



Mary Centre

20 years
CELEBRATING DEVELOPMENTAL CHALLENGES

NEWSLETTER

OWED TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

*A poem is sometimes called an ode
But this one must be called an "owed"
To those who've worked with us for years
Our wonderful, dedicated volunteers.*

*They drive us here, they take us there
To church, to swimming, everywhere!
They're friendly visitors and money tutors
Sometimes they help us with computers*

*They plant our yards and take us shopping
They make us laugh and keep us hopping.
They even help get this newsletter out
By stuffing it into an envelope*

*There is no pay except for a smile
And a poem of praise every once in a while
But if you'd like your praises sung
Just pick up the phone and call Carol Chung!*



Margaret and Carol Chung

Seriously folks, the last time we counted we had at least 69 volunteers serving Mary Centre. (That's not including our volunteer Board. And they should definitely be included!) We could not function without them and we cannot thank them enough.

Carol Chung, who also runs our faith outreach program, has been recruiting and coordinating our volunteers for many years. She is always on the lookout for volunteers who could spend a couple of hours a week as a friendly visitor, a driver, a tutor or a Mr. or Mrs. Fix-it. Her number is (416) 630-5533 ext. 227. If you can spare a couple of hours a week, please give her a call. You will make someone very happy.

by Bruce McCallum



Gardening Volunteers

"Celebrating Developmental Challenges"

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012

This year's Annual General Meeting could have been called a celebration of longevity, loyalty and stability. It has held at the Toronto Lawn and Tennis Club with thirty-five past and present board members and staff in attendance.

Three members of the board completed their service this year and were presented with a token of appreciation. The recipients were Jim Janetos, John Burnes and Frank Pegalo. There is a saying at Mary Centre that **"once a Board member always a Board member"**. It's apparent that service on our Board creates an enduring bond. So we fully expect that Jim, John and Frank will continue to support our fundraising and strategic planning efforts in the future. As witness to this continuing support, four past members of the Board were in attendance at the AGM. Everyone was pleased to see Al Dilworth, Tony Mizgala, Ray Kahnert and Patrick Kelly.

The staff at Mary Centre are also known for their longevity and loyalty. This year, Terry Elliott, Denise Tremblett and Marion Patterson were awarded for twenty years of service and Angela Pearce was recognized for fifteen. You know that an organization has heart when so many stay so long.

The twenty years that I personally have worked for Mary Centre have flown by and it is a pleasure to work for Mary Centre with Dominic Conforti at its helm.

by Marion Patterson



Mike, Graz, Frank, Al & Tony



Mary Ann Leon



Denise Tremblett & Dominic



Dominic & Jim Janetos



Terry & Dominic

"Celebrating Developmental Challenges"

A DAY WITH JEFF

Jeff lives at home with his parents. He has been supported by Mary Centre for the past year. He goes out with Heather once a week. During the day he enjoys having breakfast out at Tim Hortons. He loves to drink chocolate milk with his breakfast. Then he goes to his volunteer work placement at a grocery store "Food Land" which is close to his home. It's a very nice store that is run by a family. His bosses are Frank and Victoria. When he arrives to do his work, he greets the lady at the check out and then puts on his badge with his name. He starts to arrange the shelves so that product is clear and up front so people can see the product clearly. He goes up and down each aisle and always has a smile on his face. He will ask for help if he needs it and otherwise works independently. After he is finished his work he will take his badge off so that he is communicating that he is finished. Then he gets a basket from the front of the store and gets a few items for himself like a treat to go with lunch or a box of something to take home.

After work is finished he goes to the mall where he walks around and collects flyers, magazines and newspapers to look at while he has his morning snack. After snack he walks around some more collecting more papers to look at over lunch. His favourite lunch is pizza and apple juice that he often eats with a sweet treat. After lunch he goes to Chinguacousy park. He always asks to go to the red barn. He loves to see the animals and his favourite is always the horses. When he is finished at the park and if there is any time left he likes to go shopping at Toys R' Us, Dollarama or Value Village. If he wants to get another drink we usually go to Tim Hortons where he brings his coloring book and markers and a few other educational toys. Jeff also loves to listen to music in the car. We have a favourite CD that he enjoys.

By Heather Flynn



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

November 8, 2012

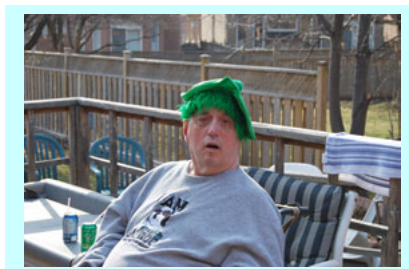
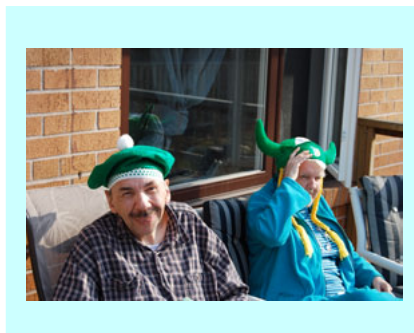
Annual Fundraiser
Famous People Players Dinner Theatre

May 14, 2013

Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser
Silver Lakes Golf and Country Club, Newmarket

THE LUCK OF THE IRISH!

Once again, Redcastle had a “St. Patrick’s Day” BBQ. Over 25 visitors (family members and individuals from other agencies (St. Vincent De Paul, Broadview Village and CLT)), came to join in on the fun of dressing up in green wigs and a variety of Irish hats. All enjoyed the tasty green burgers, chips, dips, cupcakes and jello, as well as the house being decorated from floor to ceiling in the green and gold colours. There was lots of laughing, singing, dancing and socializing.



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