



ELMIRA DISTRICT COMMUNITY LIVING



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GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

2022-2023

Board of Directors

Bev Evans, President
Julie Jamieson, Vice President
Marg Martin, Treasurer
Kelly Meissner, Secretary
Annie Crump
Chris Moore
Ryan Ruppert
Bonnie Schelter-Brown
Father Peter Meyer
Greg Demeuleneare
John Weir

Executive Committee

Bev Evans, President
Julie Jamieson, Vice President
Marg Martin, Treasurer
Kelly Meissner, Secretary
John Weir, Member at Large
Cheryl Peterson, Executive Director

STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Marg Martin, Chairperson
Brad Martin
Chris Moore
Julie Jamieson
Bev Evans
Christine Clarke, Director of Finance
Cheryl Peterson, Executive Director

Client Advocacy Committee

Deb Wilson, Chairperson
Marlene Fisher
Samer Mikhail
Father Peter Meyer
Sarah Cadeau, Services Director

Property / Equipment / Maintenance Committee

Earl Campbell, Chairman
Ryan Ruppert
Kelly Meissner
Vaughn Bender
Chris Moore
Sarah Cadeau, Services Director

AUCTION SALE COMMITTEE

Elmer and Mary Brubacher, Chairperson
Roger Bauman
Marty and Sheryl Frey
Mark and Kristine Brubacher
Nancy Bauman
Lois Horst
Dennis and Christine Martin
Gail Bartlett
Bill Hancock
Andrew and Sharon Horst
Alice Bauman
Gavin and Delphine Martin
James Frey

MANAGEMENT

Cheryl Peterson, Executive Director
Sarah Cadeau, Services Director
Christine Clarke, Director of Finance
Nicole McEwan, Director of Human Resources

Lisa Reitzel, Residential Manager- TIFS, SIL,
Respite, Centre, Volunteer Coordinator
Donna Fulcher, Community Participation Supports
Manager- Passports, Life Skills, Avenues
Rodger Hanna, Residential Manager- Crane, Eagle,
215, First, RMG
Jenise McKnight, Residential Manager- Reidwoods,
ALC
Meaghan Hachey, Residential Supervisor- Crane,
Eagle, 215, First, RMG, Centre, SIL
Michelle Ingram-Smith, Residential Supervisor-
Reidwoods, ALC



ADMINISTRATIVE

Karole McDonnell, Accounting and Administrative Assistant
Wendy Vandenberg, Human Resources Assistant and Scheduler
Kristine Hebbourn, Scheduler and Human Resources Assistant
Latoya Wedderburn, Payroll and Administrative Coordinator

AGENDA

Elmira District Community Living Annual General Meeting Woodside Church, 200 Barnswallow Dr, Elmira Thursday June 15, 2023 7pm

- 1) Welcome by Bev Evans, President - Opening Prayer
- 2) Approval of Annual General Meeting- Agenda
(Motion)
- 3) Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held Thursday, June 16, 2022
(Motion)
- 4) Introduction - Members of the Elmira District Community Living Board of Directors for 2022-2023.
Bev Evans, Julie Jamieson, Ryan Ruppert, Bonnie Schelter-Brown, Chris Moore, Annie Crump, Marg Martin, Father Peter Meyer, Kelly Meissner, Greg Demeuleneare, John Weir,
- 5) 2022-2023 Reports:
 - President's Report (page 6)
 - Executive Director's Report (page 7)
 - Finance Committee (page 8)
 - Client Advocacy (page 9)
 - Auction Sale Committee (page 10)
 - Property Equipment & Maintenance (page 11)
 - Recreation Committee(page 12)
- Approval of the actions of Board of Directors 2022-2023
(Motion)
- 6) Audit Report – presented by Angelique Gray, Clarke, Starke and Diegel
(Motion)
- 7) Appointment of the Auditors for 2023-2024
(Motion)
(Motion to appoint the auditing firm of CS&D LLP Chartered Accountants for the fiscal year 2023-2024 as the official auditing firm of E.D.C.L.)
- 8) Approval of By-laws and Articles of Amendment
(Motion)
- 9) Nomination of Directors joining the board:
Tom Galloway, Leigh-Anne Quinn, Taylor Sanderson, Linda Weltz
- 10) Greetings from Community Living Ontario recognizing EDCL's 60th anniversary-
Jo-Anne Demick
- 11) Presentation of the Board of Directors 2023-2024
Kelly Meissner, Marg Martin, Ryan Ruppert, Bonnie Schelter-Brown, Chris Moore, Greg Demeuleneare, John Weir, Tom Galloway, Leigh-Anne Quinn, Taylor Sanderson, Linda Weltz
(Motion – To Approve Slate of Board of Directors for 2023-2024)
- 12) Thank you to the Directors who have completed their term(s) on the board:
Julie Jamieson, Annie Crump, Bev Evans, Fr. Peter Meyer
- 13) Approval of the Annual General Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2024
(Motion)
- 14) Other Business
- 15) Adjournment

