

COMMUNITY LIVING BURLINGTON

51st ANNUAL REPORT

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Presidents Report
51st Annual General Meeting

As my third and final term as President of the Association closes, I would like to express my thanks to the membership for the privilege of serving the people we support. We have been fortunate to have had a dedicated, hard working Board to provide sound governance and solid management provided by a committed team of managers, led by a talented Executive Director. The Board will complete the final aspect of the Review when it completes the Strategic Planning process in July of this year and we are hopeful that members, the people we support and staff will take an active role in creating the future of our Association.

Over the past three years, with Ministry support, we have opened two new homes and with help from the Rotary Club of Burlington-Lakeshore, converted two others. We are still working on a vision of replacing some of the older two story homes with bungalows. We have expressed our concerns to the Ministry about the wait-list for our membership and an expectation that future homes will include relief for our families. The Residence has been closed and we are working on alternative uses for the property.

We owe a debt of gratitude to local service clubs, the Rotary Club of Burlington Lakeshore continues to support our people in many ways, as does our longest serving supporter, the Civitan Club.

The Trillium Foundation grant is in its second year, which allows us to continue having a full-time staff member to recruit and train volunteers, organize community fundraising events and helping to integrate both the Agency and its people into the community. Programs on Cogeco 23 and CH-TV, items in the press, the bus shelter campaign and the new video have done much to raise awareness about both our mission and our people.

Our fundraising endeavors continued throughout the year, with the 26th Walk 'n Roll event raising approximately \$30,000. The Trivia Nights at several local establishments raised a further \$1,800.00.

Our First President's Invitational Dinner took place in May and raised \$34,000 for the Endowment Fund, which is now a reality thanks to a generous gift of \$33,000.00 from a member of the Association. Including the 2004 Walk'n Roll and a pledge of \$25,000.00 from Mayor MacIassac that brings the total to \$122,000.00.

We are planning a "Fireside Chat" for the fall and spring each year for members to discuss issues in an informal setting with the President and Executive Director.

We are still waiting for the judgment from Tax Court on the Ministry of Revenue case.

John Barratt
President, 2005-2006

Executive Director's Report
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Another year has passed and Community Living Burlington continues to grow and develop and become an integral part of the City of Burlington.

In July 2005, Community Living Burlington partnered with the Salvation Army to open a Transitional Day Program through the Passages Funding. The program offers opportunities for young adults who have recently graduated from high school to get together and build on their literacy skills, life skills and to access recreational activities in the City of Burlington. The program continues to grow and by July 2006, it is anticipated that we will have 12 people attending on a full-time and part-time basis.

It was also a celebratory year where our Agency celebrated its 50th Anniversary. In October the community was invited to an Open House. This event brought old friends, families and community neighbours together to look at memorabilia, share memories, enjoy good food and refreshments.

It was a great way to celebrate the accomplishments of this Agency. With this celebration, the Agency also welcomed its name change to Community Living Burlington.

With the closure of the remaining 3 large institutions in Ontario, Burlington was one of the first communities to welcome two gentlemen from Huronia and the South Western Regional Centre. These two men lived a majority of their lives at these facilities and have adjusted very well to the change in their living environment. The families are thrilled to have their children and siblings close to home, they have had nothing but praise for the staff that helped make this transition a smooth one for all involved.

It was unfortunate that the respite home was unable to continue providing services due to financial reasons, but with a positive turn of events, this house is now home to 5 individuals who were previously living at Headon Residence. With that final move, the Residence is now vacant and plans to rebuild the home into a large, updated bungalow are in production. It is anticipated that once this house is rebuilt, some moves can be made within our organization for those individuals who are aging and in need of a move from their current two story home to a bungalow.

Although the respite home had to close, it was strongly felt that we needed some alternatives for families who needed a break and support for their children who are living with them at home. Therefore, we started an after school respite program at Mainway which allows children and adults to be dropped off as early as 2:30 pm and picked up by their parents as late as 8:00 pm. The Respite Program is offered from Monday to Friday.

We also have a Saturday program at Mainway that operates from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Although there is a cost to this program, families who access it find it helpful to have a safe environment for their family member to spend time, so that they can get a well deserved break. The Saturday program offers activities such as day trips, recreation and leisure as well as in house activities that are available to them at Mainway such as the Snoezelen Room.

