



# COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDER NETWORKER

'Open your doors by helping adults and youths build confidence and skills'

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## Spring into Action!

### CSO can help to get it done!

With spring almost upon us, we all come to the realization that, over winter, the dust has collected, closets need to be organized, and the garden needs to be turned. And the list goes on! Spring- time also usually means that there will be several fundraisers occurring and tons of prep work to do; that's where CSO can help! If you have some projects in mind that you just can't seem to find the time to do, let us know and we will help by assigning suitable individuals for the tasks at hand. Clients are assessed for their skills, experience, availability and accessibility and possess a wide range of skills that may be just what your organization is looking for in completing those spring clean-up projects. The 'to-do' list can consist of general clean-up, gardening and yard maintenance as well as exterior painting. In order to secure the appropriately experienced individuals, all we ask is for a minimum two-week notice. Something else to keep in mind is that clients can help with fundraisers by providing donations as well as helping out at the special event.

During spring cleaning, if you come across the following items and no longer have use for them, we would very much appreciate: knitting yarn, small to medium size wicker baskets, 5 X 7 or 8 x 10 picture frames (plastic or wood), dried flowers and floral foam, ribbons or any other small crafting items that are no longer needed and are taking up space. These items can be used by clients to make home projects that are then donated to the non-profit sector for fundraising.



## Motivational Reward System...

### What works?

The CSO Program is currently in the process of developing an 'incentive program' to address concerns around client reliability and motivation. At present, we ask clients about their skills, abilities and interests during assessment and try to match them accordingly. Otherwise, we are now asking clients what would motivate them to continue volunteering on their client evaluations as well as asking for their suggestions about placements. We hope that by doing so, we can help to provide more meaningful community connections, which will leave the client with a sense of accomplishment. In the meantime, here are some suggestions that have proven successful over time in motivating all volunteers and recognizing individual achievements:

- Certificates of Achievement/Appreciation
- Agency merchandise such as t-shirts or mugs
- Reward them with vouchers that your agency may have had donated
- Volunteer Appreciation gatherings
- Recognizing them on special occasions with a personal touch (for example, if they love chocolate, present them with a chocolate cupcake on their birthday with a candle on it)
- Encourage diversity by promoting positive treatment of everyone (volunteers, staff, neighbours etc)

We would like to hear from you concerning how your organization recognizes and motivates your volunteers. Together we can continue to seek out tried and true methods as well as be open to unique and creative approaches in helping adults and youths to build confidence and skills.

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Thank you for your support!

*If you know of any non-profit organizations that could benefit from the help of our clients within their agency or for special events or projects, please contact us.*

The CSO **Networker** is a newsletter of the Community Service Order Program of Community Counselling and Resource Centre. This program provides assessment, placement and supervision of adults and youths in conflict with the law in completing court-ordered community service hours within non-profit & tax-supported organizations. Through this newsletter, the CSO program will communicate with our 'placement agencies' (the groups & organizations that provide placements for CSO clients) about the program and what is happening within the placement agencies. Watch for this newsletter quarterly in January, April, July and October. Submissions with regard to placement services or events are welcome by contacting Shelley Giardino or Joanne Fulford by phone, fax or email. Please feel free to also share any success stories that you may have had through partnering with our Program.

## **Success Story**

# **Artistically Speaking!!**

**Submitted by Paul Pogue (former CSO client)**

Born and raised in Lakefield, Paul has always had an interest in art. It wasn't until later in life that he tried carving. This was something that he had never thought about or tried previously until someone who loved cats asked him to try to carve one.

Paul noticed that in his first attempt that he enjoyed doing this but could not carve by looking at pictures or drawing diagrams. He pursued his interest in carving on and off. Sometimes he would not try it for a year or so depending on his emotions.

Paul found out that by looking at the wood, and making a few cuts and looking again, that he could actually see and feel the piece come alive. Not knowing what he was carving or in which direction he was going, Paul continues to come up with pieces using this unique style.

Without any formal training in carving, Paul hopes that, one-day using his feelings and ability to see in which direction to carve that he will create pieces of art that people will admire and enjoy for years to come.

