottawa Help Santa Toy Parade, where we donated a few toys we picked out together, enjoyed the festive floats and music followed by some delicious homemade holiday treats.

By Debbie Blasutti
Coordinator of Volunteers

OCAPDD'S Garlic Scapes

Silver Spring Farm (1703 Robertson Road)

Available mid-June, garlic scapes are the flower stalk of the garlic. With mild garlic flavour and aroma, they are wonderful additions to stew, roasts, marinade, salads, sandwiches, sauces, pasta, stir-fry, pesto, roasted or even steamed. The possibilities are endless!

Garlic will be available in August.

Call our Hotline for more info at: 613-569-8993 extension 409.

ONTARIO'S AUTISM PARENT RESOURCE KIT



Designed by Aiden Lee. Aiden is on the autism spectrum and enjoys expressing himself through his paintings.

The Ministry of Children and Youth Services is pleased to let you know about the availability of a resource kit for parents and caregivers of children and youth with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

This web-based kit provides information and resources to support families of children and youth with ASD at all stages of their child's progress and development.

THE KIT INCLUDES INFORMATION ABOUT:

- Diagnosis and treatment
- Strategies for daily living
- Services and assistance available in Ontario, including information on financial support
- School support, extra-curricular and recreational activities
- How your child develops, including sensory, physiological and social development
- Health care
- Parenting and family support

This kit is intended as a guide for parents and caregivers; it is not a substitute for professional advice.

TROUSSE DE RESSOURCES SUR L'AUTISME POUR LES PARENTS EN ONTARIO



Conçue par Aiden Lee. Aiden est atteint de troubles du spectre autistique et aime s'exprimer à travers ses peintures.

Le ministère des Services à l'enfance et à la jeunesse est heureux de vous annoncer que la trousse de ressources pour les parents et les soignants des enfants et des jeunes qui ont des troubles du spectre autistique (TSA) est disponible.

Cette trousse, qui est affichée sur Internet, fournit des renseignements et des ressources pour offrir un soutien aux familles d'enfants et de jeunes ayant des TSA, à tous les stades des progrès et du développement de leurs enfants.

LA TROUSSE COMPREND DES RENSEIGNEMENTS SUR LES SUJETS SUIVANTS :

- Diagnostic et traitement
- Stratégies pour la vie quotidienne
- Services et aide disponibles en Ontario, y compris des renseignements sur le soutien financier
- Soutien scolaire, activités parascolaires et activités récréatives
- Développement de votre enfant, y compris développement sensoriel, physiologique et social
- Soins de santé
- Rôle parental et soutien familial

Cette trousse vise à servir de guide pour les parents et les soignants et ne saurait remplacer les conseils professionnels.

Employee Recognition Evening

Service Awards were presented to the following employees on May 20th
to recognize their years of service with OCAPDD:

5 Years

Gregory Rossetti
Zita Sevcik
Kayleigh Singleton
Tara Campbell
Derek Ouellette
Janice Hearty
Thomas Woods
Marta Malinowska-Nunes

10 Years

Cynthia Steeves
Sophea Taing
Awa Diop
Elizabeth Stroh
Allison Tovell
Christine Holmes
Courtney Browne

15 Years

Stephanie Ambrose
Kari Thomas
Angela Jones
Patricia Barnes

15 Years (continued)

Judith Imbeault
Joanna Mietkowska
Sharon Russell-Demers
Tara Daoust
Ricole Elce
Ildé Pascucci
Judy Bernstein
Anne Cole
Michelle Sharma
Jocelyne Parent Lewis
Jennifer Williams
Elizabeth Hernandez

20 Years

Alain St-Jean
David Watts
Patrick Duvert
Deborah Blasutti
Daniel R. Roy
Ilona Ramsay
Christa Townson

25 Years

Tammy Norrie
Trevor Costello
Tim Miles
Carole Perreault
Colleen Bingley
Christine Connolly
Terry Mulligan

30 Years

Frances Bloom
David Nowlan
Jennifer Pavone
Roland Collins

35 Years

Jocelyne Fortin
Claudette Lauzier
Tom Gillespie

40 Years

André Dupuis

45 Years

Janet O'Connor

*Thank
You*



Quinlan Window Art!!

