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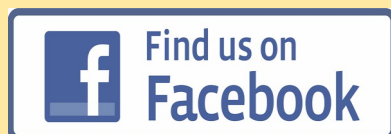
Igniting the unlimited potential of all people

The Spark features inspirational stories of accomplishments people have achieved and the Personal Outcome Measures related to these achievements. Personal Outcome Measures are the foundation of everything Simcoe Community Services does to support people.



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The Road to Accreditation



Simcoe Community Services Re-accreditation with The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL) is just around the corner; November 29 to December 2, 2016.

In 2000 Simcoe Community Services introduced The Personal Outcome Measures. This philosophy was vital in guiding the agency to

strengthen its services to look at things from a more person centered perspective. It is this focus that drove the agency's culture to shift from one of taking care of people to one of supporting people to exercise rights and make informed choices. Today Personal Outcome Measures are the foundation of our work.

In 2007 Simcoe Community Services eagerly entered into the enlightening process of accreditation. Success was realized, a moment in time only (a big moment mind you!), however the journey is never ending. The process of having an external perspective of our supports and services is at times humbling. It was easy to say that we were great, now someone was evaluating us to see if this was true.

In 2007 CQL noted: "It was clear to the review team that people supported are being listened to. People are choosing their goals, and people's goals are the focus of services and supports. It was obvious that what people wanted in their lives was a priority of the staff. Simcoe Community Services demonstrates a clear commitment to utilizing the Personal Outcome Measures as a system for monitoring the effectiveness of its services."

As you read the articles in this edition of the Spark you will see why we can now say we are great – we can prove it! Great work Simcoe Community Services!



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Message from President David Barber



I had the opportunity to spend a day at Queen's Park on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, acting in my capacity as Past President of OASIS (Ontario Agencies Supporting People with Special Needs). We visited with Labour Minister Kevin Flynn, Senior Policy Advisor to the Premier James Janeiro, NDP Critic for MCYS Monique Taylor, PC Critic for MCSS Randy Pettapiece, Senior Policy Advisor to the Treasury Alexi White, Minister Responsible for Accessibility and Women's Issues Tracey MacCharles, MCSS Minister Dr. Helena Jaczek and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education Granville Anderson. In addition, we had the opportunity to be acknowledged in the legislature by Minister Jaczek.

It is via these direct meetings with our MPPs that we are able to bring the concerns of our community to the attention of people in government who can make positive changes in the lives of the people we support. It is here that we can tell them of the challenges faced by Transitional Age Youth, the difficulties in accessing meaningful employment opportunities and training, the lack of resources over a period of many years in the children's sector, the evolving mandate of the DSO, the significant waiting list for services (numbering approximately 20,000 people), aging families, the frustration experienced by staff and management in dealing with a never ending avalanche of compliance requirements and the list goes on.

At SCS we recognize that in a perfect world no one would fall through the cracks, all of our urgent and necessary daily needs would be met and we could then concentrate solely on enriching and improving the lives of the people we support. Unfortunately, these difficulties are with us and we must deal with them in the sure and certain knowledge that for every complication we experience, we have an overwhelming number of success stories where people succeed because of the work that we do.

SCS in our last Strategic Planning exercise made a strong pledge to be an association committed to learning about new and positive approaches to service provision, a commitment supported by the values statement that, "We believe in being a learning organization that continually evaluates its work, employs best practices and is innovative in its approaches."

As we go forward into the immediate future to renew and re-visit our Strategic Plan, we are consulting with stakeholders, parents, families, supported individuals and staff to determine how best to improve the delivery of service and supports to people with an intellectual disability.

Change is inevitable and as certain as the dawning of a new day. We at SCS are determined to be leaders in this change. Our organization is in the process of renewing our accreditation with CQL and it is through this process that we will be able to measure our progress to date in meeting our goals as defined by our Mission Statement. I am confident that we will do well in this review and that where improvement is necessary, we will make the appropriate adjustments.

David Barber
President, Simcoe Community Services

GIFT OF THE HEART AWARDS

Congratulations to the SCS 2015-16 Gift of the Heart recipients

Please join us in congratulating the 2015-16 Gift of the Heart Award recipients. Honouring those individuals and organizations who selflessly give their time and energy to improve the quality of life for people with intellectual disabilities as well as Simcoe Community Services, the Gift of the Heart Awards were presented at the SCS Annual General Meeting on September 14th.