As mentioned last year, with the financial assistance of a Trillium Foundation grant, our

Agency has a dedicated person to complete fundraising activities, volunteer recruitment and placement as well as community relations. One of the major successes that we accomplished this year was the free production of new marketing materials.

By successfully applying for a grant through Create A Thon, Community Living Burlington received a 24 hour marketing blitz with a company called Interkom Creative Marketing. This company took the name change, looked at our new mission statement and created eye catching new posters, brochures and letterhead for the Agency at no cost.

The United Way, being one of the funders for our Agency, also had a very successful year with a campaign geared separately from Hamilton, led by the Mayor of Burlington. Throughout the United Way campaign, our Agency was highlighted through Community Bus Tours where members of the Burlington Community would visit and have a tour of all of the programs that we make available to individuals with a developmental disability. Our employees also increased their participation and were the top agency of Burlington for the amount of money raised; winning an award for their accomplishment.

With all of the positive things that have happened this year, we are still waiting patiently for a ruling from Tax Court on the Live-In Manager case. It is hoped that by summer, the Judge who heard our case will make her decision as to whether or not the Live-In Managers are deemed employees or contract workers. The decision either way will have a significant impact on the Agency.

As for the upcoming year of 2006/2007, we anticipate it to be another busy one. Our Supportive Employment Program is working on plans to become a Service Provider for ODSP Employment Supports. This will expand the program and provide the opportunity for Community Living Burlington to support more individuals in jobs within the community.

In announcements from the Ministry of Community and Social Services, the government has earmarked almost \$84 million to expand residential and community services, help agencies with operating costs, increase supports to families caring for family members at home and expand community supports for young people with a developmental disability who are leaving school. This new funding is the single largest one-year investment in developmental services in Ontario, and brings the government's four-year commitment to a record \$276 million.

Community Living Burlington works closely with our Ministry office and we will continue to do so in the future. If any opportunities do become available around any new funding announcements, our Agency will be more than willing to ensure the planning comes to fruition.

In closing, I would again like to thank the many community partners in Burlington, who work closely with our organization.

Our long standing relationship with the Civitan Club is still very important as they help us throughout the year at such events as our Christmas Dance, Walk 'n Roll and of course with their own fundraising activities, proceeds of which are generously donated to our Agency.

The Black Bull and Stop 'n Go have become great supporters of our organization with assistance in our Golf Tournaments, Trivia Nights and Walk 'n Roll.

The Lakeshore Rotary Club continues to be a champion for our organization, always asking how they can help us and seeking any sweat equity projects coming up that they can assist on.

I would like to thank our dedicated employees and volunteers. With each new year, new challenges follow and often time changes in structure and support to the individuals does occur. The staff continues to provide quality support and rise to the challenges that we face.

Most of all, I would also like to thank the Directors of our Board. Their dedication and time to this organization has been outstanding. As volunteers, they are constantly looking at ways to better this Agency and to guide, direct and ensure that the mission statement is being fulfilled on a daily basis.

Judy Pryde
Executive Director

Treasurer's Report

51st Annual General Meeting

The audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006 are presented in the Annual Report. The financial results for the Association and for Branchton Camp are reported as separate statements.

For the fiscal year 2005/2006, our auditors, SB Partners, Chartered Accountants, prepared the financial statements. This is the first year this firm has conducted the audit and prepared the financial statements.

In the Annual Report, the **Statement of Operations** combines the Operations and the Non-Operating or Capital Activities of the Association. Comparative figures from the previous year are consistent with the current year. This statement presentation complies with generally accepted accounting practices.

Financial Operations

This year was once again a financial challenge due to the additional costs to meet the requirements of Revenue Canada with our Live-In Manager positions in several of our Group Homes. This change is further impacted by the Provincial Labour regulations requiring 36 consecutive hours off work per week for all employees. The combined result of these changes increases our operating costs in excess of \$300,000.

Other significant cost increases this year were due to repairs to many of our homes and work areas. These repairs included installation of new flooring in Lifeskills and replacing windows and roofs in several of our homes. Significant cost increases in both fuel and repairs to our fleet of vehicles were also noted.