Quinlan is known for our beautiful hall of windows and a gorgeous windowed sunroom. However having this visual luxury comes at a price – birds flying into them or turning our building into a sauna by 10 in the morning. So to deal with this dilemma, staff and individuals set to work on masterpieces!! With paint brushes in hand and endless ideas, mini Picasso's and Michelangelo's were born. Here is just a small sample of the windows, changing with the seasons and the inspirations. Drive by, you never know what your eyes will be treated to!!



Tracey Millette

2014 CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAP PROJECT



This past Christmas Gift Wrap Project was again a huge success. Thanks to all those who volunteered their time and helped profile OCAPDD. We generated over \$18,000 between St. Laurent Shopping Centre and Carlingwood Mall. We could not have done this without the help of 400+ volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, OCAPDD and the community.

Special thanks goes to Carlingwood Mall who donates all of the paper, ribbon, bows, tissue paper, boxes and the beautiful space as well as St. Laurent Shopping Center who donates 50% of the proceeds. All of your

continuous time and efforts contributed greatly toward the success of this special event. We would not be able to do this without special caring people.

The Helping Hands of IODE

This spring, the ladies from IODE Walter Baker Chapter decided to help the Shepherds of Good Hope. OCAPDD donated the space and they made over 260 sandwiches, 30 dozen muffins and gave supplies of toiletries and clothing.

We are very pleased to have partnered with IODE Walter Baker Chapter.

Making a Difference

CARILLION SERVICES

Carillion has a set of values. These are qualities and characteristics that help guide employee actions, attitudes and performance at work - with colleagues, clients, business partners and local communities. They are: We care, We achieve together, We improve, We deliver.

Carillion Services at the Royal Ottawa Hospital have certainly embodied Carillion's values by dedicating their time to helping those in their community. OCAPDD has been the recipient of their generosity for several years now.

For three years they have supported the Gift wrap Booth at St. Laurent starting with filling one time slot and expanding to two slots during our busiest week.

In the Spring of 2014 with full support from the Facility Services General Manager Pedro Narbaitz, employees Bob (Robert) Blasutti, Robert Christie, Angelo Cerilli and Serge Edmond embodied Carillion's values by dedicating their time to helping those in their community. They have adopted the group home on Byron Avenue.

It is truly amazing the amount of work that four people can do in such a short period of time and the large impact they have had on the individuals who live and work at Byron, and the community. Five hours twice a year from a community group that cares can infuse so much renewed energy and sense of pride in everyone. Thank you Carillion Services ROH Inc.

By Debbie Blasutti
Coordinator of Volunteers



Bob Blasutti, Robert Christie, Laura Mulligan, Angelo Cerilli and Serge Edmond.

CHIPWORKS

Monday, April 13th was a Community Action Day sponsored by the United Way and Volunteer Ottawa.

OCAPDD was fortunate enough to be paired up with a group from Chipworks. Five hard working volunteers from Chipworks spent a full day painting and sprucing up an apartment for an individual in our Community Support Services Program.

By Debbie Blasutti
Coordinator of Volunteers



Debbie Blasutti, Sinjin Dixon-Warren, Mike Adams, Wilson Machado, Anna Foster, John Embree and Abdullah Rahal.

KUDOS to the many Volunteers who gave so generously of their time this past year:

- The volunteers of The Church of the Latter-Day Saints for donating over a 1000 hours of time to the Silver Spring Farm Garlic project and Christmas Gift Wrap Booths at the Carlingwood Mall and St. Laurent Shopping Centre.
- Sir Guy Carleton, Deloitte, Health Canada, Algonquin College, Partners in Parenting, Genband, Alterna Savings, The Eastern Ottawa Resource Center. Teachers and EA's from Maple Ridge Public School, Christ Church Bells Corners, Henschel Business Services and TD/MBNA.
- The many staff and community volunteers who make a difference each and every day and who provided approximately 7,800 volunteer hours in 2014.

Heartfelt
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteer Recognition Evening

Making a difference together – one team, one goal.

Gears are an integral part of machines to help them run quicker, smoother and more efficiently. Gears work behind the scenes as a team. They are sometimes moving in different directions and speeds, but when linked together they have the same goal despite having their own responsibility. Volunteers are an integral part of our team, allowing us to work better together and in turn driving us to success.

