

It's never just one story



Thanks to Darling Insurance for donating proceeds from their 20th Anniversary Golf Tournament to CCRC!





LEGACY GIFTS: EVERYONE CAN INVEST IN THE FUTURE
By Theresa Butler-Porter, former Board Member

Thanks to Board Member Beckie Evans for hosting a Wellness Day (top & bottom right) and Sue & Larry Stinson for hosting the 'Burning Down the House' concert (bottom left) as 3rd party fundraisers for CCRC!



Tragedy turns to tranquility

Marilyn* relocated to Peterborough after a horrific family tragedy, hoping for a fresh start. Shortly upon transferring to her new job, she experienced another traumatic incident at her new workplace, leaving her with symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), which forced her to take a leave from the position. At the same time, she was having health problems due to an unresponsive landlord who was not following through on necessary work related to mould, despite many complaints by Marilyn and others in the building. With her decrease in income, she quickly began to fall behind on bills, and when she was not able to pay her landlord on time, her situation became much worse, as she was now facing eviction. Marilyn worked with CCRC's Housing Counsellors to apply

for a rent subsidy, and together they searched for a suitable new home. Due to limitations based on her PTSD, the Housing Counsellor provided additional assistance, attending several viewings to ensure Marilyn would find a safe, clean, affordable living arrangement. Due to her limited income, she was eligible for support for some moving costs, allowing her to move quickly once the subsidy and unit became available. Several months after moving, Marilyn reported to her Housing Counsellor that her new place had brought her some long-awaited peace and stability, and that she finally felt some tranquility after a couple of difficult years of grief, anxiety, and illness.

* Not actual client name



Time spent around a boardroom table exposes you to the overwhelming need, not only from a human resource perspective, but also exposes the hard costs of providing services, while supporting those who do the work.

Sadly, the need never dissipates, but funding can sometimes be precarious. Those who are desperate for services should not have to worry about the availability of help. CCRC provides possibilities for those who feel hopeless. And they care, they really, really care.

In a perfect world, there would be no need for CCRC. But there is, and there always will be.

Because of that, I have made a gift in my will to CCRC.

The day I joined the Board of CCRC changed my life.

It changed how I felt about my community and taught me how to see more clearly, how valuable the services they provided were to so many. The marginalized, the frightened, the ones who find themselves struggling to stay upright – searching for a way to save themselves before the 'stumble becomes a fall.'

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'turning things around.' As a board member, I was given a unique gift – to meet the heroes and sheroes whose work, without a doubt, changes lives. Actually, they save lives.

Humbling? Absolutely, and I found myself wondering what else I could do to support an organization that supports thousands every year?

Making a gift in my will speaks volumes about what matters to me. My family will of course, always come first, but I believe we also owe it to ourselves to proactively ensure that the charities that are close to our hearts – benefit just one more time from our final gift.

I am confident that CCRC will use my gift where it matters most. Whether it be facilitating professional development for staff, funding programs and education that benefit community members, shortening counselling waits, providing debt management advice, assisting the homeless or adding a flower or two to the front garden. My gift will make life just a little bit better for someone.

Please consider making your own gift to CCRC through your estate. Your support will ensure that the work of CCRC will continue and that the citizens in our community who need help the most – will have access to it.

~ Theresa Butler-Porter, Board Member: 2014-2017

Community service feeds the soul



Brian* is a Community Service Order (CSO) client who lived in the County next to an elderly couple. One day he noticed a tree had fallen, obstructing the couple's driveway, and making it

difficult to pass with a car. He stopped in to offer to remove the tree, which was very much appreciated by the couple, and which led to several other yard projects they needed help with. When he mentioned the act to the CSO Coordinator, he was surprised to discover that if he had requested approval in advance, these hours could be counted toward his community service. He told the CSO Coordinator this was unnecessary, because the work had made him feel good, and he was happy to do it anyway. After Brian's mandated hours were completed and his obligation to the justice system had ended, he asked the CSO Coordinator if he could do even more community service work, and she connected him with a local not-for-profit agency where he could continue to volunteer in his community.

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