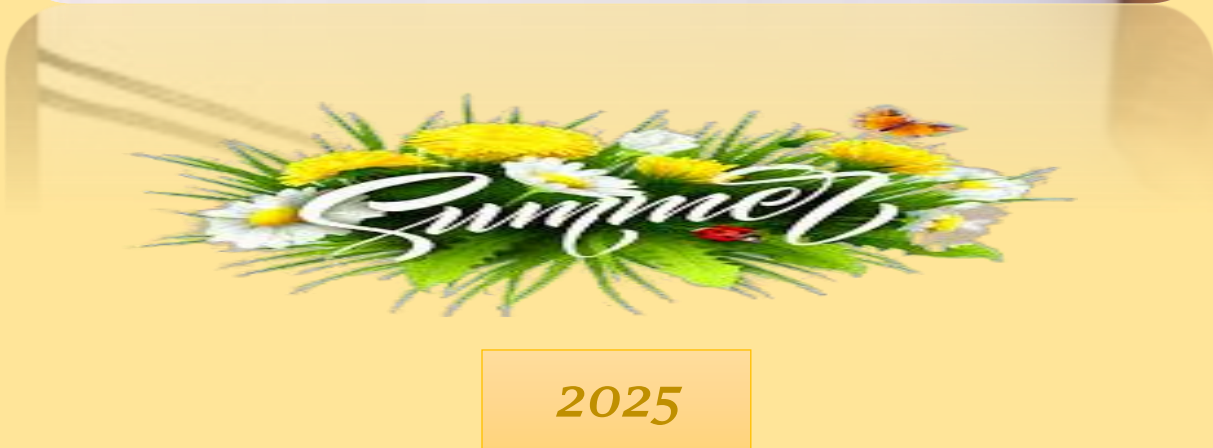




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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we reflect on the past few months, I'm pleased to share how Moncton Community Residences Inc. (MCRI) continues to grow, evolve, and lead, driven by the needs of the people we support and the commitment of the people who make our work possible.

This spring, MCRI had the opportunity to engage directly with the new Minister of Social Development during an information sharing meeting with the New Brunswick Association of Youth Residential Services. In addition, a second meeting with the minister included an important dialogue centered on the future of our Alternative Family Living Arrangement (AFLA) program, which offers a more personalized and supportive model than traditional residential placements. For individuals with higher support needs, AFLA creates stable, family-based living environments that are both person-centered and cost-effective. We continue to advocate for sustainable funding and recognition of this program as an essential part of the province's care landscape.

We were also pleased to formally integrate Club Shades into MCRI's operations this quarter. Club Shades has long been a vibrant space offering workshops, recreational opportunities, and social engagement for individuals with developmental disabilities. This step ensures the program's continued sustainability and opens the door to new resources and expanded offerings for members.

In a powerful example of community collaboration, we joined Pivot Housing to celebrate the beginning of a joint property search, with the goal of developing a 15-unit affordable apartment building for MCRI members. Amid a deepening housing crisis, this initiative is a hopeful and proactive step towards long-term, inclusive solutions for people with disabilities.

Internally, we've also been hard at work. Our leadership team continues aligning our policies and procedures with WorkSafe NB requirements, participating in regular information sessions to ensure we meet the highest standards for workplace health and safety. We have also completed a review of our employee benefits plan, seeking the right balance between value, affordability, and coverage.

A big thank you goes to everyone who took part in our Workplace Assessment Survey. Your input has helped guide our leadership focus for the months ahead. It's provided a clearer picture of what's working well across the organization, and where we have opportunities to grow, ensuring that our workplace remains supportive, responsive, and inclusive.



Andrea with MCRI Board of Directors at MCRI's 2025 AGM

We were also thrilled to take part in Disability Awareness Week, where we hosted an information booth to connect with the broader community, share our services, and raise awareness of the issues faced by people with developmental disabilities. This kind of visibility and advocacy continues to be essential to our mission.

This quarter also brought moments of celebration. We marked the retirement of a long-time, deeply valued staff member, Terry LeBlanc, whose years of dedication have left a lasting legacy. And, in the spirit of connection and appreciation, our Administrative Team gathered for a team-building event at the Moncton Lawn Bowling Club, graciously facilitated by our former Executive Director, Jerry. It was a meaningful way to honour where we've come from while continuing to build strong, collaborative relationships as we look ahead.

