

# The CLAssic

A publication of Community Living Algoma



## 70th anniversary highlight

## Chuck-A-Puck was the Wrap Up Event in a Year that Focused on Authentic Engagement



*Donovan and Jason, along with a couple of dozen other volunteers, walked the arena selling numbered pucks that purchasers would then throw on the ice, at half time. The closest one to centre ice won \$100. Volunteers then went on to the ice, at the GFL Memorial Gardens, to collect the pucks. Money raised from the December Chuck-A-Puck event, featuring a lively game between the Soo Greyhounds and Sudbury Wolves, will assist with community events, educational workshops and professional development opportunities.*

## **Sign up now! The CLAssic is becoming an e-newsletter!**

We are actively phasing in 'The CLAssic' newsletter as an interactive e-newsletter! In order to ensure you continue to receive it, please send us an email with your name and the word 'Yes!'

Send it to: [newsletter@cla-algoma.org](mailto:newsletter@cla-algoma.org).

Our new format will enable you to click on links and enjoy interacting with our stories and upcoming contests. For those of you who have already subscribed to receive 'The CLAssic' via email, you are already signed up! Thank you!



# COMMUNICATION EMAIL OPT-IN

**General Communication**

- Changes in Service Delivery
- Funding Information (Passport, Ministry funding to CLA)
- Policy and Procedure Updates
- Advocacy Initiatives
- Community Living Algoma Corporate Events (the Annual General Meeting, Guest Speakers)
- Community Living Algoma events (70th Anniversary, dance, community engagement)
- Resources (webinars, training) and Support
- Feedback and Engagement Opportunities (Town Hall)

**Events**

These updates include community-wide events, collaborations, and initiatives that involve or impact individuals supported by Community Living Algoma. These updates may also include information and invitations to events. This year is the 70th Anniversary since the founding of what would eventually become known as Community Living Algoma so there are many events throughout 2024 and early 2025.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

These emails would identify volunteer opportunities within CLA. They will specifically be seeking family members who may be interested in participating and contributing to community engagement initiatives. Some of these opportunities may include, but not be limited to Committees of the Board and the Board of Directors.

**CLA Digital Newsletter**

The CLAssic is a quarterly newsletter which highlights achievements and success stories of people supported in addition to people profiles. It also includes resources such as links to developmental services webinars.

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# SAVE *the* DATE



## COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025**

Algoma's Water Tower Inn - Grand Hall

Registration: 4:45 p.m.

Meeting: 5 p.m.

— ◆ —  
*CLA's Annual Awards Program will follow the AGM.  
Light Refreshments will be served.  
Door prizes available to be won.*

— ◆ —  
**RSVP required by Tuesday, June 10**  
Confirm your attendance at: [nicole\\_clark@cla-algoma.org](mailto:nicole_clark@cla-algoma.org) or  
[cindy\\_crawford@cla-algoma.org](mailto:cindy_crawford@cla-algoma.org)

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# An Update from ACVA

## Algoma Community Vision Advocates



William, Hannah, Deborah and Gordon of ACVA.

The ACVA Team was on-the-move, this past fall. Four members attended the ‘Speaking Out’ conference in Port Elgin. This annual conference is a unique opportunity for members of self-advocate groups, people with developmental or intellectual disabilities, support staff and family members, to meet and network with each other.

### Mission Statement of the Algoma Community Vision Advocates

*“The Algoma Community Vision Advocates takes pride in building a rapport and understanding with individuals by listening to them and their needs, in an attempt to advocate for their best interest. We advocate through the development of educational tools, networking across the province, and adapting to the changing world, and leading by example. We strive to better ourselves by growing our knowledge and exploring solutions for shared issues.”*

Foodie Fridays with Will Presents...

## The ACVA Family Cookbook

\$10 for a virtual cookbook, \$15 for physical cookbook  
 Proceeds made will go to ACVA for their future events.

Visit [CLAwear.ca/s/shop](http://CLAwear.ca/s/shop)  
 Or Scan QR Code

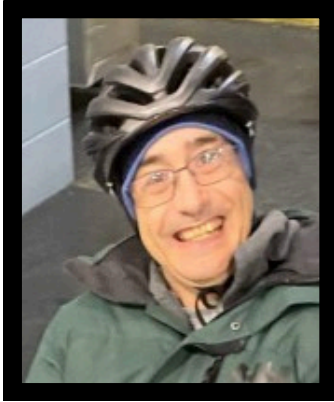
Thank you!