To offset these financial challenges, the following initiatives were implemented to help control our costs:

- 1/ Monthly targets and reviews of all budgets with the Finance Department and Managers of all programs.
- 2/ Board approval and full implementation of Policies and Procedures for all financial operations at CLB.
- 3/ Finance Committee of the Board meets monthly with Judy Pryde and Lisa Morikawa to review all financial matters of CLB.
- 4/ Monthly communications from ED to MCSS on all financial pressures at CLB.

I am pleased to advise that through these initiatives we have achieved a modest surplus for this year.

ASSETS

The change in our Assets is primarily due to the following items:

Sale of Branchton Camp

The Branchton Camp property was sold this year and the Corporation was legally dissolved. In accordance with the By Laws of Branchton Camp, the net proceeds available after all costs were paid was transferred to CLB. These funds, in excess of \$500,000.00, are in short term investments held by CLB. A Board committee has been formed to review options and make recommendation to the Board for the final disposition of this Asset.

Endowment Fund

An Endowment Fund has been established through the Community Foundation of Burlington. A private donor contributed a starting Capital amount of \$33000 and we are grateful to this donor for their interest in the long-term health of this Association. Hopefully other donors will use this means of contributing to our future. The Capital remains with the Foundation in perpetuity with earnings available for use by CLB as it sees fit.

Rubens Court No. 2

A new home was purchased and started up this year on Rubens Court and was fully funded by MCSS.

Mortgages

Three of the floating Prime rate mortgages were converted to fixed rate mortgages (5.15%) to stagger maturity dates and secure lower rates in a rising interest rate period.

Note:

Personal Bank Accounts

The Personal Bank Accounts for many of the people we serve were transferred to CIBC to avoid monthly service charges.

I would like to thank Lisa Morikawa and her staff in the Finance Department for their dedication to their work. Also I want to thank Judy Pryde and the management staff for building a plan and sticking to it.

Finally, I also wish to note that the Ministry of Community and Social Services have been particularly responsive this year in helping us meet our financial responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Murray Steele,
Treasurer 2005-2006

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SUMMARY OF MOTIONS FOR 2005/2006

MOTION #	MOTION	STATUS
01:05/06	MOVED by Stephanie Etherington and SECONDED by Murray Steele THAT John Barratt be elected as Board President for the BAIH, Board of Directors.	CARRIED
	MOVED by Murray Steele and SECONDED by Stephanie Etherington THAT Ramsay Holmes be elected as 1 st Vice President for the BAIH, Board of Directors.	CARRIED
03:05/06	MOVED by Murray Steele and SECONDED Cliff Murray THAT Stephanie Etherington be elected as 2 nd Vice-President for the BAIH, Board of Directors.	CARRIED
04:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Stephanie Etherington THAT Murray Steele be elected as Treasurer for the BAIH, Board of Directors.	CARRIED
05:05/06	MOVED by Stephanie Etherington and SECONDED by Linda Pleasance THAT the meeting of June 7, 2005 of the Board of Directors for the BAIH be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.	CARRIED
06:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Linda Pleasance THAT the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting for July 26, 2005 be approved as documented.	CARRIED
07:05/06	MOVED by Murray Steele and SECONDED by Janice Pichelli THAT the minutes of May 31, 2005 be approved following the amendment by deleting "and his research into the firm" from 8.1 Finance Committee update.	CARRIED
08:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Murray Steele THAT the minutes of June 7, 2005 be approved as documented.	CARRIED
09:05/06	MOVED by Stephanie Etherington and SECONDED by Ramsay Holmes THAT the meeting of the Board of Directors move to in-camera at 7:20 p.m. to review the information in the Executive Director's Report.	CARRIED
10:05/06	MOVED by Stephanie Etherington and SECONDED by Linda Pleasance THAT the meeting of the Board of Directors move out of camera at 7:40 p.m.	CARRIED
11:05/06	MOVED by Stephanie Etherington and SECONDED by Linda Pleasance THAT a Community Living Burlington, Endowment Fund be created with the Burlington Community Foundation.	CARRIED
12:05/06	MOVED by Janice Pichelli and SECONDED by Dianne Kerkhof THAT Ramsay Holmes, Murray Steele and Stephanie Etherington be the delegates for overseeing the development of the fund including the legal component and develop a criteria for spending of the interest proceeds.	CARRIED
13:05/06	MOVED by Stephanie Etherington and SECONDED by Linda Pleasance THAT an offer of \$355,000 be presented with the conditions of home inspection, electrical inspection, MCSS and Board approval.	CARRIED
14:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Dianne Kerkhof THAT the meeting of the Board of Directors for July 26, 2005 be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.	CARRIED
15:05/06	MOVED by Janice Pichelli and SECONDED by Linda Pleasance THAT the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting for August 29, 2005 be approved as documented	CARRIED
16:05/06	MOVED by Stephanie Etherington and SECONDED by Janice Pichelli THAT the 2004 Walk 'n Roll funds be allocated to the Foundation.	CARRIED
17:05/06	MOVED by Janice Pichelli and SECONDED by Cliff Murray THAT the minutes of July 26, 2005 be approved following the amendment of including motion #16:05/06.	CARRIED
18:05/06	MOVED by Stephanie Etherington and SECONDED by Janice Pichelli THAT the meeting of the Board of Directors move to in-camera at 7:45 p.m. to review the information in the Executive Director's Report.	CARRIED