The 2016 Community Partner of the Year Paige Jones of Old Navy

As a featured clothier instrumental to the success of SCS' annual Fashion Show, Paige and her Old Navy staff go above and beyond in creating an inclusive and welcoming place for people and their families. Weeks leading up to the event, Old Navy opens its doors before business hours exclusively to SCS models, providing staff for one on one assistance with fittings and the selection of outfits. Building upon this relationship, Old Navy has partnered with SCS for opportunities within our Employment Program. Paige and her staff at Old Navy continue to go the extra mile in making people feel like stars, perfectly capturing what *Igniting the Unlimited Potential of All People* is all about.

(Left to right) Denise Remus and Jenny Addison with 2016 Community Partner of the Year recipient Paige Jones of Old Navy.

Outcome - People choose where they work



Gift of the Heart recipient O.P.P.

Constable Julie Doucette advocates on behalf of people for better relationships and support with the Ontario Provincial Police. Constable Doucette's contributions have been vital in building relationships with other community partners. This is one super cop we're grateful is on our side.

Kelly Erb, Angie Bendo and Colleen McGinnis from SCS Accommodations Supports and Services with O.P.P. **Constable Julie Doucette** (second from left).

Outcome - People are treated fairly

GIFT OF THE HEART AWARDS

Congratulations to the SCS 2015-16 Gift of the Heart recipients



For more than 20 years, Ken Forth has developed many meaningful friendships with **Gift of the Heart recipient The Orillia Fire Department**. Ken regularly visits the guys at the Fire Hall, helping sweep the driveway and wash the trucks. Ken benefits greatly from this relationship, but so do the firefighters. Recently, Ken was surprised at home when several firefighters showed up in full uniform to help him celebrate his Accomplishments Celebration. This Gift of the Heart is about friends for life.

(Left to right) **Orillia Fire Department Deputy Chief Jeff Kirk**, Ken Forth and **Orillia Fire Inspector Dave Baker**.

Outcome - People perform different social roles

As a result of class action settlements for three Ontario institutions, SCS began the process of supporting people to submit their claims. Working together with **Gift of the Heart recipient The Community Legal Clinic of Orillia**, SCS supported 90 people to submit claims. This work provided by the Legal Clinic was free of charge. Recently a new class action announcement was made related to the remaining institutions in Ontario. The Community Legal Clinic stepped forward again and volunteered to take on the process in its entirety to support 40 people throughout the claims process.

(Left to right) SCS Programs and Services Director Maxine Johnson with lawyer Francesca Allodi-Ross of **The Community Legal Clinic in Orillia**.

Outcome - People exercise rights



Gift of the Heart recipient Elisabeth Conroy is a champion, ambassador, donor and advocate for Grandparents parenting again. As a volunteer with SCS, she has embraced grandparents and grandchildren with tireless dedication. In the process she has changed lives and made an enormous impact in our community. For this we are truly grateful.

(Left to right) SCS Grandparent Support System Navigator Trisha Smit, Gift of the Heart winner **Elisabeth Conroy** from Sun Life Financial and grandparent Jackie Duff.

Outcome - Families have economic resources

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Dr. Helena Jaczek visits Simcoe Community Services

Simcoe Community Services was pleased to welcome Ontario's Minister of Community and Social Services Dr. Helena Jaczek and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister/Barrie MPP Ann Hoggarth on October 14th to officially cut the ribbon to SCS Barrie's Community Support Services.



According to Minister Jaczek, "Agencies such as Simcoe Community Services play an invaluable role in providing critical services to people with developmental disabilities. I am pleased that my ministry has been able to continue to assist in providing funding to ensure important upgrades and updates could be made to SCS."

Pictured above, Ashally Stewart (second from left) helps to cut the ribbon officially opening Community Support Services Barrie, along with (far left) Minister of Community and Social Services Dr. Helena Jaczek, SCS CEO Bill Silk and Barrie M.P.P. Ann Hoggarth.