**Thank you to everyone who purchased a puck at our Chuck A Puck fundraiser, held Wed., Dec. 11, at the GFL Memorial Gardens! This fundraising effort was for the Algoma Community Vision Advocates (ACVA).**

**Funds raised will be donated to assist with community events, educational workshops and professional development opportunities.**

A special thank you to our dedicated, busy volunteers who sold pucks and truly represented what community engagement and inclusion is all about!





## Guest Column: Kevin W.

*Kevin is a strong self-advocate for his health and wellness and is an active participant in his care and management of symptoms. Kevin credits his parents, Carl and Mariette, and his CLA support team, for their roles as supporters, caregivers and, on several occasions, his life-savers.*

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*In this column, Kevin identifies why it is important to understand and appreciate that there are many rules and regulations in the health care industry. These guidelines ensure that everything from medical equipment to patient services are put into proper practice and understood by health care professionals and patients. Here are his words:*

I believe there are many different ways of inputting information so that people can better understand the use of technology and the quality of the data. This information can be provided by companies or the government and used by the public and private sectors.

- Social service industries must be able to adapt to the environment, the economy and people's changing lives. Long term care and Community Based Housing, both in and out of town, must be taken seriously.
- There are consumer regulations in place to protect customers against unfair business practices.
- Workplace rules and regulations are also in place. Unions can provide workers with benefits and protection.
- New medical equipment and medical technology is advancing rapidly in the field of healthcare. A code of ethics is important so that doctors can provide specialized treatment with equipment that they have been trained on. A Vagus Nerve Stimulator, which reduces the severity of seizures, would be an example of a specific type of equipment requiring training. Or, as another example, a neurosurgeon is better qualified for treating patients with logical conditions.
- People need to be held accountable and held responsible for their actions, overall. Being accountable having consequences so that you don't harm anyone else, or even yourself, whether it is at home or in the workplace.

In terms of healthcare, health professionals need to be able to listen to their patients so that they have a clear understanding of their medical condition. In return, these health professionals must be able communicate with their patients in a way that provides them with a clear understanding of their own medical condition and treatment.

ALGOMA: 70 YEARS OF BELONGING  
**ORDER NOW**



You've seen us wearing the hoodies and tees, now you can buy your own! Scan the QR Code with your cell phone camera, tap the yellow link and then tap the "Community Living" link to buy apparel. Wide variety of colour selection and slogans are available.

CLA items are purchased through and produced by a local Sault Ste. Marie company, SK Group Inc. Orders are placed directly with SK Group via this e-commerce platform and produced in house.

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Orders can be can be picked up at SK Group at 238 Queen Street East (across from the Memorial Gardens) Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or can be delivered to a location of your choice (within city limits) for a fee of \$10.



[https://store.skgroupinc.com/community\\_living\\_algoma/shop/home](https://store.skgroupinc.com/community_living_algoma/shop/home)

**A few more photos from Chuck-A-Puck**

Volunteers included people supported, their caregivers or support team members, CLA management and staff, summer students and local youth. It was a fabulous opportunity for community engagement!





**Together We're Better Contest!**

Calling all writers, photographers, musicians, singers, actors, actresses and storytellers!

Tell us, or show us, how your school, class or extra-curricular group shows inclusion of people with an intellectual or developmental disability.

February is Inclusive Education Month!

**Categories**

- JK to Grade 3;
- Grades 4 to 6;
- Grades 7 to 10;
- Grades 11 & 12

**Past Champions of Inclusion**

**2024**  
Grade 2/3; Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School, Sault Ste Marie

**2023 - Two winners!**  
Grade 7; Our Lady of Lourdes French Immersion Catholic School, Elliot Lake AND  
Grade 5; École Saint-Joseph, Blind River

**2022 - Two winners!**  
Nickolous Obach (Grade 7); Our Lady of Lourdes French Immersion Catholic School, Elliot Lake AND  
Oliver Smith (Grade 5); Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School, Elliot Lake

Share your story or stage a play

**Prize values:**  
1st place- \$150  
2nd place- \$75  
3rd place- \$50

Write a poem or a song!

Contest hosted by:

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**REMEMBER**

- Include your name
- Email & phone number
- Grade & school
- Teacher's name
- Info about your entry

**How to enter?**  
Submit your entry via email at [contest@cla-algoma.org](mailto:contest@cla-algoma.org)

**Deadline is Fri., Feb. 28, 2025**

Enter independently or as a class or as an extra-curricular club or even as a **WHOLE** school!