19:05/06	MOVED by Janice Pichelli and SECONDED by Linda Pleasance THAT the meeting of the Board of Directors move out of camera at 8:00 p.m.	
20:05/06	MOVED by Stephanie Etherington and SECONDED by Cliff Murray THAT the meeting of the Board of Directors be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.	CARRIED
21:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Murray Steele THAT the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting for October 18, 2005 be approved with the additions of: 7.9 Rotary House Letter and 9.4 Date for information night	CARRIED
22:05/06	MOVED by Cliff Murray and SECONDED by Linda Pleasance THAT the minutes of August 29, 2005 be approved as documented.	CARRIED
23:05/06	MOVED by Murray Steele and SECONDED Ramsay Holmes THAT Duncaster, Deerwood, Wedgewood, Berkshire, Ryerson, Sovereign Rd. be moved to fixed mortgages.	CARRIED
24:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Cliff Murray THAT Interkom receive an acknowledgement of thanks from the board.	CARRIED
25:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Cliff Murray THAT the resignation of Stephanie Etherington from the CLB, Board of Directors be regretfully accepted.	CARRIED
26:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Murray Steele THAT the motion for the appointment of the 2 new directors(Melissa Gurzi and Joe Nemet) be amended to include pending the formal written resignation from Teresa Longo.	CARRIED
27:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Kevin Ho-young THAT the Board of Directors meet from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month.	CARRIED
28:05/06	MOVED by Karen Bettsworth and SECONDED by Dianne Kerkhof THAT the meeting of the Board of Directors go in- camera at 8:45 p.m. to discuss the Executive Director's Report.	CARRIED
30:05/06	MOVED by Murray Steele and SECONDED by Cliff Murray THAT the meeting of the Board of Director's go out of camera at 9:13 p.m.	CARRIED
31:05/06	MOVED by Murray Steele and SECONDED by Cliff Murray THAT the meeting of the Board of Directors of Community Living Burlington be adjourned at 9:15 p.m.	CARRIED
32:05/06	MOVED by Cliff Murray and SECONDED by Murray Steele THAT the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting for November 22, 2005 be approved as documented.	CARRIED
33:05/06	MOVED by Dianne Kerkhof and SECONDED by Janice Pichelli THAT the meeting minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of October 18, 2005 be approved as documented.	CARRIED
34:05/06	MOVED by Murray Steele and SECONDED by Ramsay Holmes THAT a letter be sent off to the Ministry outlining the intent of the future of Headon Res., that the architect work on drafting up preliminary plans for a replacement home, and that Judy look at our existing individuals to see who would benefit from a bungalow style home.	CARRIED
35:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Joe Nemet THAT the meeting of the Board of Directors go in-camera at 8:50 p.m. to discuss the Executive Director's Report.	CARRIED
37:05/06	MOVED by Linda Pleasance and SECONDED by Cliff Murray THAT the meeting of the Board of Directors go out of camera at 9:12 p.m.	CARRIED
38:05/06	MOVED by Murray Steele and SECONDED by Melissa Gurzi THAT the meeting of the Board of Directors be adjourned at 9:15 p.m.	CARRIED
39:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Joe Nemet THAT the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting for January 10, 2006 be approved as documented.	CARRIED