To our staff, supporters, partners, and community: thank you. Your passion, advocacy, and belief in what we do continue to move MCRI forward. Together, we are building more than homes, we are building belonging, purpose, and the kind of community we all deserve.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MONCTON COMMUNITY
RESIDENCES INC.



Canadian pride may not rest on our sleeves but it resides deep in our hearts
~ unknown

MEMBER NOMINATIONS

Anonymous- "She is always supportive and available to help others; she works with the team". She encourages youth to be their best. She is always helpful and calm, a great team player. She knows her job well and has great relationships with the youth. She is very thoughtful and considerate.

Music man- He is doing good, has increased his positive behaviors, follows instructions and cooperates with staff

Zettyline Naliaka - she is consistently knowledgeable, compassionate, great team player and a leader when needed. She sincerely cares for the youth and provides the best care possible. She is also very dependable and trustworthy. She has a soft approach and patience with the youth.



Other nominations

Shaba Tamana (2), Mia Rousselle (3), Melissa Affleck (1), Johnathan Levesque (3), Ashna Thomas, **Peach** (2), Jessica Gouchie (2), Tochukwu Duruofor, Sarah Octavious, Seth Wilcox, Jackie LeBlanc (3), Nathalie Lutes, Tamara Dick, Melinda Mucci (2), Melissa Ferris (4), **Tooties** (3), Jasmine Kaur, Nafisat Busari, Roseline Okonkwo (3), Gurleen Kaur, Uju Obiekezie (4), Katherine Okonji, Rich Palaganas, Gagandeep Kaur, Patience Isioha, Idowu Onabanjo, Evi Oyovorie, Monica Penney (8), Daniel Asante (2), Merin Kuruvila (3) Ronda Saulnier (3), Kola Olatunji, Kim Seldon (2), Lidia Wojcik (5), Yan Cao, **Junior firefighter**, Emmanuel Onyehalu (2), Nick MacDonald (2), Shanell Pinnock-Valcin (2), Solange Murakatete (3), **Lil' lady** (3), Danile Niles, Scott Donovan (2), Audrey Tchankuo, Prabhjot Kaur (2), Jatin Sehgal (3), Frida Tabemonso (3), Yemisi Lala, Nasreen Pathan, Febby Nsamba, Frida Tabemonso, Sukhjeet Kaur, Michelle Brewer, Felicia Willis, Stephanie Yeomans, **Train Conductor**, Kanwaljit Kaur, Nina LeBlanc, Christy Lewis, Omer Leger, Monica Davis, Louine Lapointe.



Team Meetings 2025

West Lane: Sep 25, Oct 30, Dec 4
Dominion: Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 11
Railway: Sep 11, Oct 16, Nov 20
McSweeney: Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 18
Dominion II: Sep 18, Oct 23, Nov 27
SILP: Sep 18, Oct 23, Nov 27
AFLA: Sep 17, Nov 12

Dans la nature rien ne se crée, rien ne se perd, tout change ~ Antoine-Laurent de Lavoisier

YEARS OF SERVICE



Craig Lamb, 20 years with MCRI

MCRI congratulates 🎉 🎉 🎉

5years July Brian Wood

15years June Kristyn LeBlanc

July Stephanie Briggs

July Mavis Oliva Rodriguez

Aug Cassandra Doucette

Aug Marcel LeBlanc

20years June Bertha Bisanti

25years Aug Mathieu LeBlanc

30years June Marcel Goguen

35years June Normand Bourque

40years July Ronda Saulnier



Congrats



Normand Joanis, 20 years with MCRI



Kristyn LeBlanc, 15 years with MCRI



Bertha Bisanti, 20 years with MCRI



The beauty of life is in small details not in big events ~ Jim Jamusch

United Day of Caring!!

Thank you to the United Way of Greater Moncton and also to the dedicated team from JD Irving Limited and the passionate Speech-Language Pathologists from the Anglophone East School District for showing up with so much heart and energy! Your commitment to community service continues to inspire us.