Right, Minister Jaczek enjoys some foosball at CSS Barrie with Barrie M.P.P. Hoggarth. Wonder who let who win?



Following the ceremony, Minister Jaczek and M.P.P. Hoggarth were given a tour of CSS that highlighted the meaningful supports for adults with intellectual disabilities, including mobility/therapy supports, the snoezelen room, virtual reality programs, computer assisted learning, social skills and leisure activities.

The Barrie Examiner has more on the Minister's tour [here](#).

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Getting Spooky with Community Support Services

From witches to princesses, pirates to cowgirls and doctors to clowns, the Halloween costumes were the best yet at the 2016 Halloween Dance at Community Support Services Barrie. As you can tell from all the smiles, these good friends had a frightfully fun time!



Clockwise from top left: Warren Dawson, Vicki Hiltz, Kate Livingstone and Shanna McCallum, Niki Chaltas and Paul Ingram, and Nicola Kewin.



Outcome - People have friends

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An Inclusive Field of Dreams

On September 22nd, local celebrities and all-stars from the Barrie Integrated Baseball Association were thrilled to grab their gloves for the Simcoe Community Services Celebrity Baseball game at the Barrie Sports Complex. It was a celebration of inclusion and fun as we brought to a close another great baseball season. Thank you to the Barrie Bay Cats, all the participants and the fans who were excited to cheer on the teams from the stands at Coates Stadium. We can't wait until next season!



Clockwise from top left: Jordan Downing gets some hands on treatment from The Bay Cats Cool Cat, Fresh FM's Tara Dawn and Allison Bobbette, Barrie Mayor Jeff Lehman with Angus Roy and Dave Mills of the Bay Cats, Perry Skilliter mans the hot corner, Team Blue and Team White at home plate, it's game on at Coates Stadium, and Rachel Bertram's smile says it all.



Outcome - People participate in the life of the community

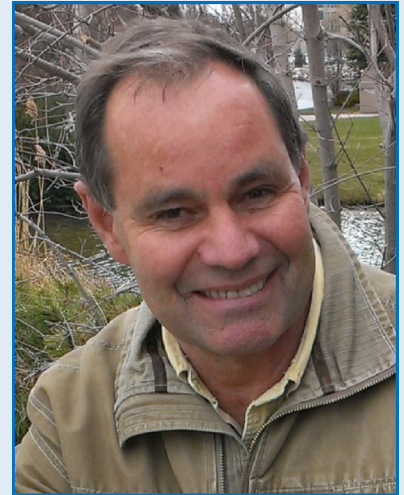


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Remembering Brett Millar

Honouring the late Brett Millar was one of the special moments at the Barrie Integrated Baseball Association's year end banquet and awards ceremony. For close to 30 years at Simcoe Community Services, and as a founding member of the BIBA, Brett was a passionate advocate for people with intellectual disabilities.

Brett never underestimated the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which had such a powerful impact on those around him. It's in this spirit, a new Barrie Integrated Baseball Association award, to be presented annually, was announced in Brett's memory.



On October 29th at the Ferndale Banquet Hall, Brett's wife Gloria, sons Shane, Stefan and Aaron, and sister-in-law Vicki Hiltz were on hand to present The Simcoe Community Services' Brett Millar Memorial Award to the BIBA's Most Sportsmanlike Player of the Year, Scott Roste.



Brett Millar's family from left to right: Vicki Hiltz, sons Shayne, Stefan and Aaron, and wife Gloria with Scott Roste, the 2016 B.I.B.A. Brett Millar Memorial Award recipient as the Most Sportsmanlike Player of the Year.



A True Change Champion

In memory of Brett Millar who impacted the lives of so many people with intellectual disabilities, a framed Barrie Integrated Baseball Association t-shirt was presented by Simcoe Community Services to the Millar family.

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Autumn at its Best By Meghan Baron and Thea Farrell



What better place for a Thanksgiving weekend picnic than scenic Arrowhead Provincial Park in Huntsville? Showcasing the beautiful autumn colours at Big Bend Lookout (from top left) are Stephen Wells, Doug Harvey, Robert Oldfield, David MacDonald and John Trounsell. Definitely make sure you add these amazing places to your bucket list!