40:05/06	MOVED by Janice Pichelli and SECONDED by Linda Pleasance THAT the minutes of the November 22, 2005 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as documented.	CARRIED
41:05/06	MOVED by Murray Steele and SECONDED by Ramsay Holmes THAT a committee be established to make recommendations to the CLB Board on how to allocate the funds from the sale of Branchton Camp.	CARRIED
42:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Dianne Kerkhof THAT the policy titled Safety and Security be accepted and implemented.	CARRIED
43:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Joe Nemet THAT the meeting of the Board of Directors move in-camera at 7:45 p.m.	CARRIED
44:06/06	MOVED by Murray Steele and SECONDED by Ramsay Holmes THAT the meeting of the Board of Directors move out of camera at 7:52 p.m.	
45:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Dianne Kerkhof THAT the policy titled Incident and Accident Reports be approved and implemented	CARRIED
46:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Linda Pleasance THAT the policy titled Occurrence Reports be approved and implemented	CARRIED
47:05/06	MOVED by Murray Steele and SECONDED by Kevin Ho-young THAT the meeting of the Board of Directors be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.	CARRIED
48:05/06	MOVED by Janice Pichelli and SECONDED by Cliff Murray THAT the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting for February 28, 2006 be approved as documented.	CARRIED
49:05/06	MOVED by Janice Pichelli and SECONDED by Dianne Kerkhof THAT the minutes of the January 10, 2006 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as documented.	CARRIED
50:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Donna Cuomo THAT the Agreement for the Establishment and Operation of the Community Living Burlington Fund dated August 12, 2005 be adopted as documented.	CARRIED
51:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Cliff Murray THAT the Financial Policies and Procedures be approved for implementation as documented.	CARRIED
52:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Cliff Murray THAT the proposed By-Laws be approved in principal.	CARRIED
53:05/06	MOVED by Joe Nemet and SECONDED by Linda Pleasance THAT the meeting go In-Camera at 8:00 p.m. to address the Executive Director's Report.	CARRIED
54:05/06	MOVED by Karen Bettsworth and SECONDED by Janice Pichelli THAT the meeting go Out-of-Camera at 8:10 p.m	CARRIED
55:05/06	MOVED by Cliff Murray and SECONDED by Ramsay Holmes THAT the Governance Policies addressing the Executive Director's Position and Role be approved with the identified revisions.	CARRIED
56:05/06	MOVED by Dianne Kerkhof and SECONDED by Donna Cuomo THAT the meeting of the Board of Directors for CLB be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.	CARRIED
57:05/06	MOVED by Janice Pichelli and SECONDED by Cliff Murray THAT the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting for March 28, 2006 be approved as documented.	CARRIED
58:05/06	MOVED by Murray Steele and SECONDED by Cliff Murray THAT the minutes of the February 28, 2006 meeting of the Board of Director be approved as documented.	CARRIED
59:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Joe Nemet THAT Don Kilpatrick be approved as the non-director member of the committee to be in accordance with the current By-laws.	CARRIED
60:05/06	MOVED by Murray Steele and SECONDED by Dianne Kerkhof THAT Elwood be placed on the real estate market and offers be considered if no less than \$300,000 and that Judy has the authorization to begin the process of seeking out a replacement home.	CARRIED

61:05/06	MOVED by Kevin Ho-Young and SECONDED by Dianne Kerkhof THAT the meeting of the Board of Directors be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.	CARRIED
62:05/06	MOVED by Janice Pichelli and SECONDED by Joe Nemet THAT the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting for April 25, 2006 be approved as documented.	CARRIED
63:05/06	MOVED by Cliff Murray and SECONDED by Dianne Kerkhof THAT the minutes of the March 28, 2006 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as documented.	CARRIED
64:05/06	MOVED by Murray Steele and SECONDED by Cliff Murray THAT the proposed budgets for 2006/2007 be accepted and submitted to the Ministry.	CARRIED
65:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Joe Nemet THAT the Principal Governance Document be approved as written and submitted to the Membership for approval at the AGM.	CARRIED
66:05/06	MOVED by Ramsay Holmes and SECONDED by Murray Steele THAT the Meeting of the Board of Directors move In-Camera at 7:25 p.m. to review the Executive Director's Report.	CARRIED
67:05/06	MOVED by Janice Pichelli and SECONDED by Linda Pleasance THAT the meeting of the Board of Directors move Out-of-Camera at 7:30 p.m.	CARRIED
68:05/06	MOVED by Karen Bettsworth and SECONDED by Donna Cuomo THAT the meeting of the Board of Directors be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.	CARRIED

History

Many changes and advancements have occurred over the years with the Burlington Association for the Intellectually Handicapped. The following are highlights that have occurred over the years.