The sunshine, teamwork and the shared purpose made it a truly inspiring day



The sun does not forget a village because it is small ~ African Proverb



Drew Blight, 10 years with MCRI



To those of our amazing youths and incredible members of our frontline team who recently graduated from school, we are thrilled to celebrate your remarkable achievements. Your hard work and growth have inspired us all watching you balance school with other milestones and commitments.

With much admiration from all of us at MCRI, hearty congratulations on your graduation!

In memory of Marcel Goguen who passed away recently. Marcel was dear to our hearts and we are grateful for the moments we shared with him. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.



We pass through this world but once ~ Stephen Jay Gould

EXPRESS SPOTLIGHT

Meet Stephanie Yeomans (Youth care worker)

Stephanie has worked for MCRI for 15 years. She brings consistency and hard work to caring for the youth we support. Her dedication, patience and care is evident in the work she does with the people she supports.

Fast facts about Stephanie

Favorite color: Red and pink

Favorite food: Spaghetti squash with meat sauce

Favorite holiday: Christmas Eve

Quote: "You do what makes you happy"

Happy place: Outdoors in the woods and in nature

3 words that describe you: dedicated, patient, caring

Something you cannot live without: Family (including her 2 fur-babies)

Hobbies: organizing, diamond painting, biking

Proudest about: Her job with MCRI!

Life changing moment(s): Day she found out she was pregnant

Fun facts: Biking is her main form of transportation

Destination of choice if all expense paid: Nice private island anywhere

Favorite part of your job: watching the youth grow and achieve things; knowing that what they were taught, they will apply

Canada day activity for youth held @ West Lane



EXPRESS SPOTLIGHT

Meet Matthew McLeod (Youth care worker)

Matt has been a member of MCRI since March 2022, and a full-time employee since August 2022. His quirky sense of humour and his gentle demeanor are traits which have secured a strong bond with the members we support. We are happy to celebrate Matthew in our Member Spotlight!

Fast facts about Matthew

Favorite color: Purple

Favorite food: Nice big burrito

Favorite holiday: Christmas

Quote: "I wish there was a way to know you are in the good old days before you actually left them"

Happy place: Doing his hobbies/ talking to close friends

3 words that describe you: reasonable, considerate, loyal

Something you cannot live without: Movies and games

Hobbies: playing video games, watching movies, completing model kits

Proudest about: getting through his high school and college diplomas

Life changing moment(s): unfortunate passing of his father last year

Fun facts: He would like to try getting out more; he has 2 big fluffy dogs; good with technology

Destination of choice if all expense paid: Japan

Favorite part of your job: The people he works with (they are kind and understanding)



You can't buy happiness but you can BBQ and that's kind of the same thing ~ unknown

EXPRESS SPOTLIGHT

Meet Bertha Bisanti (AFLA Provider)

Bertha is one of our outstanding providers and has been a vital part of MCRI for over 2 decades. Bertha has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the care and well-being of one of our members. Always on top of her responsibilities, Bertha brings warmth, compassion, and excellence to everything she does.

Fast facts about Bertha

Favorite color: Lavender

Favorite food: hamburger, soup, and ice cream

Favorite holiday: Christmas

Quote: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you

Happy place: Home

3 words that describe you: Organized, shy at first, calm

Something you cannot live without: Oxygen, kindness and money

Hobbies: Painting, singing, walking, swimming and flying

Proudest moment: Getting pilot license

Life changing moment(s): Moving to NB

Fun facts: Loves funny jokes

Destination of choice if all expense paid: Disney world

Favorite part of your job: When a member evolves to become part of her family while still a member of their family



The hardest person to lead is yourself. If you can move yourself, you can move others ~ Dr Sam Adeyemi



Café: Damascus Coffee

(Where you will be welcomed with a smile and they remember you)

Reg. Hours: 7am - 4:30pm

Location: 710 Coverdale Rd. Riverview

Rating: ☕ ☕ ☕ ☕ ☐

Wi-fi Accessible: yes

Lunch hours: 11:30am – 1:30pm

Cost: Reasonable Prices

Menu

Hot/Iced, Coffee/Tea: (Expresso, Latte...)

Lunch/Baked goods (also Daily lunch specials)

Ambiance: Cozy and quiet, enjoy a good coffee and a perfect place for sharing secrets with friends.
Hope you drop by 😊

Free Training opportunity!!