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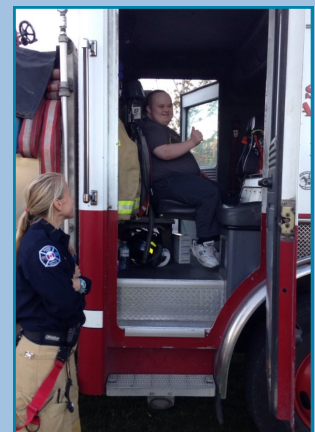
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Batman to the rescue! By Lindsay Moore

Joey Hughes is one huge superhero fan! When he was told there was a Superhero Stomp at Heritage Park in September, he jumped at the opportunity to participate. Surrounded by people of all ages dressed as their favourite superhero, Joe was quick to point out his favourites and even gave the odd person a fist bump of approval! What really made his day was when he joined the crowd of superheroes as Barrie's own Dark Knight. To add to the superhero fun, Joe even got to have a Batman symbol painted on his face and go inside of a fire truck. When



informed that everyone was dressed as a superhero because they are supporting children who are battling like superheroes in their fight against cancer, Joe walked with pride with his head held high and Batman cape flying behind him. Joe was asked if it felt good to support such a good cause and he gave his biggest superhero smile! To this day, Joey is still showing off his Batman cape with great pride. Thanks for being our hero Joey.



Outcome - People realize goals

Two families become one by Cheryl Bibbings

On October 29th, Diane Winkle attended her stepmother's wedding at Tollendale Village. Diane was sitting with her family in the front row and was saved a seat close to the live music. Everyone from the groom's side came and gave Diane a hug and welcomed her to the family. During the ceremony Diane watched the happy couple exchange vows, sing songs and share in the lighting of the unity candle. After the wedding Diane took part in family pictures which showcased her lovely smile. Diane had a wonderful time and it was very special for her to be part of her stepmother's wedding. Diane looks forward to spending time with all her new family members.



Outcome - People are connected to natural support networks

ONTARIO EARLY YEARS

An Award of Excellence for The Ontario Early Years Centres of Simcoe County

Simcoe Community Services congratulates our Ontario Early Years Centres for winning the 2016 Award of Excellence from Catulpa Community Support Services. The award, presented to all OEYC partners across Simcoe County, celebrates the collaboration of more than 25 years with the Community Action Program for Children and the MotherCare programs. It's a partnership that provides strong, collaborative and complimentary programs and opportunities that share the common goal of supporting children and families in Simcoe County.



According to Simcoe Community Services' OEYC Supervisor Stephanie Rowbotham seen here with the award, "This is a culmination of many years of working together and bridging our communities, and how we can further enrich our services and supports to the families we serve. I'm so proud of our team. It truly takes a village to raise a child".

Outcome - Families choose services and supports



Who likes to get down and dirty?

Pat McCullagh and Jeffrey at the Barrie Ontario Early Years Centre enjoy some finger painting fun. According to Jeffrey, "Look at my mess!" Sometimes it's not the finished work of art, but rather the artistic process.



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Rights Protection and Promotion

In 2005, Simcoe Community Services initiated conversations about rights restrictions identifying situations where supports were actually restricting a person from exercising the rights that were important to them. The Independent Rights Committee was formed as a process to ensure that Simcoe Community Services was assisting each person to fully exercise their rights. The committee, a group of dedicated volunteers, was comprised of community partners, families and self-advocates. Since its inception this council has worked tirelessly. In 2007 CQL noted, "The work done with the Rights Committee is outstanding! The Internal Rights Restriction Resolution team has prevented unnecessary limitations for people supported and has made the process of reviewing restrictions by the Rights Committee more manageable. This process is seen as an intentional best practice". To date, the Internal Rights Restriction Resolution team has prevented 100 restrictions from finding their way to the Independent Rights Committee by finding alternatives to the restrictions.



SCS Health and Wellness Tips

BRIEF MINDFULNESS EXERCISES

Take little moments throughout the day to practice mindfulness.

Just sit quietly with your eyes closed.

Simply take a moment to contemplate and reflect.



Pause before you speak and act.