1950's

1955 October Association formed as the *Burlington & District Association for Retarded Children*
1955 December First class for children held in old Legion Hall
1956 January Charter received from Ontario Association
1959 September *Mayfield School* opened - 14 children enrolled

1960's

1960 December Sheltered workshop for 6 adults started in Lions Hall
1963 May Association incorporated under Laws of Ontario
1963 September *Adult Training Centre* - 704 Brant Street - with 7 adults in the workshop
1964 September *Preschool Program* began in basement of Trinity Church
1965 September Ladies Auxiliary formed
1965 December *Adult Training Centre* moved to 2258 Mountainside Drive
1966 August Association became a member of United Way
1967 September *Mayfield Centre* addition completed
1969 January Ontario Department of Education assumed responsibility for the education of the Trainable Retarded in Ontario

1970's

1974 July *Branchton Camp* opened
1975 May *Headon Residence* opened to accommodate 14 people
1977 October Auxiliary Residence - *Headon House* - opened
1978 September Co-op apartment program started
1979 October In-home Program for preschoolers started

1980's

1980 August New *ARC Industries* - 1150 Northside Drive - 72 people enrolled in workshop
1981 May First Annual *Bike-A-Thon*
1981 September Pilot Parent Program established
1982 January *Life Skills Program* established
1982 April *Saturday Centre Program* started
1983 September Co-op apartment program becomes *Supported Independent Living Program (S.I.L.)*
1984 February *Life Skills* expanded to 13 people
1984 August Association acquires *Mayfield School*
1984 September *ARC Industries* expands by 16 spaces
1984 September Family & Children's' Services begins operations at *Mayfield school*
1984 November Administration moved to *Mayfield School*
1986 May Official opening of *Civitan House*
1986 November Community preschool integration started
1987 April *Saturday Club* for adolescents started
1987 September *Life Skills* expanded to 20 people
1988 January Association name is changed to the *Burlington Association for Community Living*
1988 August New Mission Statement established
1988 August *Leighland House* opens
1988 August *Senior Day Program* established
1988 November *Dynes House* opens
1989 January *Consort I and II* opens (also known as Project 3000)
1989 April *Mayfield Children's Centre* opens
1989 June *Life Skills Program* expanded
1989 July *Pine Cove House* opens
1989 August *Barclay* opens (project 3000)