Follow the link <https://autismcertificationcenter.org/course-guide/many-faces-autism>, for a free 90 minutes long *Many Faces of Autism: ASD Strategies in Action*, from the Autism Certification Centre!



Cassandra's Reading **Like Sisters: Emma moves in** ~by Cassandra Doucette

Emma is from Seattle and always wishes to have more time with her family in Waverly. When Emma's mom tells everyone that she and her sister Alison want to open up a bed-and-breakfast at the family home called Seaview House, a big Victorian Style Manor that has been passed down from generation to generation, and how Emma gets to live there and be around her twin cousins Natalia and Zoe.

Happy Reading!

EXPRESS SPOTLIGHT

Meet Abraham Okunorobo (Youth care worker)

Abraham has been working with MCRI since 2022. He is without a doubt an exceptionally impressive team member. His remarkable drive and passion are the force behind his many achievements.

Fast facts about Abraham

Favorite color: Emerald green

Favorite food: Spicy jollof rice with grilled chicken

Favorite holiday: Christmas

Quote: "Success is not an event"

Happy place: Quiet environment at sunset, reflecting or reading

3 words that describe you: Resilient, Compassionate, Visionary

Something you cannot live without: God, meaningful conversation and purpose-driven work

Hobbies: Reading, journaling, mentoring youth, watching documentaries, playing/ watching soccer and cooking

Life changing moment(s): Completing Doctor of Pharmacy studies, Discovering his passion for health systems; Marriage to the love of his life

Fun facts: led community oral health campaigns using digital tools; Learned basic sign language to communicate with a patient

Destination of choice if all expense paid: Switzerland to explore health innovation hubs, landscape and culture

Favorite part of your job: helping the individuals he supports



Nature does not hurry yet everything is accomplished ~ Lao Tzu

EXPRESS SPOTLIGHT

Meet Daniel Asante (youth care worker)

Daniel is a great team player who shares his motivation, inspiration, compassion, gentleness, dedication, his smile and knowledge with the youths he works with.

Fast facts about Daniel

Favorite color: Black/Blue

Favorite food: Fufu palm nut soup, Jollof rice.

Favorite holiday: Christmas, Easter

Quote: "To whom much is given; much is expected"

Happy place: Around family, loved ones, being at home

3 words that describe you: Ambitious, disciplined, compassionate

Something you cannot live without: God

Hobbies: Road trips, sight-seeing, Beach, Music, Movies

Life changing moment(s): Pursuing an education in Canada for knowledge to impact people around him

Fun facts: Like fishing, working out at the gym; cannot swim

Destination of choice if all expense paid: Greece, Switzerland

Favorite part of your job: Seeing the difference in the members growth and development, improvement over time from coming into MCRI's care



Palm nut soup



Test your smarts

- i. What do you call a dad with no body and no nose?
- ii. How do you prevent a summer cold?
- iii. Why do bananas use sunscreen?
- iv. What does the sun drink out of?

*Certain things catch the eye but pursue only those that catch the heart ~
ancient Indian proverb*

EXPRESS SPOTLIGHT

Meet Terry LeBlanc (Human service counselor)

Terry has been an outstanding and invaluable member of the MCRI team for an incredible 37 years. Throughout his time with MCRI, Terry's depth of knowledge, versatility and commitment made him a pillar across the organization.

Fast facts about Terry

Favorite color: Brown

Favorite food: Pasta

Favorite holiday: Christmas

Quote: No specific quote

Happy place: Playing his piano

3 words that describe you: Compassionate, spiritual, authentic

Something you cannot live without: God, human compassion

Hobbies: Playing music at Johnathan's Music, Club Shades; going for walks

Proudest about: learning to play keyboard

Life changing moment(s): His recent retirement

Fun facts: Plays in a music band, volunteers playing music with his band

Destination of choice if all expense paid: Nashville, the museums

Favorite part of your job: interacting with staff and members he supports



MCRI booth during Disability Awareness Week

It is a wise father that knows his own child ~ William Shakespeare

EXPRESS SPOTLIGHT

Meet Ibitola Ibikunle (Youth Care worker)

Ibitola has been with the MCRI family for 5 years. She has a great attitude and always has a smile and is extremely helpful to her team

Fast facts about Ibitola

Favorite color: Pink and purple

Favorite food: Beans and plantain

Favorite holiday: Christmas

Quote: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"