As a former CSO client, Paul has donated carvings similar to the one below to non-profit agency fundraisers. If you would like to contact Paul concerning his art, please call (705) 652-7413 for more information. You can also view some of his carvings on-line at [www.countrycorners.ca/paul.html](http://www.countrycorners.ca/paul.html)



## **Agency Profile**

# **'Kaos Radio is tuning in to Peterborough's local youth!'**

**Submitted by: Katie McGrath, Kaos Radio.**



**Kaos is a current CSO placement that strives to provide a positive environment for Peterborough's young adults.**

KAOS 99.5m "The New Music Alternative" has launched and is exposing relevant music to Peterborough's heart. Located at 80 Hunter Street East, KAOS – online and on the Air- plays music that encourages positive values, music that matters, music that inspires people to make constructive choices and helps them to be all that they can be. But there is much more to KAOS 99.5 than just great music. We are dedicated to providing our listeners with links to vital resources and services in our community and to partnering with non- profit, social service and health organizations to better our community!

## **Did you know...?**



- Client's hours cannot be used towards Ontario Works or Ontario Academic Credits.
- Upon completion of community service, clients are presented with a Certificate Of Completion that may be used for employment, educational or volunteer opportunities/pursuits.
- Canada's present legal system was derived from various European systems brought to this continent in the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> centuries by explorers and colonists (Canada's System of Justice – Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada, Minister of Supply & Services 1993 – Ottawa)



# Welcome Aboard!

## CSO would like to welcome the following 2004/2005 Community Partners



- Kawartha World Issues Centre & Global Youth Connect
- Kinsmen Club of Peterborough
- Kiwanis Club of Peterborough Inc.
- Lions Club of Peterborough
- Peterborough Coalition Against Poverty
- Peterborough Humane Society
- Rotary Club of Bridgenorth, Ennismore & Lakefield
- St. John's Centre
- All Saints Anglican Church
- All Saints Hockey League
- Canadian Diabetes Collection Program
- Community Care Apley, Buckhorn, Millbrook and Norwood
- Dalhousie Youth Support Services – Attendance Centre
- Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming College Foundation
- Friends of Trent Severn Waterway
- Peterborough Flood Relief Centre (temporary placement – now closed)
- Havelock Food Bank
- Kaos Radio
- Warming Room
- Community Training and Development Centre
- Festival of Lights
- Keith Whiteman Public School



## 'Lighter side of Life'

Little Johnny's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals. One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person. "Yes," said the policeman. "The detectives want very badly to capture him." Little Johnny asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture"?



## Current CSO Placements would like to announce the following Upcoming Events:

### Special Event: Knox United Church Annual Yard Sale

Date: Saturday, June 4

Place: Knox United Church Parking Lot – 400 Wolfe St.

Time: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Description: Fundraising event that will include items from bake tables and BBQ – come out and find some great bargains!!

**There will also be a Strawberry Dinner in late June – call Marlene Chambers for more information at 742-5696 Tuesday to Friday from 10:00 until 2:00.**

### Special Event: Ennismore Optimist Club Annual Wildlife Dinner & Auction

Date: Saturday, April 30th

Place: Evinrude Centre

Time: 8:00 pm

Description: Contact Ed Barber at 292-8774 for ticket information.

### Special Event: Spring Craft Show

Place: Buckhorn Community Centre

Date/ Time: Sat., May 21 from 10 - 6, Sun., May 22 from 10 – 5 & Mon., May 23 from 10 – 4

Description: Adult admission is \$3.50. Over 100 crafters on site selling everything from designer clothes, wood, garden accessories & stained glass

### Special Event: Heart & Stroke Foundation and Canadian Diabetes Association Symposium

Place: Adam Scott Collegiate

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 pm (health fair), 7:00 – 8:30 pm (speakers)

Date: Thursday, May 12th

Description: Overcoming odds of heart disease & diabetes. Health fair, door prizes. Free admission. For more info, call: Heart & Stroke Foundation: 749-1044. Canadian Diabetes Association; 742-2733

### Special Event: Canadian Diabetes Association – Hennessey Golf Tournament

Place: Keystone Links Golf & country club

Time: Noon – 'shotgun start'

Date: Saturday, July 9, 2005

Description: To register or for more information, contact Bob Hennessey at 799-6871 or Canadian Diabetes Association at 742-2733

### Special Event: Country Jamboree

Place: Buckhorn Community Centre

Time: 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Date: Sunday, May 8 & Sunday, June 12

Description: \$5.00 entry – bring an instrument and join in the group. Snacks and LLBO available

### Special Event: Canada Day Celebrations

Place: Buckhorn Community Centre

Time: 10:00 – 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm fireworks marketplace

Date: Friday, July 1

Description: Free admission. For info, call Judy at 657-8833