Produce a video!

**70 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**  
ANS D'EXISTENCE  
INCLUSION & CITIZENSHIP  
INCLUSION ET CITOYENNETÉ

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## Human Resources & French Language Committee

Community Living Algoma is looking for dedicated individuals to join us in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

The Human Resources & French Language Services Committee, comprised of board members and community individuals interested in the human resource area, make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding labour relations and other employment matters. This Committee also ensures that bilingual human resource needs are identified and met on an on-going basis.

Meeting are the last Wednesday of every month.

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More Information : <https://communitylivingalgoma.org/get-involved/volunteers/>





# MEMBERSHIP FORM

## COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA

### 2025-2026 - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP



Your Community Living Algoma membership keeps you updated on current developments and policies affecting people with intellectual disabilities in the Algoma District. You'll receive our notices and newsletter; have access to resource materials and expertise; and, an open invitation to agency social events. You also have the opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas regarding service to people with intellectual disabilities and their families.

- Voting members have the right to vote on issues at the Annual General Meeting.
- Your membership is also vital to the work of our organization: our ability to provide high quality services; to fundraise; and, to maintain credibility with our funders.
- All prospective members are required to complete this registration form. Indicate any changes.
- Your application must be received by Friday, May 1, 2025 in order to be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2025.

#### Individual Contact Information:

First Name :  Last Name :

Full Address :

City / Town :  Postal Code :

Phone :  Subscribe to CLA Newsletters:  Yes  No

E-Mail :

#### Membership Type & Fees:

<b>Individual Membership - <u>Voting Member</u></b>	<b>\$15</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Membership for people receiving support - <u>Voting Member</u></b>	<b>NO FEE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Affiliate Membership - <u>Non-Voting (Staff / Agencies)</u></b>	<b>\$15 each</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Corporate Membership <u>Non-Voting</u> - (Community Partner)</b>	<b>\$50 each</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Please Select your Affiliation

Person Supported by CLA  Family Member of Person Supported by CLA  CLA Staff Member

Volunteer/ Committee/ Board Member  Professional in a related field  Member of Public

#### Payment Details -Please Indicate Payment Type:

Cash

Cheque \*\*  Please make cheque payable to Community Living Algoma and mail to the address at the bottom of this form and drop off to CLA

Credit Card  Please make online payment by going to [clicking here](https://www.communitylivingalgoma.org/members) or [www.communitylivingalgoma.org/members](https://www.communitylivingalgoma.org/members) or by scanning the QR code



#### Membership Information - Other Ways of Giving:

- General Donation Fund - to fund various needs of people supported incl. mobility equip., communication devices or vacation
- Outcome Fund - to assist people supported in achieving their dreams or goals
- Give-A-Gift Fund - use to purchase Christmas gifts for people supported who don't receive from others



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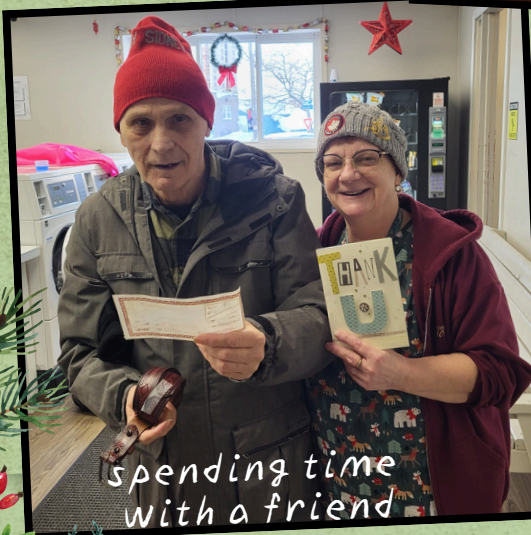
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# Wrapping up 2024 by ...





## Harvey Arcangeletti receives Lifetime Achievement Award

# Sault Athlete Recognized by Special Olympics Canada



Harvey Arcangeletti was presented with the Frank Hayden Lifetime Achievement Award at the recent Special Olympics Canada National Awards.

Named after Canada's Dr. Frank Hayden, whose research sparked the Special Olympics movement 50 years ago, this award is presented to an athlete who has best exemplified the spirit, philosophy and goals of the Special Olympics movement over the course of their career.