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Minutes
E.D.C.L Annual General Meeting
Thursday June 16, 2022 at 7pm
Held by Zoom

1. Bev Evans welcomed everyone and offered a moment of reflection
2. Approval of Annual General Meeting Agenda
Motion: Annie Crump
Seconded: Ryan Ruppert
Carried
3. Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held Thursday June 10, 2021
Motion: Marg Martin
Seconded: Julie Jamieson
Carried
4. Introduction of the 2021-2022 EDCL Board of Directors
Bev Evans, Annie Crump, Chris Moore, Kelly Meissner, Julie Jamieson, Marg Martin, Ryan Ruppert, John Tsintaris, Bonnie Schelter-Brown, Sheri Bender, Janet Gridgeman, Anne Moore and Fr. Peter Meyer
5. 2020-2021 Reports: The following reports were presented: President's Report, Executive Director's Report, Finance, Client Advocacy, Auction Sale and Property Equipment & Maintenance.
Motion to approve the actions of the Board of Directors for 2021-2022.
Motion: Kelly Meissner
Seconded: Chris Moore
Carried
6. The 2021-2022 Audit Report was presented by Angelique Gray from Clarke, Starke & Diegel LLP Chartered Accountants.
Motion to approve the 2021-2022 financial statements as presented.
Motion: Janet Gridgeman
Seconded: Julie Jamieson
Carried.

7. Appointment of the Auditors for 2022-2023

Motion to appoint the auditing firm of Clarke Starke & Diegel LLP Chartered Accountants for the fiscal year 2022-2023 as the official auditing firm of EDCL.

Motion: Kelly Meissner
Seconded: Annie Crump
Carried

8. Introduction of the Director joining the board: John Weir

9. Presentation of the Board of Directors for 2022-2023

Bev Evans, Julie Jamieson, Marg Martin, Annie Crump, Father Peter Meyer, Ryan Ruppert, Bonnie Schelter-Brown, Kelly Meissner, John Tsintaris, Chris Moore, John Weir

Motion to approve the slate of Board of Directors for 2022-2023

Motion: Julie Jamieson
Seconded: Marg Martin
Carried.

10. Thank you to the Directors who have completed their terms on the board:

Sheri Bender and Janet Gridgeman

11. Approval of the Annual General Meeting scheduled for Thursday June 15, 2023.

Motion: Chris Moore
Seconded: Annie Crump
Carried.

12. Other Business; Bev Evans thanked the staff who went above and beyond and worked extra and kept everyone safe and kept smiling this past year. We are lucky to have such a great team and we truly appreciate everyone.

13. Adjournment.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Cheryl Peterson

President's Report

For Elmira District Community Living, this year marks sixty years of service in our community. We are grateful to be able to celebrate this milestone together. Caring families who sought the best for children of all abilities advocated and formed the association in 1963. 'Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success.'

The continued success of EDCL rests with each one of us. We are fortunate to have a volunteer Board of Directors who offer valued support, good governance and judicious oversight. Our residents represent the best of human qualities- friendliness, kindness and compassion. Staff excel in their work, going above and beyond has become the standard they strive for daily.

The Client Advocacy Committee has focused on community outreach hosting the "Shine On" Hockey Game with Woolwich Sun Rays, surveying participants and families on transformation of day supports and providing some recognition for staff and volunteers.

The Finance Committee diligently practices good business oversight sustaining the seven million dollar budget. Planning for future expansion relies heavily on finance.

