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***This is what support looks like:***

## **Growing a garden of his own: Richard**



Richard G. has had a contributing role in creating a garden of food for his consumption as well as being a part of an activity that he can engage in with others, including Marjie Reville, his Personal Support Worker.

*Read his story, inside, on page 2.*

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## Gardening 'grows' opportunities to interact together

When Marjie Reville, Personal Support Worker at CLA, started thinking about a raised garden box as an activity for Richard G., she made sure he was present in every decision-making process. He went to help select seeds, help to spread the soil around in the box and regularly assists with watering. On this planting day, Richard was covered in dirt but his smile said it was a great day.

"A garden is more than just food," says Marjie. "it is opportunity to nurture and to take pride in effort." For Richard G., it is proving to be an excellent outdoor activity where he can engage with his Support Team.

"The garden is a learning opportunity for everyone because we have some knowledgeable gardeners and some novices so it creates a sharing of information, not only for Richard but also for the whole team," says Alisa Barkley, Services Manager, CLA.

### Team 726' - Tips for a Raised Garden Box:

- 1.) Buy a unit that has wheels so you can follow the sun or put it under a gazebo so that people supported can still actively work the space during sun or rain. And your plants will be happy, too!
- 2.) Make sure the height is compatible with a wheelchair or chair. Look at the width, also, so that it allows to easy access to plants.



*Later this season, tomatoes, peppers and fresh herbs will be available.*



## CLA hosted Annual General Meeting

CLA recently hosted the 2021-2022 AGM and Awards Celebration at the Water Tower Inn. Co-hosts were John Policicchio (Executive Director, CLA) and Mary Lynn Riberdy (President, CLA Board of Directors). Long-term board member Anke Lansky-Johnson was celebrated for her contributions. Gabbe Zagordo was thanked for the creation of her Summer Employment video. Several attendees also walked away with beautiful door prizes. Full coverage at Community Living Algoma on Facebook.

### 2021-2022 Award recipients

Volunteer of the Year

**Deborah Chadwick** (see page 3)

Champion of Inclusion

**Oliver Smith** (see page 4)

Community Partner Awards

**Algoma Public Health**

**BDI Holdings Ltd.**



## Congratulations, Deborah!

Community Living Algoma is pleased to honour volunteers who are making a positive difference for people with intellectual disabilities.

Deborah Chadwick was recently presented with the **"Volunteer of the Year" Award** at CLA's Annual General Meeting and Awards Ceremony. Deborah demonstrates a strong commitment to Community Living Algoma's Mission, Vision and Values. She has a passion to advocate for others with an intellectual disability to have a voice to reach their full potential. She is always willing to help out and give her time and energy to anyone who needs it. Her positivity and determination helps us all remember why we are here and why we must continue to make changes to enrich quality of life for all people.

Deborah has been a member of The Council for Community Living Algoma for four years. As part of this group she has helped her peers develop and presentation education information on Respect, Complaints and Medications which are used to train and education both employees and people receiving services. She is also a member of CLA's Rights Review Commission which reviews, provides recommendations and action plans to enable people to retain or regain their rights.



*Deborah (on the left) is shown receiving her award from Jennifer Wiwchar, Director of Quality Assurance, CLA.*

*"Volunteering makes me feel good, it gives me more independence and purpose in my day. I really enjoy it and I feel proud to be a volunteer with Community Living Algoma," says Deborah.*





## Congratulations, Oliver!

Oliver Smith, a grade five student from Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School in Elliot Lake, received CLA's **"Champion of Inclusion" Award** at our recent Annual General Meeting. Oliver started a Games' Club open to students from grade three to five. It has been a wonderful opportunity for Oliver to grow as a leader. It also means that students have a safe place to play games together, make new friends and learn about inclusion.

Congratulations, Oliver!

*Oliver (centre) is shown with Sergio Iacoe (Manager of Inclusion, CLA) and Cindy Ellen Crawford (Coordinator, Marketing and Communications, CLA).*



Erin loves to see the arrival of summer.

What activities do you have planned this summer? Email us, with permission, a photo of you celebrating summer at the beach, or playing a sport or planting your garden!

Email it to [cindy\\_crawford@cla-algoma.org](mailto:cindy_crawford@cla-algoma.org).





