



As we prepare for our upcoming Annual General Meeting and celebrate 60 years of community and 60 years of change, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey NHCIA has taken, and the powerful stories unfolding each and every day.

This summer has been filled with moments of living life to the fullest, connection, and growth, from our Community BBQ to the excitement of the Nature Discovery Backpack launch and the heartfelt Spirit of Inclusion Awards.

This newsletter is filled with stories of opportunities that bring meaning and happiness: camping adventures, artistic expression, time at the cottage, and youth leadership camp to name a few.

What makes all of this possible is the dedication, heart, and teamwork of the people behind the scenes. When everyone works together—staff, families, and self-advocates, something truly magical happens. Goals are reached, dreams come true, and barriers begin to disappear.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM as we honour the past, celebrate the present, and look ahead with hope.

Here's to the next 60 years of making a difference together.



Louri Snider
Executive Director



What a Turn Out!....Our annual BBQ to thank friends, neighbours and community partners was a huge success. Over 150 people came to help celebrate our 60th Anniversary and to welcome our new Executive Director, Louri Snider. Individuals welcomed their friends, family and employers and helped navigate them through the food line. Our neighbours at the Brook Centre provided us with more tables for the crowd, thank you. This is why we celebrate community. **Neighbours helping neighbours!**



A huge shout out to Gerald Wall for barbequing, he did an awesome job rolling out the burgers and sausages !

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support.



The ARC Industries workshop, at The Old Mill, has a new and spectacular sign, made by Brian Sullivan, former pastor of the Church of Christ in Bancroft. The sign was erected this past week, with the help of The Old Mill owner and landlord, Martin West, and these employees from ARC Industries. From left to right are: Rocky Carroll, Raymond Harrington, and Bramley Smith.

New Sign At ARC

The History of NHCIA...has involved numerous families, individuals, agencies, staff and community members. As we look back at photos, newspaper articles and newsletters we see how far we have evolved in the past 60 years as an organization.

NHCIA has put together the last 60 + years in a document that we hope has captured the essence of what families and this organization have achieved. Copies of our History will be presented at our Annual General Meeting taking place **Thursday September 4th at the Bancroft Curling Club**. Please join us to reflect on the past, celebrate the successes and share your stories. Call 613-332-2090 for more information.

TUTORING FOR KIDS AT NHCIA

by Barry Hendry Aug '98

Fifteen children ranging from Grade 1 to 6 began reviewing their skills early thanks to the reborn Tutoring for Kids Program from North Hastings Community Integration. Held at The Switchyard, Coordinator Allison Mountney and the program committee had brought six recently retired teachers together with the children to practice math and reading.

Spokesperson for the students Tommy Thompson of Bancroft and in Grade 4 at Bancroft Public School, said, "I learned a lot of math. I knew Mrs. Christie from school and we had fun."

Some students needed one-on-one tutoring, others worked in small groups. Mountney said, "Parents kept requesting the program after it was discontinued after 1995, so we began again. The response to this session has been very good. We could not have done it without these volunteers."

Helping the children were Gwen Best, Dianne Christie, Mrs. Hogarth, Gladys Gaudette, Faye Reid and Arva Tryon. All seemed to have enjoyed the experience and appreciated the surprise gifts of potted plants, their only remuneration from the sessions. They all received the appreciation of parents, the Committee and the students who responded well in the casual atmosphere.

The Tutoring for Kids Committee is comprised of NHCIA Board members, school principals, parent volunteers and one Board of Education Trustee, Judy Edgar. Assisting at this session was active Youth Volunteer, Chris Johnson, and summer students at the association, Casey Murphy and Wes Moxam.

Mountney stressed the continued need for teacher volunteers for this type of plan to assist struggling students. "We are planning a September program at all area schools, if we can get the support. It will be a 45 minute, after school session once each week for the students to practice their new lessons and receive guidance. There will not be any new subject matter, just a chance to review their work."