The Auction committee undertakes the association's largest annual fundraiser. Volunteers work many hours and then some more. They continue to raise the bar increasing revenue to high mark of \$124,676. More delicious dinners were served, more donations received and more woodworking and quilts were purchased to be lovingly used in homes all over the region, province and beyond.

We recognize and thank our Ministry of Community and Social Services partners. Executive Director of EDCL, Cheryl Peterson oversees the work of wonderful employees including full and part time people,, Supervisors, Administration and Managers, ensuring excellent care is the priority.

Again, a big thank you to all directors for their time, effort and expertise. Special appreciation goes to our retiring officers, Annie Crump, Julie Jamieson, for two terms and Father Peter for one term. You have been outstanding to work with, and in your decisions you have put the people we represent first.

The Help Us Grow Campaign is underway to raise money for the new day program, respite services and supportive housing. We want to continue to be that creative and welcoming community our founders envisioned.

We remember the association members who have passed and we feel blessed to have shared time with them. Families and friends hold their memories dearly.

As you know, EDCL is a not for profit association. We thank the people who volunteer. We thank the people who support this association in many different ways. Your commitment to the work you do and your relationship with the people of the association sustains us. This completes my five years with the board, three of them as President. 'May you be proud of the work you do, the person you are, and the difference you make. You are a gift to our community.'

With appreciation,

B. Evans.

Executive Directors' Report

This past year, the focus was on moving forward on the transformation of our services, celebrating 60 years and creating partnerships.

Elmira District Community Living's 60th anniversary was celebrated in many ways and with many people. In October, we kicked off the celebrations at the Quilt Auction with the unveiling of our 60th anniversary display banners. In November at the Sun Rays first hockey game in three years, we offered free refreshments and accepted donations to the Woolwich Food Bank. In December, a Free Little Pantry erected at the Administration office offering free tea and hot chocolate to the community. In January, an ad thanking our community was placed in the Observer. In February, celebrating Community Living Inclusion Month, a contest held with schools in our catchment area to create a video demonstrating inclusion in the classroom. Park Manor School won first prize! In March, a full-page ad placed in the Record celebrating the month EDCL was incorporated. In April, the Elmira Fire Fighters put up EDCL banners on the light posts in downtown Elmira. They are on display until August. In May, we held the 60th Open House attended by over 100 people. Also in May, a 60s theme dinner and dance was held at the legion for people supported and families. . And in June, Community Living Ontario will present EDCL with a plaque recognizing 60 years of service. We are thankful to all who volunteered and participated to make all our 60th celebrations a success

Update on Services:

The Board and Staff continued to work on the transformation of our Day Supports. The renovation at Avenues is on hold while other property and building options are being explored. A Day Visioning exercise was held with all stakeholders to help define services to be delivered to meet the needs of the community. Our Respite program opened in January after a 3-year hiatus. Our Trying It on For Size and Passport programs will start up again this summer. We are grateful to all the staff who continue to step up and help as we continue to work on bringing our staffing complement up to pre-Covid levels. It was a particularly difficult year as six of our dear friends passed away. We were fortunate to have known most of them for many years and for many staff, it was like losing family. A tribute to all of them can be found on the front cover of this report.

Partnerships... to name a few:

Thanks to the generosity of the 100 Woolwich Women Who Care and in collaboration with Kate's Kause a VanRaam Chat Rickshaw accessible electric bike will be purchased. Powered by staff and volunteers, this E-bike will provide individuals an alternative way of getting around in their community.

We appreciate our partnership with the Elmira BIA who has provided summer employment opportunities for two individuals.

We are thankful to the downtown businesses who participated in 'Paint the Downtown Blue' to celebrate Community Living Month in May.

I am thankful for the governance and guidance of our Board of Directors, the leadership and strong work ethic provided by the management team and the hard work and dedication of all our staff that impacts and benefits the people we support.