Pause to consider what you are going to say before speaking. Take a two- or three-ring pause before picking up the phone to think about your intention.



Be fully present.

Deliberately give your full attention to whatever it is you are doing. When you're with family and friends, focus on being fully present with them. When you're at work, direct your focus and attention there.



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"To insure good health: eat lightly, breathe deeply, live moderately, cultivate cheerfulness, and maintain an interest in life." ~William Londen

Be right here, right now.

Try not to dwell in the past or think about the future.



Practice mindful stretching.

Slowly stretch each part of your body. Be aware of your breathing as you stretch.



Whatever it is you are doing, just do that.

If you're making a cup of tea, just make a cup of tea. If you're spending time with your child, just be with your child.



Outcome - People have the best possible health

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Resource Teachers at Simcoe Community Services Make a Difference!



On October 26th, in honour of Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day, SCS Resource Teachers celebrated with special recognition and t-shirts from the County of Simcoe. At Simcoe Community Services, we know that our Resource Teachers play an important role, in the lives of children, their families, licensed child care programs and the community. The experiences and environments they thoughtfully consider and provoke for children continue to have a lasting impact.



Outcome - Children spend time in inclusive environments

Building a better future for Grandparents in Simcoe County



The SCS Grandparent System Support Program graciously thanked Simcoe Building Centre in Barrie for its recent \$1500 contribution through their "\$25,000 In Donations Giveaway". As a celebration of the store's 25th anniversary, Simcoe Building Centre is giving back and acknowledging organizations that are doing something special within our community by fulfilling a need, and touching people's lives.

This donation will support grandparents who are raising their grandchildren in Simcoe County and provide much needed respite opportunities. Thank you Simcoe Building Centre for being such a generous community partner.



Outcome - Families have economic resources



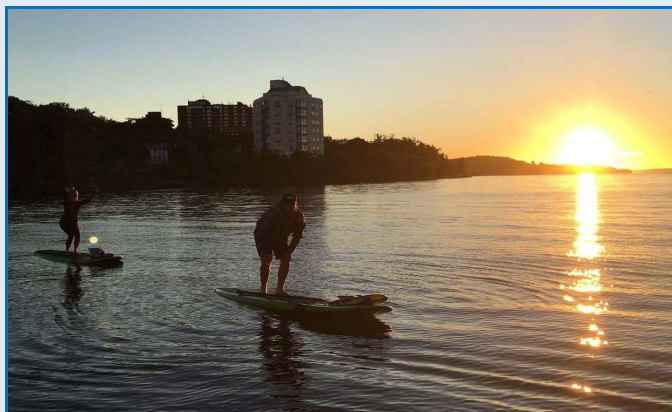
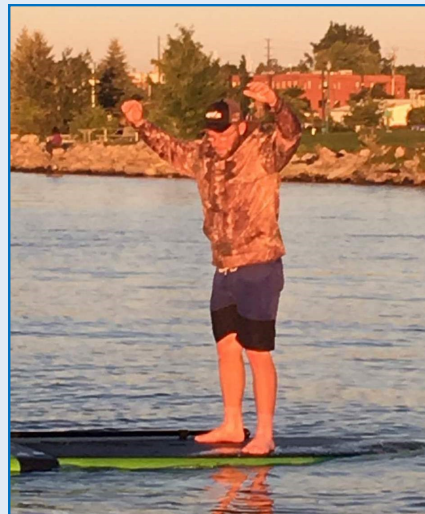
(Left to right) Jennifer Winsor, Simcoe Building Centre Marketing Co-ordinator with SCS Grandparent System Support Navigator Trisha Smit.

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Kody Is Up For Any Challenge submitted by Aime Vanayan

Twenty-two year old Kody Adams is one independent guy. Whether at home in Barrie, driving his car to and from a full time job, or participating in fun community activities, Kody insists on making his own choices in life. Kody also loves a new challenge.

Stand-up paddleboard yoga is one of the hot new activities along Barrie's waterfront. This past summer with the mist still rising off of Kempenfelt Bay and most of the city still asleep, Kody was already wide awake and eager to try his first SUP yoga class with one on one instruction from Anne Green, owner of BLISS Anne Green Yoga Studio. After just one hour, Anne was amazed at Kody's abilities on the paddleboard and was astounded that this was Kody's first time participating in any sort of yoga instruction.



