

Community Living York South

Reaching out to our Richmond Hill Community

Summer Camp

Young people between the ages of 13 and 21 are welcome to pre-register for the Community Living York South Richmond Hill Summer Camp. We are scheduled to begin in early July and continue through August. Located at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Bayview Avenue, we are planning activities including recreation, work experience and sports. Please contact Cheryl Rennick at 905-884-9110 extension 254 or email crennick@ysacl.on.ca for details.

Saturday Youth Group

An extension of our summer camp to give young people the opportunity to spend time with their friends for fun activities. The program runs each Saturday from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. Registration is limited so please contact Cheryl Rennick if you want to become involved. Next session is scheduled to begin at the end of March.

WILLS, TRUSTS AND ESTATE PLANNING

Community Living York South in association with Graeme Treeby from the Special Needs Planning Group invites you to attend an information session, "Create Peace of Mind Through Exploration. Graeme will address the following issues: funding your child's lifestyle with Wills and Henson Trust, building a life plan for your family member, providing support for trustees after you are gone, how ODSP enhances your child's quality of life. Presentation will be held on April 12, 2006 in Richmond Hill. For more information please call Cheryl Rennick at 905-884-9110 ext. 254.

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Respite for Individuals

Weekend Respite Program is now available for individuals to enjoy some time in a different setting, meeting new friends and having fun.

Mandate: To provide weekend respite services to families with a son/daughter with a developmental disability.

Eligibility: Person must be 18 years and over and live in the York South area. Support is one staff to two people. A moderate level of support will be provided, therefore person must have a fair level of independence.

Time and Location: Weekend begins on Friday at 6pm through Sunday at 3pm.

Holiday Inn at Woodbine and Steeles. Activities will be accessed by car, bus or walking..

Availability: We are able to support two persons every other weekend. In order to maximize opportunities for people to access respite, it is limited to one weekend a year for each person).

Cost: Each person will be required to pay \$150.00 plus spending money (\$20-\$30 depending on planned outings and activities.

For information contact Cheryl Rennick at 905-884-9110 extension 254.

Stouffville's Music Mania

Be sure to mark your calendar for the annual Stouffville Music Mania Show. The title of this year's show is "I Second That Emotion". Special show night is for people who may find it challenging to attend on regular show night, which is Tuesday, April 25, 2006. It is held at the Stouffville District Secondary School. This night is free for special guests and their escorts.

Showtime is at 7:30 pm.

For more information contact Dot Schell at 905-640-3274

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An Innovative Solution: Parent Operated Day Programs

Do you have a child who will be graduating in the next few years?

One of the challenges faced by families is providing meaningful daytime activities for their children once they have graduated. One creative and viable solution is connecting to other parents who are seeking the same opportunities for their sons and daughters. Parents have been able to pool their resources to develop their own day programs.

Community Living York South provides advocacy and guidance to individuals who choose this option.

If you would like to hear about Parent Group success stories or would like further information on creating and running your own day program please contact Cheryl Rennick at 905-884-9110 ext. 254

Speakers Club

Do you or any of your friends have a voice and want to be heard? How about forming a Speaker's Club in your community. There is a great opportunity for you to get together with others to develop one.

There are so many benefits! Increase your self esteem and self confidence, learn advocacy and self advocacy skills, enhance your opportunities for gaining employment.

Community Living Month— May

A very busy month for Community Living York South. Fun and festivities include Annual May Day in Stouffville, A Day at the Jays for baseball fans, a day at the Legislature for those who are more politically focused and our Annual Walkathon which is a great opportunity for you and your friends to get together for exercise and a great cause!

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GET INVOLVED—JOIN A COMMITTEE

SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) is currently seeking a parent representative from Community Living York South to attend meetings. Interested individuals please call Cheryl Rennick at 905-884-9110 ext. 254 or email crennick@ysacl.on.ca for further information.

SEAC members are available as a resource for students with exceptional needs, parents/guardians of such students, schools, educators, trustees and the community. Many members are parents of students with exceptional needs and are aware of the educational needs and abilities such students may experience.

Special Services at Home Advisory Committee is currently seeking committee members. The SSAH Advisory Committee is the place for SSAH users to provide feedback to the program relating to respite and service delivery and provides SSAH information to the community. The committee is currently working on a handbook for families using SSAH as well as developing a Mediator Card for York Region which would identify mediators and enable them to obtain free admission to events and activities while supporting a person who has a disability.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the committee or would like more information, please call Sandra Palmisano at 905-478-4098 or email yfrn@neptune.ca.