*Harvey's athletic talents span multiple sports over a 50 year time frame. He has also been an active volunteer.*



Harvey Arcangeletti first joined Special Olympics in 1976 at 15 years old, and even after nearly five decades, he shows no signs of slowing down. Harvey's athletic talents span multiple sports, from athletics and bowling to softball, floor hockey, and swimming. His dedication has taken him around the world, representing Canada at numerous Special Olympics World Games, including Baton Rouge, New Haven, and Japan.

In 1996, Harvey was named Special Olympics Male Athlete of the Year, and in 2007, his remarkable achievements earned him a place in the Sault Ste. Marie Hall of Fame. Harvey's leadership extends beyond competition, playing an integral role in the Law Enforcement Torch Run and inspiring his community by volunteering for activities like puck drops, Polar Plunges, and Torch Runs.

Harvey's spirit and dedication have touched countless lives in his nearly 50 years as a Special Olympics athlete, making him a true legend within the movement.

*(Note: You can watch the video of this year's National Awards' presentation by going to the Special Olympics Canada website at [www.specialolympics.ca/2024/awards](http://www.specialolympics.ca/2024/awards).)*

Source: Photo and information Special Olympics Canada





# CHOOSE A VOLUNTEER ROLE THAT WILL TURN YOUR LIFE AROUND

WHEN YOU JOIN A COMMUNITY LIVING ALGOMA COMMITTEE,  
YOU MAY BE SURPRISED AS TO HOW MANY LIVES YOU IMPACT.  
WE GUARANTEE YOURS WILL BE ONE OF THEM.

JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY TO INCLUSION.

SCAN QR CODE OR EMAIL:  
NICOLE\_CLARK@CLA-ALGOMA.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
*Quality Enhancement!*

Community Living Algoma is looking for dedicated individuals to join us in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

The Quality Enhancement Committee (QEC) makes recommendations to the Board regarding CLA's ongoing 'continuous quality improvement' efforts. The committee monitors and reviews the effectiveness of services and supports, as well as compliance to Ministry standards and licensing requirements.

The team meets every second Tuesday of the month.

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 More Information :  
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Partners for Planning empowers people with a disability, and their families, with resources to create meaningful lives and secure futures, firmly rooted in community.

[www.planningnetwork.ca](http://www.planningnetwork.ca)

## Are you an aspiring writer or artist?

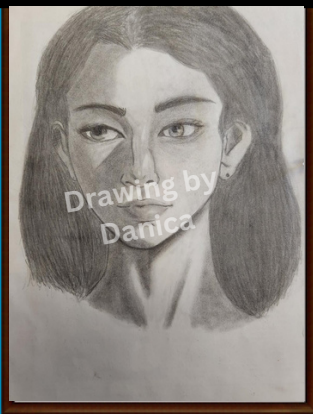
Interested in writing for The CLAssic?  
Or having your artwork featured?  
Or your photos shared?

CLA's external newsletter goes out to approx. 500 people three times a year

Have a story about a trip or adventure?

A poem that you've written?

A drawing that you're like to share?



### HOW TO SUBMIT:

The CLAssic newsletter is printed three times a year. The people who receive it are people supported, their families or caregivers and members of the public who have requested it. It is free.

We do not pay for any submissions, however, we will include your name (first name only) and two sentences about who you are or why you sent your story, poem or artwork to us. We will provide you with extra copies of the newsletter to share with your family or friends.

Consents must be signed for anyone appearing in a photo.

CALL OR EMAIL CINDY, THE EDITOR, FOR MORE INFO



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### STORIES OR POEMS

Tell us about a trip, a great day or a reunion. Share it as a story or a poem. Maximum wordcount is 250 words.



### ART

We create design based on your value, purpose, and business needs.



### PHOTOS

Have a photo of you and your pet? A photo from a trip? A picture of a flower in your garden? Maximum of two photos submitted.

## EVENTS IN ALGOMA!



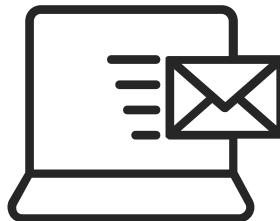
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Open your cell phone camera and point it at this image, above.

Tap the yellow text that appears and you'll be directed to 'all-things-CLA' - including Facebook, Instagram and upcoming events across Algoma!



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