

35th Annual Mayors' Challenge Charity Golf Tournament

Fundraising for Accessible Transportation

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BELLEVILLE, ON: May 22, 2018 – In only three weeks, four municipalities will compete once again to take home the trophy and title of winning the Community Living Belleville and Area Mayors' Challenge Golf Tournament. Proceeds from this event will support the purchase of an accessible vehicle, priced at about \$75,000, which is not funded through the ministry in the operating budget.

The 35th Annual Mayors' Golf Challenge will take place June 12 at Trillium Wood Golf Club. Boyd Sullivan will be the emcee and auctioneer again this year. There are still a few spots left to golf with the mayors in this year's tournament. To register online visit: <https://www.trilliumwood.com/calendar/event/116/35th-Annual-Mayors--Challenge-Charity-/0>. For more information, visit CLBA on Facebook @communitylivingbellevilleandarea or on Twitter @CLBelleville.

Those participating are: City of Belleville Mayor Taso Christopher, City of Quinte West Mayor Jim Harrison, Hastings County Warden Rodney Cooney, and Prince Edward County Acting Mayor Dianne O'Brien – sitting in for Mayor Robert Quaiff.

"We're pleased to have the ongoing support of our neighbouring municipalities year after year, which has ensured the success of our charity golf tournament for 35 years now," said Christine Semark, Community Living Belleville and Area Executive Director.

"The City of Belleville is a proud, ongoing partner with Community Living Belleville and Area. As a community, it enriches us to help provide growth, independence and overall success to those supported through the agency. The City of Belleville looks forward to another wonderful Mayors' Challenge Golf Tournament again this year," said City of Belleville Mayor Taso Christopher.

"The City of Quinte West has been a proud supporter of the Mayors' Golf Challenge for several years now. We are looking forward to this year's event and continuing our support of this valuable organization that does so much to enrich our community," said Mayor Jim Harrison

"Each year the County of Hastings looks forward to participating in and supporting the Mayor's Challenge in support of Community Living Belleville and Area. The important work of Community Living in supporting people to live full and rewarding lives is critical to the success of individuals and families seeking support and we are pleased to support them once again this year," said Hastings County Warden Rodney Cooney.

"Here in The County, we take great pride in our close-knit community. We continually strive to foster an inclusive environment where everyone has the opportunity to participate in the life of our community, regardless of ability. Organizations such as Community Living Belleville and Area play an important role in

helping us achieve this vision. Our community is a richer place to live, work and play thanks to the many services and supports Community Living Belleville and Area provides,” said Prince Edward Acting Mayor Dianne O’Brien.

WHO: City of Belleville Mayor Taso Christopher, City of Quinte West Mayor Jim Harrison, Hastings County Warden Rodney Cooney, and Prince Edward County Acting Mayor Dianne O’Brien – sitting in for Mayor Robert Quaiff.

WHAT: 35th Annual Mayors’ Golf Challenge

WHEN: June 12, 2018, at 12:30 p.m.

WHY: Raise funds for an accessible vehicle for Community Living Belleville and Area

About Community Living Belleville and Area:

Community Living Belleville and Area envisions a community where everyone belongs and all people are valued and respected as participating and contributing members. The agency exists to provide quality supports to people with intellectual disabilities and to facilitate their full inclusion in community life. Community Living Belleville and Area is also mandated to educate the community and to advocate wherever necessary on behalf of people with intellectual disabilities and their families.

Established in 1951, Community Living Belleville and Area is an accredited non-profit organization that provides a range of services and supports to people with intellectual disabilities. Guided by our corporate Mission and Vision, we are committed to promoting each person’s individual empowerment and success by guiding each of them with autonomy over his or her own life. CLBA enables people to participate in the life of the community, lead active and productive lives, and discover, celebrate and further develop capacities that lie within them. *For more information, visit: www.communitylivingbelleville.org.*

OUR MISSION:

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OUR VISION:

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