It will be wonderful to end the year with the return of our Pot Luck Dinner: a time to be with friends to celebrate our good fortune and health.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Peterson
Executive Director

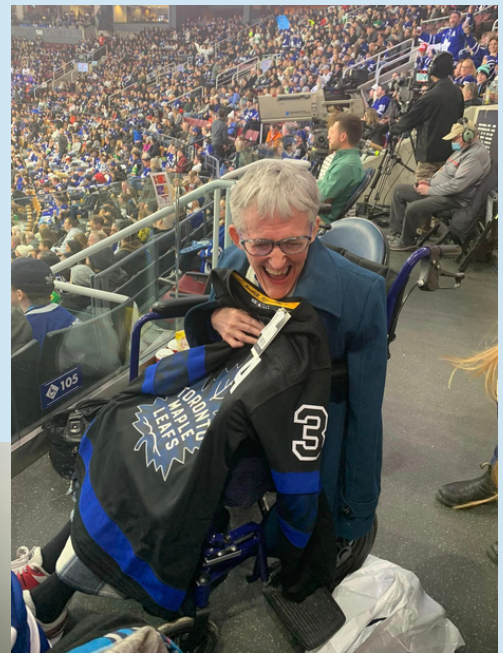
Finance Committee Report

We are pleased to report once again that EDCL is in a strong financial position. We are grateful to the community for generous support through the Auction, Help us Grow and Estate donations. The Capital fund is enjoying the benefits of increased interest rates and investment gains.

A strong financial position requires strong fiscal management. Thanks to Christine Clarke for capably leading the team.

And thanks to the community and membership for your continued support, without you EDCL would not be able to offer the quality of life that our clients enjoy.

Respectfully,
Marg Martin, Treasurer



Client Advocacy Report

Members: Deb Wilson – Chairperson, Marlene Fisher, Samir Mikhail, Father Peter Meyer, Bev Evans, Cheryl Peters & Sarah Cadeau – ex officio

The Client Advocacy Committee were kept updated on COVID-19 topics, residential vacancies and the health and well-being of residents.

The committee made recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding:

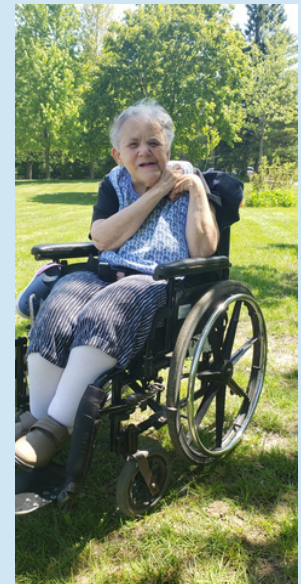
- the Greg Bechard Award
- Staff Recognition
- 60th Anniversary Dinner & Dance for people supported by EDCL

Information was shared with the committee regarding:

- the Transformation of Day Supports,
- Stakeholders Focus Groups
- the next steps for the Day Services Vision

Thank you to those who volunteered to sit on the Client Advocacy Committee to support and advocate for the individuals supported by EDCL.

Submitted by Deb Wilson



Auction Sale Committee Report

The Auction Committee is once again pleased to report another very successful auction sale in 2022 with over 123,000.00 in gross sales! We had more quilted items (189 items) with sales just over \$28,000, which is lower than last year due to a bigger percentage being smaller items.

As we watched the building fill to capacity, we felt very Blessed with the support & generosity of our community after a few difficult years! THANK-YOU! It is only through your support that a venue like this can be such a huge success!

Jantzi Auctions, through HiBid Online played a huge role in our success again this year. Thanks to Jantzi Auction's team of hard working people. Our bake table, treasure table, silent & general auction were supported with record sales. There are always a number of youth doing baking on Thurs. night, which increases the volume of the bake table and this is greatly appreciated. The general auction would greatly benefit from more new items in case you would like to donate new tools or housewares. The volume of new furniture has increased in the last 2 years; which of course reflects on the many people donating of their talented workmanship.

Thanks so much to the EPAC Board for letting us use their building for a number of extra days to accommodate the online auction. Please always remember that the money spent at these auctions help to benefit the people supported by Elmira District Community Living. This is only possible with the help of the many volunteers, businesses, auctioneers and countless other people within our community who donate their time, talent, finances, quilts, new furniture, baking and many other items.

This fundraiser is a great place to satisfy your taste buds from our food booth, soft ice cream and of course our giant bake table. The beautiful handmade quilts, locally-made solid wood furniture and our ever so popular silent auction are all ways to help support Elmira District Community Living.