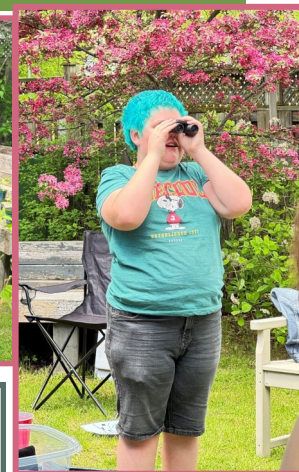
The opportunity for parents and children to access this program at their own school is seen as convenient and advantageous as youngsters begin their new school year.

This was organized based on the pilot project and the results of surveys sent to all schools in June. The coordinator said there are still spaces available and she is hopeful more teachers will apply as volunteers. It is uncertain how many of the six teachers will be able to contribute to the September plans.

Call Allison Mountney at NHCIA at 332-2090 or stop by their Snow St. offices to learn more about what you can do to help NHCIA tutor the students.

Nature Discovery Backpack Library launch event!

Watersheds Canada...and NHCIA have partnered to create backpacks full of science and nature tools that are accessible. They are available for families and groups to borrow at no cost. Call 613-332-2090

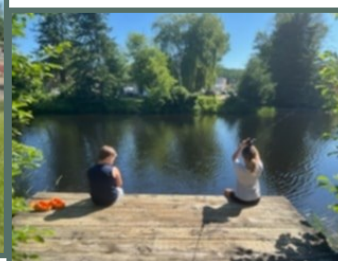
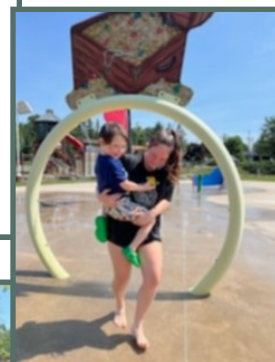


Small Group & Individual Respite Fun..Julie Vardy, NHCIA Child and Family Facilitator, Holly Leveque, hired through Canada Summer Jobs, and Mikayla Mills, summer contract, had the opportunity to spend time supporting fun activities.

Everyone enjoyed spending time at the ball diamond for some baseball action and then swapping bats for rackets and having a spirited game of badminton.



Making a splash...as the summer heat turned up we spent lots of time in the water. We went to Madoc Splash Pad, Cardiff pool, Paudash beach and L'Amable Dam.. The kids learned to cast while fishing at Riverside Park as well as enjoy nature and enjoy some down time by the water. It has been a great start to the summer!



Congratulations!

Spirit of Inclusion Awards...are sponsored each year by NHCIA's Board of Directors. Local schools are asked to identify one student who shows kindness, acceptance, and inclusion of others. NHCIA wants to recognise students who treat others with respect, celebrate differences, and help build a school where everyone feels that they belong. Recipients receive a certificate, cash prize along with recognition from their peers.



North Hasting's High School & Overall Winner -Cole Green
Hermon Public School—Kevin Simpson
York River Public School—Josephine Degeer
North Hasting's High School (7/8's) - Evan Robinson
Birds Creek School—June Lavell
Our Lady of Mercy—Kaydence Armstrong
Coe Hill Public School—Wren Alexander
Maynooth Public School—Logan Stone

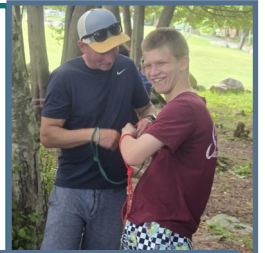


Camping with Deep Roots Adventures....Nike Braybrook, Youth in Transition Facilitator, Julie Vardy, Child & Family Facilitator and Corina Mansfield of Deep Roots Adventures supported a group of seven youth on a two day camping trip in Algonquin Park. Fishing, swimming and relaxing were a large part of our day. Everyone shared in camp set up and take down as well as cooking and clean up.



Youth Leadership at Cedar Ridge Camp...a group of 12 youth signed up for this trip to Cedar ridge. The camp counselors were doing training so the youth joined in to learn about risk management, knot tying and leadership roles.

Their down time included swimming at the great beaches, horse back riding and of course hanging out with Grayson and Chutz!



Being prepared ...pays off when looking for a job. Brian has been attending day trips to Cedar Ridge over the past few years and after lunch he always took the lead in the clean up. Camp staff, Kim Tregaskis commented "we should hire you" and they began discussing the realities of getting a job at camp such as transportation. Early this spring Brian came to camp with his resume and when asked about transportation they found out he had already taken the initiative to arrange transportation with his parents. His resume was given to Grayson, camp director, and the rest as they say is history.