1990's

1990 January *Stratton House* opens
1990 May 10th Anniversary of Burlington's *Bike-A-Thon*

1990 June	<i>Respite Program</i> established
1991 April	Sole ownership of Branchton Camp
1991 April	Amalgamation of Seniors Day Program into Life Skills
1991 May	<i>Elwood House</i> opens
1991 July	<i>Wedgewood House</i> opens
1992 April	<i>Daryl House</i> opens
1992 April	Amalgamation of ARC Industries, Life Skills and Family Support Services into Day Services
1992 November	<i>Moss Glen House</i> opens
1993 June	Mayfield Children's Centre closed and Preschool Services fully integrated
1993 August	Oxford sold
1993 December	<i>Kirkburn House</i> opens
1994 May	Mayfield Centre sold and Mainway building purchased
1994 November	Adult Day Program, Supported Independent Living Program, Preschool Services, Saturday Program, ARC Industries and Administration move from 1150 Northside Drive and the Mayfield Centre to one facility located at 3057 Mainway Drive
1995 March	Leighland House closes
1995 March	20 adults move into apartments at <i>Wellington Terrace</i> , a joint housing venture with Halton Non-Profit Housing
1995 March	<i>Fischer House</i> opens
1995 March	Life Skills Program offers an extended March Break program for community families
1995 May	The Association's 15th Annual Bike-a-Thon begins and ends at the new facility at 3057 Mainway
1995 August	1st Annual <i>Civitan Club Family Fun Day</i> held at 3057 Mainway
1995 October	Association begins to administer several Special Services at Home agreements for families
1996 April	Purchase of <i>Hammond House</i>
1996 April	Association receives approval to decentralize the Regional Halton Employment and Assessment program
1996 November	Sale of Civitan House - plans to purchase 2 smaller homes begin
1996 November	Membership of the Association votes to change our name to the <i>Burlington Association for the Intellectually Handicapped (B.A.I.H.)</i>
1997 May	<i>Duncaster House</i> opens
1997 June	<i>Deerwood House</i> opens
1997 June	<i>Berkshire House</i> opens
1997 September	<i>Alconbury House</i> opens
1997 September	<i>Wedgwood House</i> reopens as the first home under the Supported Independent Living Program
1998 January	Board of Directors decides not to open Branchton Camp for the summer season and to place the Camp on the market for sale
1998 January	Family Councils start in each of <i>B.A.I.H.</i> 's homes, thereby strengthening the role of the family in the Association
1998 February	<i>1st Annual Employer Appreciation Breakfast</i> held to thank all customers of ARC Industries
1998 July	<i>1st Annual Day Trip to Wet 'n Wild</i> at Prudhomme's Landing
1999 April	Five <i>B.A.I.H.</i> volunteers honoured at the 1999 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards Ceremony
1999 June	Association offers first <i>Life Planning Seminar</i> for families
1999 October	<i>10th Annual Showdown Trivia Night</i> fundraiser
2000's	
2000 February	<i>B.A.I.H.</i> acquires Freeman House, the first home purchased with funds provided by a private foundation
2000 June	<i>20th Annual Walk'n Roll</i> fundraising event
2000 June	<i>Freeman House</i> opens
2001 October	<i>Forest House</i> opens
2002 May	<i>Ryerson House</i> opens
2002 May	<i>Stratton House</i> closes (individuals moved to Ryerson & Dynes) and provides living accommodation to the individuals at Headon House during the relocation of their home
2003 September	<i>Rotary Respite House</i> opens
2004 April	<i>Headon House</i> reopens on Star Lane following being physically moved

2004 May	<i>Rubens Court House</i> purchased
2004 July	<i>Rubens Court</i> opens as a home to 5 ladies
2004 September	<i>Walk 'n Roll</i> moves to Bronte Creek
2005 January	<i>Live-In Managers</i> become Employees of the Agency and no longer independent contractors.
2005 January	<i>Snoezelen Room</i> grand opening
2005 March	<i>Trivia Night</i> is re-activated in local establishments
2005 March	<i>Stratton House</i> re-opens providing a home to 4 people from Headon Residence
2005 March	<i>The Burlington City Council</i> votes to eliminate the 400 metre zoning by-law for Group Homes
2005 April	Membership votes to change the name to " <i>Community Living Burlington</i> "
2005 May	<i>25th Annual Walk 'N Roll</i> fundraising event
2005 June	<i>Rotary Respite</i> closes
2005 July	<i>Transitional Day Program</i> begins for community families
2005 September	<i>Rubens Court #2 House</i> opens
2005 September	<i>After School Respite</i> begins to be offered to community families
2005 October	<i>Celebrated</i> our 50 th Anniversary with an Open House at Mainway
2005 November	<i>Headon Residence</i> closes its door and everyone moved to a smaller home environment
2006 May	<i>26th Annual Walk 'N Roll</i> fundraising event
2006 May	<i>First Ever</i> President's Invitational Dinner

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Fundraising News

The goal of the Fundraising committee this year was to raise enough funds to purchase a wheelchair accessible van for one of the homes. The various events that took place throughout the year in efforts to raise \$55,000.00 were:

- ❖ *Walk 'n Roll*
- ❖ *Vista Cards*
- ❖ *Doggie treats made by Nicole Algar*
- ❖ *Trivia Night*
- ❖ *Proceeds from the Black Bull Golf Tournament*
- ❖ *Astro Wear*
- ❖ *Proceeds from Burlington Insurance Brokers Association Golf Tournament*
- ❖ *Ongoing support from Civitan*
- ❖ *Internal Raffles*
- ❖ *Chapters*

We are very thankful to all of those who have participated, volunteered and raised funds for these activities. With all of the effort and time that everyone contributed we are happy to say that we raised enough money to purchase a van for our agency.