On Friday, October 27th from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm you can not only preview the many quilts but also enjoy a beef brisket dinner with baked beans and salads!! If you would like to donate towards this meal we would appreciate that, as we always have extra food costs. We will be selling tickets again this year, so let your family and friends know, so they can take part in this delicious meal and help a worthy cause!

Note: Buy tickets a few weeks ahead to guarantee availability. We hope to have a silent auction again (closing at 8:15 PM) and please don't forget the bake table, ice cream/pie table & treasure table are all open for business too. Then on Sat. Oct.28th we will start with our general auction (9:30 A.M.), new furniture (12:00 P.M.) and end off with our popular quilt auction (1:00 P.M.). The silent auction will run from 8:30 to 12:00 P.M. and the bake table until sold out.

Check out our auction website at <http://elmiraquiltauction.com>

* Auction is held at Elmira Produce Auction Cooperative Inc. (EPAC) 7400 Reid Woods Drive, Elmira, Ontario

The auction committee would like to thank the countless people who donate to this worthy cause in many different ways to make this event a success year after year. We are truly grateful for the community's on-going support and generosity.

Respectfully submitted by,
Elmer and Mary Brubacher
Chairpersons, Auction Sale Committee

Property and Equipment Maintenance Committee

It's been a busy year for the committee and staff with multiple projects completed at our locations; all of which have been completed to enhance our homes.

Last year, four projects were approved and completed at a cost \$41,738.45. The largest being new bedroom flooring at the ALC.

For 2023 / 2024 we have approved nine projects at a cost of up to \$50,000. In July 2022, we placed an order for a new Wheelchair Van as a replacement for our fleet. A second Wheelchair Van will be ordered this year as well, based on the lead times now stretching out to 10 to 12 months, to secure a new vehicle.

While some of our maintenance funding comes from MCCSS the bulk of what we spend is supported by our fundraising dollars. These dollars are raised in large part by our Annual Quilt Auction, which has been raising funds for the association for close to 50 years. Hats off to the Auction Committee and their continued dedication to the people we support.

Randy Martin our maintenance man has done an excellent job of caring for our homes and ensuring the safety and the wellbeing of the people we support. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, healthy and happy summer holiday season.

Regards
Earl Campbell



Recreation Committee Report

The Recreation and Leisure Committee was founded years ago by frontline staff wanting to plan events for the individuals they served. The Committee has done just that; with lots of stories, pictures and memories to share. These stories have been showcased on the EDCL Facebook page, over the years.

October 2022 saw the return of the much loved, and sorely missed Annual Halloween Dance. Held at the Elmira Legion, this was a catered free dinner dance to welcome everyone back after 2 years away because of the Pandemic. Costume's, music, decorations and treats were greatly appreciated!! (And the helper crew was excellent with set-up, decorating and take down, as usual!!)

We were thrilled to welcome back our 2nd favourite Dance; the Annual Valentine's evening held at the Legion. Our last Valentine's had been Feb 14, 2020 so this one was exciting to gather again, with love in the air! The decorations, music, and sweet treats brought smiles galore. (Again big thanks to the decorating crew)

The Recreation and Leisure Committee had taken a step back during the time of Pandemic so we are happy to getting back together in person, to have some fun and make some plans. It is our hope to resurrect the September Campfire as we have missed this gathering as well. Stay tuned for more information to come.

The Committee consists of the following staff members: Chairperson-Louise Ellis, Management Representative- Rodger Hanna, and Kim Detweiler.



Nomination of Directors:

Tom Galloway

Education

BA University of Waterloo

Employment

K-W Hospital 1975- 1988

Director of Housekeeping

Executive Assistant to the President

University of Waterloo 1988-2016

Director of Plant Operations

Elected Office

Waterloo District Catholic School Board Trustee 1988-1991

City of Kitchener Councillor 1991- 2000

Region of Waterloo Councillor 1994-2022 Chair, Finance Committee, Planning and Works Committee

Board Experience

Waterloo Region Police Services Board 2000-2018 Chair 2002-2018

Grand River Hospital Board 1994-2003 Treasurer 2001-2003

Waterloo Region Heritage Foundation 1994-2018

Hospice Waterloo Region 2023 - present

Panthers Baseball Team Board 2002 - present

Other Interests

The Essentials Fund

Kitchener Rangers off ice official 1969 - present

Union Co-Op member

United Way application reviewer

Crow Shield Lodge volunteer

Personal

Widower (2017)