"It was one of the highlights of my summer", said Kody. Knowing his first SUP yoga class came at the end of the season, Kody will have to wait until next summer to get back on the paddleboard. In the meantime, we can't wait to find out what challenge Kody conquers next.

Outcome - People realize goals

Career Opportunities

Established in 1953, **Simcoe Community Services** now employs over 600 full-time and part-time staff in a wide range of programs and services, making it one of the largest employers in Simcoe County. Services are offered in Barrie, Orillia, Bradford, and surrounding Townships.

Simcoe Community Services is a respectful, caring and inclusive workplace. By embracing diversity, we gain strength through our people and our perspectives.

[Join Our Team](#). If you wish to be a part of this great organization, that believes in team work and individual growth, [you'll find it here](#). Applications can be delivered via mail, email or in person.



SCS SELF ADVOCATES

Meet the 2016-17 SCS Self Advocates Council



(Back row left to right) Karalynn Black, Brian Waring, Kaela Brown, Brant Mawdsley and Morgan Cope. (Front row left to right) Kevin Grigg, Allison Bobbette, Kas Lindlow, and Caroline Pattison from Community Support Services Barrie. Absent: Annie St. Louis and Jordan Downing.

Created over 10 years ago, the purpose of the Self Advocates Council is to provide a face and voice for people receiving support from SCS, to provide a forum in which to discuss their concerns, and to share opinions about rights issues. By providing education to others and being involved in community events, the Simcoe Community Services' Self Advocates Council truly contributes to the lives of people with intellectual disabilities.



Visit our website [here](#) to learn more about SCS' Self Advocates Council.

Outcome - People exercise rights

Championing for a Better World



Orillia's Brant Mawdsley is one big step closer to his life long dream. Putting his artistic talent to work drawing the latest Marvel comic book superhero? Maybe. Appearing on the cover of GQ? Known for his dapper attire, he could do that too. No, Brant has loftier goals.

At the 63rd Community Living Ontario Annual Conference and AGM in Richmond Hill this past September, Brant was elected to the Self Advocates Council for Community Living Ontario. Already a valued member of SCS' Self Advocates Council, Brant wants his voice to be heard beyond Simcoe County. He says, "I just know I can make a difference and help to shatter myths about people with intellectual disabilities. As a person with Asperger's, I know what it's like to be misunderstood. People with intellectual disabilities need a voice too."

Brant is quick to point out the encouragement he's received along the way. "I want to thank Carrie Nixon and Julie Cousens of SCS, as well as fellow Self Advocate Council members Annie St. Louis, Brian Waring and Kaela Brown for all their support" said Mawdsley. Recalling the final words in his CLO Self Advocates' speech that sealed his election to the provincial Council, "I want to make this a better world. So let's make it happen"! We know you will Brant.

Brant Mawdsley continues to inspire in all of us a sense of achievement and belonging. Please check out how love blossomed for Brant in this recent article from [The Orillia Packet and Times](#).

Outcome - People perform different social roles

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Job Readiness paints for Canada's 150th Birthday Bash!

Job Readiness Barrie recently showcased their artistic flair by painting tiles for SCS' contribution to the City of Barrie's Culture Days Mural Mosaic. Once completed the Mosaic shows a giant train car representing Barrie, and will join over 80,000 paintings and individual murals that when united will form one gigantic mural mosaic. The overall mural represents a cultural mosaic, a time capsule, a visual portrayal of history and an art masterpiece from the soul of a nation to help celebrate Canada's 150th Sesquicentennial Anniversary.



Thank you Job Readiness Barrie for capturing the soul of Simcoe Community Services!



Outcome - People choose where they work



Sometime in 2017, look for Barrie's completed Mural Mosaic and the tile contributions made by SCS Job Readiness Barrie on display at 39 Fraser Court. Display date details to be announced soon.

