



## Program Celebrates 25 years

On October 27, 2004, the CSO Program celebrated 25 years in Peterborough City and County at the Peterborough Lion's Club. The Honourable Madam Justice Johnston and Mr. Joe Woodgate, Area Manager for Probation and Parole, spoke about the benefits of community service in providing troubled youths and adults with a sense of pride and a means of contributing to their community.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to several non-profit organizations that provide support and placements for our clients. Additionally, some community partners received door prizes donated by local businesses including the Pizza Factory, Tyme on Your Hands, The Body Shop, Shish-Kabob Hut, Peterborough Arms, Fandango Hair and Nails, Nu Bodies and Galaxy Theatre.

The CSO **Networker** is a new newsletter of the Community Service Order Program of Community Counselling and Resource Centre. 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 Carol Maltais at 743-4485 or via email at: [cmaltais@ccrc-ptbo.com](mailto:cmaltais@ccrc-ptbo.com)

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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.*



## Agency Profile

**The Peterborough & District Obedience Club (PADOC) is a current placement with the CSO Program. Patricia Robertson, President - PADOC, submitted the following article.**

For over 35 years, the members of the Peterborough and District Obedience Club (PADOC) have been sharing their expertise with dogs and dog training with the citizens of Peterborough and the surrounding area. All the members are volunteers and help with a tremendous variety of activities. Club members are active in several different dog sports from competitive obedience and Rally Obedience to therapy dogs and field training. In addition to teaching ongoing classes, PADOC also hosts yearly seminars in the Peterborough area.

PADOC hosts an annual obedience match and two annual obedience trials as well. In the past 2 years, a new sport 'Rally-O' has burst onto the dog scene and members of PADOC were among the first to become involved and offer classes in this all inclusive dog sport. Today's obedience class has become much more than just an obedience class. PADOC prides itself on working with individual dogs and owners to develop a healthy relationship between the two. Whether the problem is house training or chasing the neighbourhood cat, PADOC members will strive to find a solution to the problem.

PADOC offers 3 to 4 classes every 8 weeks all year round except during July and August. A very large number of the dog owning public pass through PADOC's doors each year. Each owner leaves with a much better understanding of the way that their dog learns and how important it is to keep training their dog for the lifetime of the dog. The dogs leave feeling more secure with their owners and more comfortable around strange dogs and new people.

Because all the instructors are volunteers, PADOC is able to keep the cost of the classes low and make dog obedience affordable to all.

The CSO Program clients help us in a variety of ways. At our classes they lay out the heavy black mats we need to ensure the safety of the dogs and they also help us to put up our ring fencing. They invariably do a good deal of the clean up at the end of the event too. Most of the helpers find the dogs very enjoyable and learn a lot through their participation in all our doggie events. These assistants are an invaluable aid to the Peterborough and District Obedience Club and we depend on them enormously. Thank you to all of the CSO clients that we have had over the last 2 years.

## Success Story – 'Trotter turns life around!'

**Submitted via e-mail by: John Trotter, Pastor – Apsley Community Chapel**

At one time I lived a pretty wild life. Then, after losing my brother and best friend in the same year, being stabbed myself and experiencing much more hurt, I finally turned to God, and I have never looked back. Now as one of the pastors at the Apsley Community Chapel, I have seen first hand how the Community Service Order Program has helped our community. I'm thankful for the relationships that I've been able to build, both with the workers as well as those in the program. I've been able to use my own life experience and help them realize that if I can change, anyone can! I've given a lot of mothers a lot of hope over the past few years!

Thanks, John Trotter

John Trotter and his family



## 'Did you know...?'



- \* Ministry mandate prohibits Program staff or our placements to pay clients for their efforts.
- \* Only the courts can delete or convert community service hours into a donation or reduce hours.
- \* Clients are not permitted to offer money to placement supervisors to 'buy out' their hours.
- \* Placement supervisors are encouraged to contact CSO should they be approached by clients concerning the above.