Happy place: In bed (at home)

3 words that describe you: passionate, humble and loyal

Something you cannot live without: God, family and friends

Hobbies: shopping, travelling, hanging out with friends

Proudest about: graduating from the university

Life changing moment(s): has not happened yet; would be winning \$10 million

Fun facts: I am very funny and can be very silly

Destination of choice if all expense paid: Kenya, South Africa, Botswana (to experience wild life Safari)

Favorite part of your job: when she walks in on shift and the youth are happy to see her

Bottom Right ~ Victor Manna receives recognition for exceptional volunteer work at the Peter McKee Community Centre. Way to go Victor!!

There are always flowers for those who want to see them- Henri Matisse

DOMINION II

Spring showers into summer fun!



The weather has improved, and we are now getting excited for all the outdoor activities that comes with the warm weather. Beach days, kite flying, lounging in the backyard, (with our sunscreen on, of course!), berry picking adventures, and indulging in all the ice cream and popsicle treats.



The team has been working hard on finding creative ways to help our youth expand her comfort zone, and we all would love to congratulate her on achieving some big successes! The sky is the limit!

We have a few new members who we are happy to welcome to the team. Uche and Jasmine, glad to have you with us!



Hoping all the kids enjoy their summer vacation and that all of our staff are able to help them create some amazing new memories! Don't forget to take pictures!



MCRI BBQ & Multicultural Celebration 2025!



On June 18, MCRI members and stake holders gathered once again at the usual Club Shades location for the annual BBQ event and it was another wonderful blend of community and great food. Our BBQ also doubles as a multicultural event, where staff can proudly showcase their heritage through cultural attire; a lovely array of colors, fabrics, and styles, in celebration of the beautiful mix of cultures that make up MCRI.

In the weeks leading up to the event, the Team Building Committee worked diligently at planning, organizing, assigning tasks, and shopping for all the essentials. By the eve of the BBQ, the energy had kicked up a notch with food prep in readiness for the big day.



On the day itself, final touches were added. Salads were made fresh, and the Club Shades was decorated with a vibrant display of flags representing the rich diversity within MCRI. Seating and outdoor game areas were set up, and the grill was fired up. The event was in full swing by 1PM!

The atmosphere was joyful with laughter and conversations, while the delicious aroma of grilled food filled the air. The food was the highlight as always – delicious and more than enough to go round. Many happily returned for seconds. Thanks to the generous contributions from the different programs, the dessert tables were brimming with sweet treats to satisfy different cravings. All in all, it was a fantastic day!

A huge thank you to the **City of Moncton** (for the grant), Team building committee and everyone who made the day possible; from planning to participation. Events like this remind us why our community is so special. Until next year...

You can check out MCRI Facebook page for the wonderful memories from this day as captured through the photos.



AFLA

Greetings from AFLA!

We had a wonderful time at our recent Team Building in Centennial Park! The sunshine, BBQ, and games brought lots of smiles and laughter. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the event a great success. 🌻

We are also proud to acknowledge some remarkable milestones within our AFLA family. Congratulations to our members: Logan Turner, who has completed 10 years with MCRI, and Normand Bourque, who has completed an incredible 35 years. Bertha Bisanti, one of our dedicated providers, is marking 20 years of service. Congratulations to all!

Additionally, we are delighted to share that Joanne Bazin, one of our members, was recognized at the 2025 Recognizing Riverview Awards Gala for her outstanding volunteer work in the community.

Another celebration is for Tobie Bastarache, our member, who received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Wildcats. Way to go, Tobie! 🦋

We are pleased to announce the addition of Melinda Mucci to our program in a part-time support role. Thank you, Melinda, for your contributions! 🌻

We bid farewell to Linda Bourgeois, an AFLA member who transitioned to a special care home. She will be deeply missed, and we wish her comfort and happiness in her new surroundings.

We also want to express our heartfelt condolences on the passing of our member, Marcel Goguen. Marcel will be deeply missed.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that new providers and members will soon be joining the AFLA family. We look forward to welcoming them and continuing to grow together.

Here's to more celebrations, connections, and shared successes!