5 children, 8 grandchildren including Joshua Borman who resides at Reid Woods

Why I would like to join the EDCL Board

The main reason I chose to retire from my elected role was so that I could contribute to my community in different ways and in ways I couldn't while elected. I decided I would like to get involved in a variety of areas including health care, sports, housing, the arts, etc..I am slowly taking on volunteer positions in various areas. The EDCL is of particular interest because of my grandson's residency at Reid Woods. I do not go on a board to take up a seat but must feel that I can contribute. I think my governance experience can serve EDCL well at the Board level and my plant operations background on the Property Committee. EDCL has an excellent reputation and that is very attractive as well.

Leigh-Anne Quinn

Leigh-Anne has over 16 years of experience working in the not-for-profit sector in various roles, including Community Engagement, Sales, Administration, Fundraising, Marketing, Volunteer Management, and Social Inclusion Programming. Leigh-Anne has worked in Social Service, Arts and Culture and Health-based charitable organizations and is passionate about helping others by striving to make a difference through her work in the non-profit sector. With a educational background in Public Relations, Event Management, Program Evaluation and, more recently Job Development she possesses a variety of skillsets.

Taylor Sanderson

I am excited to introduce myself and get to work with you! My name is Taylor Sanderson. I am a 30-year old registered Occupational Therapist (OT) and father of a 1-year old named Ben and a dog named Harlow. I have lived in Elmira since May 2020. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Recreation and Leisure Studies from Brock University and a Master's Degree in Science from London South Bank University. During my education I strengthened my analysis, problem solving and communication abilities in the realms of medical care. Since graduation, (the last 5 years) I have provided OT services primarily in the domains of Mental Health and Independent Automobile Insurance Assessment (physical health). Though my current work is not directly related to Community Living, my passion for inclusivity, accessibility and dignified care for people with disabilities has always been at the forefront of my mind and heart. Being raised by a gold medal Paralympic swimmer of a mother who always displayed resilience in the face of barriers truly inspired on this path. During both my graduate and undergraduate studies I served part-time as a support worker and student in several group home settings (Red Roof Retreat, Niagara Support Services, and Quantum Care England) for youth and older adults with disabilities. These experiences taught me how vital organizations like Community Living are for vulnerable individuals in the community and how organized efforts and creative solutions are required for overcoming the challenges that they face in striving to provide adequate care. Understanding the pressures/ challenges I and other staff were exposed to when I worked within group homes, I anticipate that there will be much to address in the wake of COVID-19. I am humbled at the opportunity to participate within the EDCL board and am very excited to meet the team, learn about the organization and process thoroughly, participate in discussions and events and give back to the community I call my home in the meantime. Thank you so much for the warm invite to participate.

Linda Weltz

WORK EXPERIENCE

2019 - Present
Real Estate Law Clerk, Woods Clemens Fletcher & Cronin, Elmira, Ontario

2001 - 2019
Real Estate Law Clerk, Waters Hastings & Grainger Professional Corporation,
Elmira, Ontario

1999 - 2002
Law Clerk, Rudavsky Law Office, Elmira, Ontario

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2022 - Present Social Committee, Woolwich Sun Rays, Elmira, Ontario

2022 - Present Social Committee, Woods Clemens Fletcher & Cronin, Elmira,
Ontario

2021 - Present Billet Coordinator, Elmira Sugar Kings, Elmira, Ontario

2017 - Present
Billet Family, Elmira Sugar Kings, Elmira, Ontario

BIOGRAPHY

My name is Linda Weltz (nee Gilkinson) and I have been fortunate to call Elmira and its community home for my entire 45 years of existence. I have been happily married to my husband, Nathan Weltz, for 18 years. I love animals and have been blessed with being the fur mama to our 17-year-old shih-poo, Sianna.

For the past 3 years, I have been employed as a real estate reporting clerk at the law firm of Woods Clemens Fletcher & Cronin. With 25 years tenure in the legal sector, I have developed a wealth of legal knowledge and expertise, superior time management skills, ability to prioritize tasks and a strong attention to detail. My critical thinking ability and organization skills are excellent and my communication abilities, both verbal and written, are outstanding.