## 'Survey says...'

### Placement and Client opinion polls are in!!

In the spring of this year, we sent out placement questionnaires seeking advice from supervisors on how we could improve the Community Service Order Program. Clients also completed evaluations with regard to their experiences within their community placements. The responses were terrific and we thank all those who participated!

Community agencies that have utilized the help of CSO clients have benefited in many ways. The following are some comments we have received:

- Received assistance where youth and strength were required
- Enjoyed interacting with the clients
- Extra help to complete projects and tasks they did not normally have the time, staff, or budget to tackle
- Clients benefited from interactions with pro-social people and being part of the community, as well as learned how workplaces function
- Some clients stayed on as volunteers
- Received homemade projects from clients, which they have utilized for fundraisers

Overall, clients who completed the evaluations indicated that they were very satisfied with their experience and would not have chosen or preferred any other placement. Clients made the following comments regarding their experiences:

- ⇒ Liked working for a good cause
- ⇒ Doing work they liked
- ⇒ Having nice supervisors
- ⇒ Getting reconnected with the community
- ⇒ Being treated with respect and learning to respect others
- ⇒ Having fun
- ⇒ Getting to meet people
- ⇒ Working at flexible placements
- ⇒ Making projects that people can use

Several clients also reported having learned new skills, which, is the main focus of the program, 'helping adults and youths to build confidence and skills'. Some of the skills learned included: learning how to crochet, paint, work with computers, performing woodworking, grooming and handling dogs. Clients commented on gaining confidence as well and made the following remarks: learned how to work well with others, take charge and be a leader, how to stay out of trouble, to be confident and believe in themselves, and that they can do anything if they put their mind to it!

### CURRENT CSO PLACEMENTS WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS:

**SPECIAL EVENT: PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT OBEDIENCE CLUB SEMINAR WITH BRUCE GIBSON**

DATE: MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> AND 13<sup>TH</sup>

PLACE: RHEMA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT OR OBEDIENCE TRAINING: CONTACT PATRICIA ROBERTSON AT 705-652-0682 OR [DUENORTH@NEXICOM.NET](mailto:DUENORTH@NEXICOM.NET)

Description: Mr. Gibson holds just about every obedience record in Canada and his dog, Rideau, is the youngest dog ever to have earned a Master's Title.

**SPECIAL EVENT: PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT OBEDIENCE CLUB - CORRECTION OBEDIENCE MATCH**

DATE: APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>

PLACE: DOURO COMMUNITY CENTRE

TIME: 9:30 AM – ADMISSION IS FREE

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT OR OTHERS, CONTACT PATRICIA ROBERTSON AT 705-652-0682 OR [DUENORTH@NEXICOM.NET](mailto:DUENORTH@NEXICOM.NET)

**SPECIAL EVENT: ALZHEIMER SOCIETY "GRAND WALK FOR MEMORIES"**

PLACE: SIR SANDFORD FLEMING COLLEGE, MAIN FOYER.

DATE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2005

TIME: 1:00 PM UNTIL 4:00 PM.

Description: 4<sup>th</sup> annual INDOOR walkathon fundraiser. For more information on how to become a part of this event, contact David Irwin at 748-5131 or 1-800-561-2588.

**SPECIAL EVENT: TRENT VALLEY LITERACY ASSOCIATION GALA FUNDRAISING DINNER & SILENT AUCTION**

PLACE: FUSION RESTAURANT

TIME: 6:30 PM UNTIL 9:00 PM

DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2005

Description: Monies raised at this event will be used to expand programming and to try and alleviate the current waiting list. Seating is limited to 80 people. For more information, contact Paul Hartung (TVLA) at 749-0777.

Is your organization having a special event, fundraiser, silent auction or anything else that you would like the community to know about? Please submit the information to Carol Maltais, Program Assistant, and she will let everyone 'hear all about it!' Please allow 1- month notice in order to be added to the next edition.