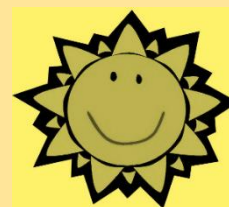


**Normand Bourque, 35 years
with MCRI**

Mc SWEENEY

McSweeney is very excited for summer to be here!

We started enjoying the nice weather early by getting out the BBQ to make some yummy meals! The garden in the back yard is coming along nicely. The youth have picked out which seeds we will plant this summer, and everyone is excited to watch the garden grow!



Our summer is already busy, as the youth are outside keeping active with soccer and badminton, relaxing on the back deck, and working on their summer tans. Throughout the next couple months, there will be lots of trips to Magic Mountain, the beach and Zoo, splashpads, and time spent floating in the pool! The youth have started coming up with ideas for what they would like to have cooked out on the BBQ throughout the summer, and are excited to be making lots of fun summer treats for the house to enjoy!



One of our youths was very excited to finish the school year, as he will be spending three weeks of his summer away at camp! Another one of the youths will be starting Young Drivers this August. We are very proud of him, and excited to watch him start this new adventure.

Speaking of new adventures, we are very happy to welcome our new youth to the program. She is settling in well, building relationships and keeping the house active! She loves being outdoors, and will be in soccer practice all summer. She also has big plans for a summer art program and summer school classes.



McSweeney is also excited to welcome Ola and Kamal to the team!



Detective diaries...

Yup! After months of cleverly picking up the clues and sniffing the trails, we've finally cracked the case of our mystery cartoonist. The secret is out of the bag & the culprit was caught right in the very act 😊

How do you plead Kim?

...off to the next case, stay tuned.

Everything is fine when there is sunshine ~ Unknown

DOMINION

Warm greetings from Dominion. Bring on **SUMMER!!!**

During the **spring**, the youths at Dominion enjoyed a vibrant array of activities, filled with favorite activities such as baking, community park visits, walks, drives, and basketball at the YMCA. Beyond their regular routine, there were several special moments. One youth in particular celebrated a **birthday** with family and staff, and another enjoyed home karaoke and popcorn with staff. A memorable trip also took place to the Boyle Family Farm for the Baby Animal Festival.



baskets for **EASTER**.

The season's festivities continued with an **EASTER** egg hunt at one of the community residences, organized by ours truly, Daniel Niles, with the help from colleagues from other residences. This lively event, which included a **BBQ cookout**, saw the kiddos excitedly searching for eggs and socializing with staff and other youths. To top it off, they all received easter and staff even got a little treat!



The Dominion team also had a blast at **Holy Bowly** for a team-building event, filled with cheering and friendly competition. We're already looking forward to our next event. We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to our new student on the Dominion team, who's been doing a fabulous job supporting our youths. While we're sad to see some team members move on, we're genuinely happy for them as they pursue bigger and better opportunities.

As we look ahead, we at Dominion are eagerly anticipating all the fun activities and experiences summer will bring! Don't forget to wear your sunscreen and stay well-hydrated.

Wishing you all a wonderful **SUMMER!**



*Ne perds jamais l'espoir. Lorsque le soleil se couche, les étoiles apparaissent ~
inconnu*

SILP News



Terry's Retirement

As we transition into warmer weather and longer days,

we're excited about the opportunities ahead. With summer vacation approaching, it's the perfect time to explore new activities and make the most of the season. 🌻

We're excited to extend a warm welcome to our two summer students, Hailey and Tay! We're thrilled to have them join our team and can't wait to see the creativity and energy they bring to our summer programming.

The summer months also make the return our much-anticipated annual Magic Mountain group activity-one of the highlights of the season! We're crossing our fingers for sunshine and great weather as we plan for a day full of sun, laughter and bonding.

From exciting activities to unforgettable moment, we're looking forward to a season full of connection, community, and great memories. Stay tuned for updates and photos in the next issue.

Club Shades Activities



On Mondays, our HSC staff member Bert has been leading line dancing classes- a great way to stay active and have fun. 🌻

In addition, Kate and another counselor have launched a weekly Thursday night activity in the Club. This initiative has already become a popular opportunity for social connection and engagement within our community.



Right ~ Thank you Carly Wallace for your kind donation of wellness packages to our SILP members.