EVERYONE is so pleased with his work, his positive attitude, his flexibility and willingness to do extra days when asked.

In preparation Brian met with Rebecca Malloy from Loyalist College to get help with his resume and he completed his WHMIS and Food Handling courses.

Brian is loving his job and is hopeful this will lead to other job opportunities.



Developing Art Skills....Kathryn has always had a love for art and has recently been developing her skills in painting and working with Sculpey to create ornaments that she plans to sell at Christmas. In may she visited the Art Gallery of Bancroft and met the artist in residence, Kayla St. Pierre. In June she and friends travelled to the National Gallery and was especially moved by the choral sound installation in the Rideau Chapel. Kathryn visited the Wildewood Gallery in Maynooth and looks forward to participating in future workshops being held there. She will also be making her mark on the Mural Revitalization Project in August that is happening at A Place for the Arts and looks forward to seeing the finished piece when it returns to the wall by the river on Bridge St.



FUTURE HAPPENINGS

Sept. 4, 2025

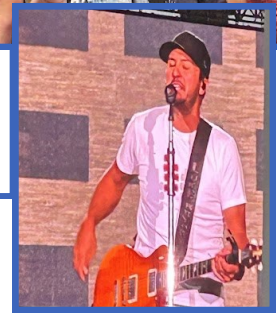
NHCIA's **AGM** is being held at the Bancroft Curling Club. As we celebrate our 60th Anniversary we look forward to a fun social hour where people can share their stories and history of the organization, enjoy a gourmet meal catered by Chef Shaun Zoernack chances to win some great prizes. All are welcome to join in on the celebration. Call 613-332-2090 or come to the office to purchase a dinner ticket—cost \$20.

NHCIA Mission Statement

North Hastings Community Integration Association, through partnerships with community, inspires people with developmental disabilities and their families to live as fully participating citizens.

Looking out for one another....Kayla heard about Luke Bryan coming to Toronto and passed this info along to Tammy, a friend who was wanting to go to his concert. Between Kayla, Tammy, Brenda and Wanda, along with team support, they made it happen in a short period of time.

The hotel they chose was central to restaurants and close to the Go -Train which made things easy. They met some great people who helped them get on the right Go-Train and the people in their seating area at the concert added to the experience with their high energy as they all cheered Luke Bryan on stage.



The Village Playhouse

Bancroft ...performance in July was "Alice in Wonderland". The Book Club members of NHCIA read Alice in Wonderland last year and were excited that our local Playhouse was performing it this summer. On July 10th, some of the Book Club members went to the afternoon matinee. Another Self-

Advocate asked to join the group as she had her own theatre pass, which was one of her goals. Everyone loved the characters, the music and the creative set design.

Acting On A Dream ...to play the guitar. Cody began taking guitar lessons with Kevin Taylor from Glory Studios. Kevin helped Cody get a new guitar-that must be given a name. During the first session, Cody worked on hand placement and learned how to play a few notes. By the end of the first session, Cody was able to play the notes that he learned without looking at the strings and was able to identify the notes on sheet music.



Holiday with friends....and enjoying cottage life. Karen organized and prepped the food for a dinner with friends at the cottage. Karen did a fantastic job and everyone was very appreciative of the work she put into it.

Karen invited another community friend to stay over with her. They enjoyed swimming and relaxing in the gazebo with some board games.

Nothing better than time with friends!



*"How much good inside a day?
Depends how good you live 'em.
How much love inside a friend?
Depends how much you give 'em."*

—Shel Silverstein

Show Your Support Become a Member

Membership.....By choosing to enroll in NHCIA's annual membership you are showing support to persons with developmental disabilities. Your contribution will assist NHCIA in achieving our mission of inspiring these individuals to live as fully participating citizens.

Name:

Address:

Postal Code:

Email Address:

Phone:

Non Voting Memberships (as per our bylaws)

Self Advocate (\$5.00)

Staff (\$20.00)

Family (\$15.00)

Single (\$5.00)

Business /Agency (\$25.00)

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