

Mary Centre

20 years

CELEBRATING DEVELOPMENTAL CHALLENGES

NEWSLETTER



IT WAS A BOO-tiful NIGHT!!!!

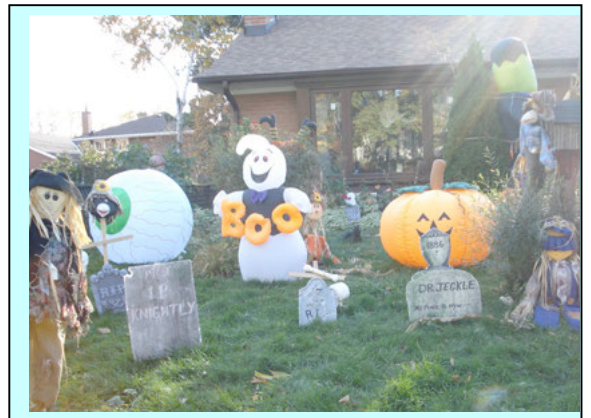
Our Annual "Halloween Bash" was the best turn out to date. We had 37 people in total with visitors from St. Bernard's, St. Vincent De Paul (3 locations), Community Living, Broadview Village staff and a parent. It was a great success with individuals dressed up as witches, princesses, Michael Jackson, a pumpkin, a scarecrow, a king, a cat. There was so much food and fun to be had by all. We had cupcakes, spider eggs, cheesy fingers, celery mummies, apples with worms.

Thanks to everyone that came and we hope to see you at our next party.

We are also pleased to announce that Redcastle won for the 2nd year in a row the "**Norman Kelly**" award for community involvement and outside decorations.

Let's go for a *tri-fecta*.

By Kim Skelly



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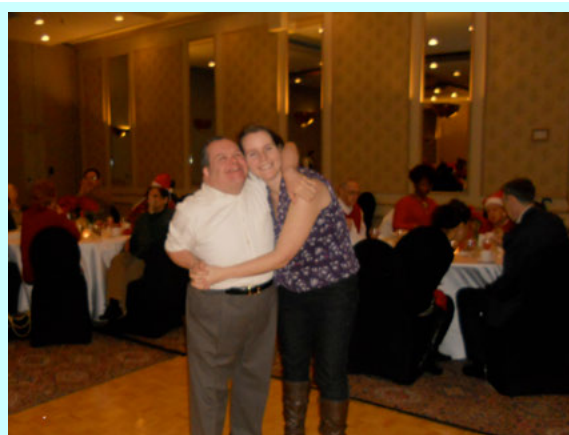
A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

What a party it was! Mary Centre's Christmas party was held again this year at the Doubletree Inn. The ambiance was so festive. Todd & his wife Billie entertained us once again in their awesome way of engaging the individuals, with Santa hats, Rudolf antlers and bells. They encouraged everyone to sing-along, dance and even do solos of the carols. Brett did a solo, and he was incredible, a natural performer; who knew of his hidden talent? The meal was a delicious turkey dinner that was enjoyed by all.

It was good to see so many of the individuals' family members in attendance along with quite a few staff members, board members and president Mary Ann Leon.

Getting in the full spirit of Christmas, all had a wonderful time!

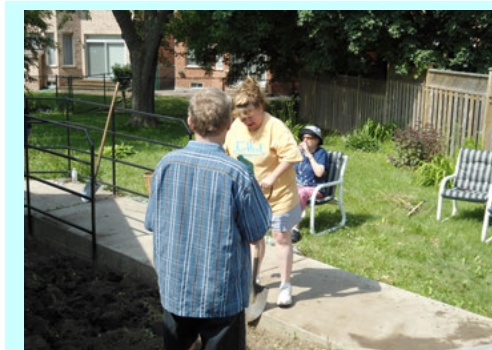
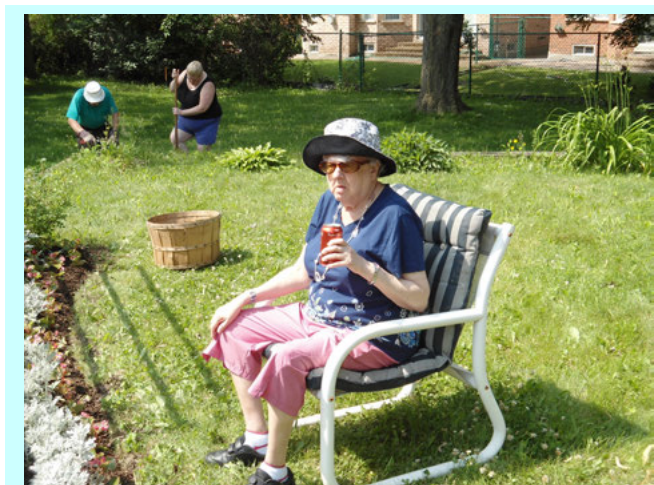
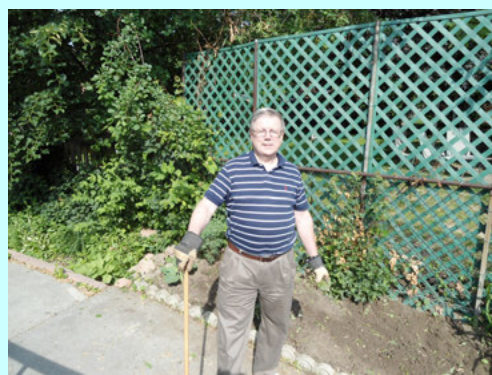
By Carol Chung



GARDEN GATHERING

Several parishioners from Bridlewood Presbyterian Church came to Redcastle to continue with the garden mission that was established in late 2011. Honey Graham was the honoured recipient to be blessed with this wonderful gift. The individuals living at Redcastle supervised, served beverages and colourful fruit platters to the volunteers. Many weeds were pulled, bushes trimmed and lots of leaf bags were filled. It was a busy day of socializing and a lot of hard work was accomplished to keep the backyard gardens blooming for all to enjoy.

By Kim Skelly



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

May 14, 2013

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

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SAMANTHA!

My name is Samantha and I attend the Mary Centre Adult Day Program located at 685 Finch Avenue in the St. Bernard's building. I also work in the kitchen at St. Bernard's Senior home. I enjoy going to the Day Program and working at St. Bernard's. The staff from Mary Centre supports me in my job. They come with me to make sure that I do a good job. I love working because it helps me to gain confidence and learn new skills.

In the morning, I work in the dining room setting the tables for the Seniors' lunch, I also have to fill their drinking glasses with water, and be careful not to spill any water because if I do I will have to clean it up. After lunch, I go back to St. Bernard's and wash the dishes in the downstairs kitchen area. If I finish my work early, I get to visit Danny Boy, the senior's therapy dog or talk with the staff and residents.

I also like when I get invited to birthday celebrations at St. Bernard's because I really enjoy the food.

When I am at the day program, I enjoy activities such as outings, grocery shopping, arts & crafts, and movie Fridays. I also help in the day program by making the lunches, cleaning the tables, and collecting the garbage. My days are very busy.

Someday I would like to become a teacher's assistant at Madonna Catholic High school or open up my own coffee cafe for people with special needs.



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