On Thursday, April 30th, 80+ volunteers enjoyed a barbeque and all the trimmings prepared by Ann Marie Bloom, Diane Belair and Stephanie Ambrose. Thanks also go out to Nadia and Bob Blasutti for barbecuing the chicken and all the Loeb Centre staff for all their help in making this event happen.

The following volunteers received recognition for their years of service:

35 years
Joe Silverman

20 years
April Dodge
Diane Belair

15 years
Chantal Jacques
Angela Jones



10 years
Darci Bertrand Bloom
Karen Maher
Donald Maher
Lisa Babineau
Gisele Thibodeau

5 years
Sarah Gibson
Catherine Van Loon

Retirement

Tribute to Ann-Marie Engelberts-Cousineau also known as “Ren” when we needed something fixed.

Over the past few years there has been some scuttlebutt about when Ann-Marie would retire. Well, Ann-Marie emerged from her office the first week of May with a giddy, girlish look on her face and announced that she would be retiring as of August 31. Although there were comments of shock and sadness we are also happy for her. Knowing Ann-Marie, she will have every minute of her remaining time filled up ensuring that everything is ready for her incumbent.

Ann-Marie started at ODAMR, 37 years ago when counselors lived-in, at the group homes and before the agency developed into OCAPDD. This is where she met her husband Francois.

It didn't take Ann-Marie long to become the supervisor of Quinlan after working for a few years at the Loeb centre. Ann-Marie has spent most of her career at Quinlan being accessible to staff, parents and individuals. She has always had an open door policy. Through this she has built lasting relationships. Ann-Marie is always ready to assist staff and individuals when the need arises... and it does! Ann-Marie never shied away from other duties of OCAPDD being involved in many committees. A major success of Ann-Marie's was bringing the concept of a Snoezelen room to OCAPDD. Quinlan has a large Snoezelen room and many other programs have adopted the concept. Her dedication will be sorely missed by everyone at OCAPDD; especially the individuals we support and their families.

If we listed all of Ann-Marie's accomplishments within her time in the agency we would have to change the name of the Esprit to “Ode to Ann-Marie”. Ann-Marie will know how to do retirement well, when all is said and done. Ann-Marie's next chapter begins September 1st with lots of adventures, activities, memories and maybe even a good book and a glass of wine. Thank you Ann-Marie, from the bottom of our hearts.

By Andrea Tye-Campbell



Ann-Marie Engelberts-Cousineau

SHREDDING

The Association now has two paper recycling programs; one in the East end at the Loeb Centre (161 Donald Street) that has been in operation for over 25 years and now at our new location at ARC Industries (229 Colonnade Road) in the West end of town.

Please bring us your confidential documents for disposal at either of these two locations.

Joe Silverman
Supervisor of Loeb Centre and ARC Industries

ARC INDUSTRIES
We SHRED confidential documents for 30¢ a pound
Monday to Friday 9:00 - 2:30pm
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Call 613.569.8993 EXT 520 or 613.301.3638 Cell
A program of the Ottawa-Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities
For more information



Presenting...

OCAPDD's
new logo and motto:

"Excellence with People for People"



OCAPDD/AKTION CLUB PICNIC & BBQ

Come join us on Sunday, June 14th, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Vincent Massey Park, Sections M, N, O and P for our annual picnic and BBQ. All staff, individuals and families are welcome.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!!



Register your foursome! It's our 15th Annual Charity Golf tournament.

Join us on Monday, June 15th (1:00 p.m. Shotgun start) at Hautes Plaines Golf Club (Formerly "le Dome"). Cost is \$150 per person, dinner and silent / live Auction start at 6:30 p.m.

Your swing truly makes a difference in the lives of people with developmental disabilities! Come support us.

For more info or to register, please call 613-569-8993 extension 245 or visit our website at www.ocapdd.on.ca.

Come Laugh with Us

The Rosenthal Program will be hosting its second annual comedy night on Tuesday, June 30th at Absolute Comedy at 412 Preston Street.

Funds raised will be used for various activities and parties at Rosenthal. Tickets are \$10 each and 70% of sales will go to Rosenthal. For tickets, contact any staff at Rosenthal at 613-569-8993 extension 651. Hope to see you there!



The Best Live Standup Comedy From Across North America