Our Goal for 2006

Since we were so successful in raising funds for a new van, our goal this year will be to raise funds for another wheelchair accessible van. Some events that we have planned, (or have taken place) are:

- ❖ Walk 'n Roll
- ❖ Golf Tournament, (June 16th)
- ❖ Wal-Mart barbeque (July 22nd) from 11am-2pm at Appleby and Dundas. What we raise, Wal-Mart will match.
- ❖ Thursday, August 10th, a Barbeque at Mainway from 11:00 to 1:30pm. We will be featuring a talented caricature artist who will do sketches for \$5.00 each
- ❖ Funds from sale of tickets to win a Quilt



What is G.R.O.W.?

GROW stands for “Good Reliable Outdoor Work”

The G.R.O.W. group was started in the summer of 2002. It began as a program to provide employment to individuals with a skill level and desire to work outdoors in a maintenance capacity. In the beginning G.R.O.W. consisted of two individuals and two support staff. Today G.R.O.W. is a thriving, important part of our organization. It provides employment to six individuals with two support staff. They have expanded from lawn cutting to full year round maintenance. They provide this service to most of our residential programs and to our main office. They have also diversified to; catering food to agency events, moving furniture and other items, pick up for community donations, delivery of supplies to homes throughout the agency, spring and fall property cleaning, transportation of items to the city dump and other household jobs as required.

G.R.O.W. continues to be an essential service in great demand!



Transitional Day Program

In 2004 the Ministry of Community & Social Services put a call out for proposals to support people with developmental disabilities who were graduating from high school. Community Living Burlington heard the call and proposed a Transitional Day Program to accommodate the growing need of meaningful day opportunities, in a time when wait lists were long and spots limited.

The goal of the Transitional Program gears the support to the individuals, attempting to develop daily living and social skills as well as participating in a wide variety of recreation and leisure activities within the community.

The program opened its doors on July 4th, 2005. Over the course of the year the Transitional Program has grown substantially. We have been able to provide many people with new experiences and opportunities for skill development. Literacy classes occur with the Council of Burlington, volunteer work at the local food bank, day trips to the Zoo, the Warplane Museum, YMCA visits and cooking and computer classes where competencies are developed.

Darlene Fletcher parent of a participant of the Transitional Program stated that “this is the first time her son is willing to get up in the morning. Knowing he is attending the program, his excitement begins the night before. This program has kept my son going, he even asks if he can attend on Saturdays & Sundays; it is excellent.”

As of July 2006 the Transitional Day Program is celebrating its first anniversary yet the wait list continues. Although we have successfully transitioned 13 young adults from high school to this alternative day program, the need continues to build. Community Living Burlington will continue to make all efforts in developing creative ideas and options for graduating students so that these young adults can experience meaningful and inclusive activities in their community.



Welcome back to Burlington

In 2004, The Ministry of Community and Social Services envisioned a future for citizens who have a developmental disability, that they be supported and live and thrive in their local communities. The old provincially-operated, institution-based service is no longer the future. The future is now community-based services that promote greater social inclusion, independence and choice for individuals.

With that declaration, families and local agencies started to plan around those individuals remaining in the three large facilities in Ontario, to return home to their communities from where they originally came. Community Living Burlington was fortunate enough to have two individuals who wanted to move to back to Burlington and plans were quickly generated and a home purchased and renovated for the two men.

On September 30th, we welcomed Peter to his new home and then within a couple of weeks, his roommate Jimmy moved in as well.

Since that time, the two gentlemen and their families have been thrilled with the transition. Jimmy and Peter have made new friends, participated in all activities that the agency has to offer and they have become active members of their community. Jimmy's mother is happy to have him so close, so that the long trips to Chatham are no longer needed. Lori (Jimmy's sister) talks proudly about her brother and how lucky she is to have him close by.

The great staff support at the house has made this transition for the gentlemen such a success and as new people plan to move to Burlington, we will continue to welcome them and make their progression from institutional life to community as smooth as possible.