Outcome - People participate in the life of the community



SPARKING CREATIVITY

For Marian, Happiness is Knitting by Christine Kelly



Marian has been interested in crafts her whole life. At home she likes to tie yarn around hangers creating a soft, and personal touch which prevents clothes from being rust stained or damaged by the hanger. Marian makes these hangers for friends and people who she connects with, and also loves making them as a baby shower gift for expecting parents. In addition, Marian likes to scrapbook, clipping newspapers and assembling the interesting items and pieces onto each page.

Always looking for a new crafting challenge, Marian decided to try a class at Purl 3, a store in Orillia which sells yarn and knitting accessories. The store is owned and run by Sandra and her daughter Kitrina. Purl 3 provides beginner lessons for knitting, crocheting and looming for people of all ages. Marian signed up to learn to loom a winter hat, and enjoyed picking out yarn from Purl 3's vast selection. Marian immediately took an interest in her new hobby and met once a week with Sandra to work on this project. Sandra was a wonderful teacher as evidenced by how quickly Marian picked things up. She requires very little assistance now!



(Left to right) Sandra, Marian and customer Janice at Purl 3

Marian and Sandra have become great friends and even celebrated Marian's birthday this summer at East Side Mario's. Marian has also made a connection with Kitrina, and another customer who frequents the store. This has become a nice, supportive community for Marian where she can independently socialize and work on her projects with her new friends. To say Marian values this community involvement is an understatement! Her days at Purl 3 have become her favourite days, and she loves spending time with her new friends. She hopes to continue advancing her abilities over time with more challenging projects and the expert guidance of Sandra. Marian would like to encourage readers of **The Spark** to take a stroll through Purl 3 and see their selection, services and enjoy the place as much as she does!

Outcome - People participate in the life of the community

And Sew a Dream is Born by Crystal Donaldson

In 2015, Community Support Services Orillia responded to an expression of interest by Lisa Marshall to try sewing for the first time. Her first project was a tote bag. She shopped for the fabric, cut out the pattern, learned safe sewing machine operation, and soon had a stylish accessory. A sewing enthusiast was born! Seeing a new passion, her mother gave her a sewing machine for her birthday in July, along with some sewing lessons with an instructor from her neighbourhood. This is truly an exciting adventure for Lisa! At her lessons she has completed a baby blanket for her niece Paige, and also sewed the skirt she is wearing in this picture. What's next? If you can dream it, you can sew it – one stitch at a time. Keep dreaming Lisa!

There is great satisfaction in seeing something take shape and form under one's hands. (Right) Lisa Marshall hard at work over the sewing machine at CSS Orillia.



FOUNDATION UPDATE

Simcoe Community Services on the Fresh FM 50/50

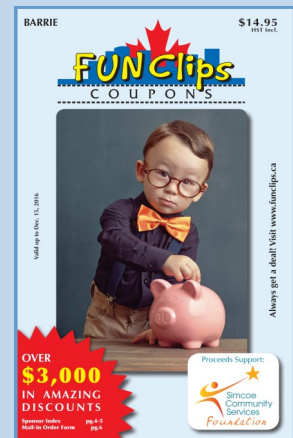


We could do a lot with \$10,000! Listen [here](#) to Nicole qualifying with Matt and Tara on the Fresh FM 50/50. Thank you Nicole for making Simcoe Community Services your charity!

FunClips mean fun money for SCS!



Franz Cauchi (left) from FunClips recently presented SCS CEO Bill Silk with a cheque for over \$1200. The proceeds from sales of the 2016 FunClips coupon book will help to enhance the quality of life for individuals with intellectual disabilities.



Coming soon to Simcoe Community Services, details on how you can pick up your 2017 FunClips book with over \$3000 in amazing local discounts!

Simcoe Community Services Foundation raises funds to significantly improve the day to day quality of life for people with intellectual disabilities. For more information and to discuss additional ways to contribute, please contact Jamie Hall at (705) 726-9082 ext. 5280, or at communications@simcoecommunityservices.ca.



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Mission Statement

We support people of all ages and abilities to realize their full potential and to enhance their quality of life.

As a community, not-for-profit, multi-service organization we provide:

- Services for children and adults with intellectual disabilities and their families;
- Programs that promote the healthy development of children of all abilities;
- Services that respond to community needs

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The Spark promotes acceptance of people with different abilities in our community. We celebrate successes and embrace new ideas, approaches and opportunities.

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