Happiness comes in waves~ unknown

RAILWAY

Hello from Railway,

Everyone is excited about summer! The youth are looking forward to their summer vacation and some adventures and time spent with family. We are excited about our new backyard space for our picnic table/umbrella and solar lights to come, smooth grass space to put up a sprinkler I can hear the laughs already, thanks MCRI for this addition of Phase 1 😊



Time to see the beauty unfold with each flower blooming and showing its beauty, birds chirping, and the smell of the BBQ, chalk in the driveway and bubbles in the air. Soon we will be planting the flowers, and getting the garden planted. Thanks to United Day of caring the JD Irving team from Mc Cains we have some extra flower beds in the front, sun flowers have been planted and we can't wait for them to grow. 🦋

Railway has been busy in the last few months, having a team building activity in May. Great fun was had at the Holy Bowly in Riverview, and some snacks at Wesley. We had a party in May for one of our youths that is moving into adult care. We will miss you and wish you the best in the next chapter of your life. 🌻

We welcomed a new little girl the end of May, which has been a smooth transition for her, can't wait to see her artistic talents to be created on paper and in the driveway with chalk, we already call her our little "princess". Thank you, George, for making this possible in getting the room painted quickly.

I would like to thank the team for your continued support and dedication to the youth that come our way, working so hard to help them with their daily growth and life skills to become more independent in moving on to the next chapter in their life. I see daily your compassion, commitment and guidance and love that you give to each one of our members, in providing them a great home to live in, I'm so thankful to each and every one of you. Thank you, Railway team, for giving your everything and always making everything possible no matter what comes our way. You never complain, you always ensure that we strive high to provide the best outcome and making a difference. 🌻

Can't wait to see what the summer unfolds at Railway!! Enjoy the beautiful sunshine, keep yourself hydrated and don't forget your sunscreen.

Until next time, have a great summer and be safe 😊

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain." ~ Vivian Greene

WEST LANE

Greetings from West Lane,



Summer is here and we are all so excited for the end of school, to be able to do all kinds of fun summer activities with the kiddos! We have 2 youth who graduated this year so we wish them both a huge congratulations. We celebrated with cake and food which they loved. 🌻

The youth were excited to have the garden boxes planted so that they can start watering them and watching things grow. We have the pool all set up and some of our youths have already been in it. Some activities being planned for the summer will be Magic Mountain, Butterfly World, Centennial Beach as well as Canada Day celebrations. Also, our Patio parties for the youth will be in full swing in the next couple of weeks 😊 🌻

We will be planning some garden parties as well with the other youth homes to participate. Don't forget to protect against the sun while enjoying the outdoors.

We wish you all a fantastic summer!

From Team West Lane



United Day of caring at West Lane ~ Right

Left ~ Nathalie throwing it down in the kitchen like it's the Chili Championship - and yes it was by popular request! Who knew her chili game was this legendary? Apparently, it's not her first rodeo! 🌶️

Well, on this special night, mouths watered, bowls were generously filled and the best part? Nathalie has promised a feature of her soon-to-be-not-so-secret chili recipe to the rest of the community. I'd stay tuned for this one, folks (word on the street... it's worth every spoonful) 😊

LA RECETTE

Butterscotch Cheesecake Cookies

This recipe was shared courtesy of Hello Kitty at McSweeney Avenue 😊

For 3 dozen, you will need:

- 1 cup of butter, softened
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup granulated sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup brown sugar
- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 large egg
- 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups of butterscotch chips



Test your smarts

- i) nobody knows ii)
- catch it in the winter
- iii) they peel iv)
- sunglasses

The people who give you their food, give you their heart ~ Cesar Chavez

~Directions~

- ❖ Preheat oven to 350
- ❖ With an electric mixer, cream butter and sugar until nice and creamy. Add cream cheese and continue to mix until all lumps are gone and it is nice and smooth.
- ❖ Add vanilla and egg and mix in.
- ❖ Slowly add flour, a little at a time. Add baking soda and salt; mix well (but not too much).
- ❖ Turn off mixer and add the butterscotch chips, folding by hand with a rubber spatula
- ❖ Scoop cookie dough by the rounded tablespoon onto a cookie sheet (make sure the cookies are not too close though).
- ❖ Bake in the oven for 9-11 minutes
- ❖ Cool on a rack and once they are all way cool, put into a sealed bag or a plastic container and keep in the fridge.



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