# Shelley Moore

Teacher, Researcher, Storyteller

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Five Moore Minutes



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- INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**  
Teaching ALL students at any age, grade and ability levels
- INCLUSIVE IEPS**  
IEPs that support the design and instruction for an individual connected to an inclusive learning community
- CURRICULUM DESIGN**  
Planning curriculum that is both accessible and challenging for ALL students
- UNIVERSAL SUPPORTS**  
Utilizing universal design principles that support self regulation of learning for ALL students
- EQUITY & ACCESS**  
Providing ALL students with access to and progress within grade level and general education curriculum
- NEED BASED PLANNING**  
Teaching tools and actions that responds to the needs of ALL students

Based in Vancouver, British Columbia, Shelley Moore is a highly sought after inclusive education researcher, collaborator, consultant and storyteller, and has worked with school districts and community organizations throughout both Canada and the United States.

Her research has been featured at international conferences including the Council of Exceptional Children (CEC), the International Reading Association (IRA), the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), The American Education Research Association (AERA) and the Canadian Society for Studies in Education (CSSE).

Shelley completed an undergraduate degree in Special Education at the University of Alberta, her masters at Simon Fraser University, and is currently a PhD candidate at the University of British Columbia.

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- direct support;
- human resources including recruiting, screening, training and scheduling of employees;
- payroll; and
- finances



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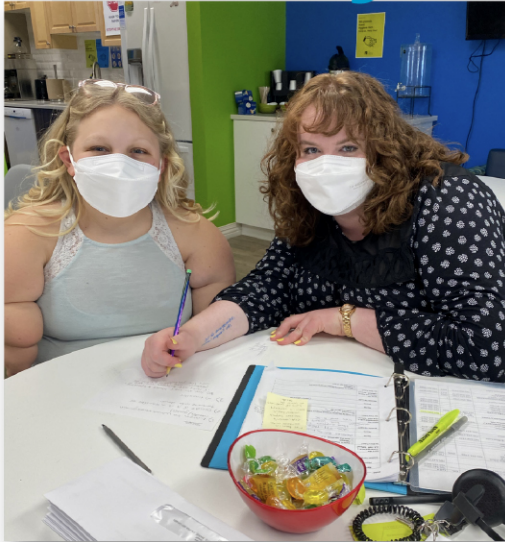
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Additional resource: [www.dsontario.ca/passport-program](http://www.dsontario.ca/passport-program)



# Summer Job Season is here!



*Isabel (Summer Student) and Emma (Job Coach) at the CLA office.*



*Tanner (Job Coach) and Hannah (Summer Student) at Towel Tag.*



*Lauren (Job Coach) and Ethan (Summer Student) at Crimson Ridge.*

Interested in getting involved in 2023?  
Contact:  
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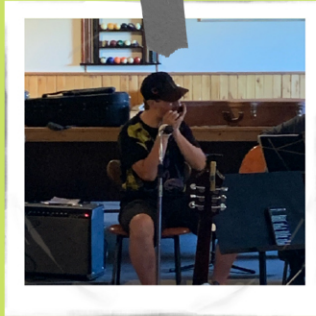
Did you know that CLA has a Summer Youth Employment Program?

Summer students, with an intellectual disability, are paired with a Job Coach.

A weekly series that Spotlights the teams is posted on Friday on our Facebook and Instagram pages. They're created by Gabbe Zagordo, Youth Coordinator, CLA.

COPY AND PASTE THIS LINK TO SEE A VIDEO OF OUR TEAMS  
[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?=HQTPTeAYQLU&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?=HQTPTeAYQLU&feature=youtu.be)

# Welcome to my community!



This is what being part of a community is about: Davis at a music jam night; Paul watering his garden; Charles back at the gym; James and Joey at National Indigenous People's Day; Nathan interacting with bugs at a science fair and Frank enjoying the waterfront.

## Great links!



## Friendly Connections

Friendly connections is an interactive social service for individuals of all ages and with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Includes colouring sheets, activities, postcards and more!  
<https://connectability.ca/friendly-connections/>

- Estate Planning - [www.communitylivingontario.ca/resources/wills-estate-guide/](http://www.communitylivingontario.ca/resources/wills-estate-guide/)
- Transitioning to Highschool Toolkit - Partners for Planning - [www.planningnetwork.ca](http://www.planningnetwork.ca)

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