Nathan and I have been a billet family for the Elmira Sugar Kings hockey team for the past 6 years. We open our hearts and home to hockey players that live outside the area for the duration of their hockey season. After 6 years of participating in this program, we now have 5 honorary children whom have become a part of our family. We continue to have relationships with each one of our billets, long past the season ending buzzer, I feel these ongoing relationships are a true testament to our warm and welcoming nature and the result of the positive experience we strive to provide for these young men. I believe our continued relationships with our billets also speaks volumes about our natural ability to cultivate relationships with diverse individuals

In addition to being a billet family for the Elmira Sugar Kings, I have also undertaken the role of team Billet Coordinator. My responsibilities include communicating with the Director of Hockey Operations; coordinating initial meetings between hockey billet and billet family; acting as liaison between hockey billet, billet family and team as well as disbursing the monthly stipend cheque to each billet family. Furthermore, I have become the billet program spokesperson and field any incoming inquiries that interested billet players or families may have about the team's billeting process.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE ON THE BOARD?

I was recently approached by a current Board Member inquiring if I would be interested in the possibility of becoming a Board Member for the Elmira District Community Living, and I agreed without hesitation. In the short time that I have volunteered with the Woolwich Sun Rays, I found it to be an endlessly rewarding experience. The pure joy, excitement and infectious smiles on the players faces each and every week warmed my heart beyond measure. Their joy for life made me so incredibly happy that I often found myself looking forward to Sunday afternoons to see everyone and proudly cheering for them from the stands. This opportunity has allowed me to see people with developmental disabilities from a new perspective and made me want to passionately advocate, educate and facilitate opportunities for other members of the community to experience the joy of being involved in such a special organization.

I believe the supports and services offered by your program are life changing for its participants. I value the importance of giving back to my community and can not think of a better way than to aid the non-profit, charitable organization that supports several Woolwich Sun Rays players. I am confident that my passion for and connections to the community, as well as both my life and work experience, would lend themselves well to the Board's existing membership. Thus, allowing me the opportunity to continue to learn about and support Elmira District Community Living's mission. If given the opportunity to serve on the Board, I know that my sunny disposition, friendly welcoming nature, bubbly enthusiasm and professional demeanor would be an asset to the Elmira District Community Living organization in any given role. I look forward to ensuring the continued success of the Elmira District Community Living for another 60 years!



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Elmira District Community Living
invites you to our

Open House

Thursday, May 25th, 2023 • 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Lions Hall • 40 South St., Elmira

To celebrate 60 years supporting people in our community!

Refreshments • Visit our homes • Meet our staff • Meet our board members • Hear from our clients • Hear from our volunteers

See how we've grown and see the opportunities to get to know the staff of 2023 as we all share in our community.

Call 609-860-3222



Elmira District
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CHOICE CITIZENSHIP

60th
ANNIVERSARY

1963 - 2023

OPPORTUNITY

Elmira District
COMMUNITY LIVING

Elmira District Community Living is a non-profit, charitable grassroots organization started by families and community volunteers. EDCL has been supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities for 60 years.

From our humble beginnings we have grown to become an org that employs 160 staff members and provides support for over 100 individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families.

Some Highlights of Our History

- 1963 Guiding Light School
- 1969 Sheltered Workshop
- 1975 Reid Woods - first group home
- 2005 Assisted Living Centre for Seniors
- 2009-2019 Affordable housing - 32 units in partnership with EDSC Support Housing organization (<https://elmiraestateofcommunity.ca/>)



To celebrate our anniversary please join us at an

Open House

May 13, 2023
1:00-4:00 pm
Lions Hall-40 South Elmira

THANK YOU!

Please see below for the many ways you can support, get involved with Elmira District Community Living

Spring 2023
Elmira
Charity Quilt Auction

HELP US GROW

Paint the Downtown Blue with us on May 26!

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY AND COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH.

ON MAY 26, 2023 LOOK OUT FOR SPECIAL BLUE ITEMS FOR SALE.

Sweet scoops

KITCHEN CUTTINGS

Elmira Donuts & Egg

thyme

FOR MORE DETAILS
VISIT ELMIRA.ORG
OR CALL 609-860-3222

