

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ottawa Rotary Home now has a **MERCHANT SERVICES MACHINE** available on-site to provide a convenient card payment process for clients.



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE ON THE JOINT ADVISORY GROUP

The Ottawa Children's Treatment Centre, the Ottawa Rotary Home and Roger's House are jointly seeking individuals who are interested in becoming a part of an advisory group to help ensure a continuing level of high quality, family-centered care among each of these organizations. The Joint Advisory Group will be responsible for providing suggestions to better coordinate planning, communication and education amongst the three organizations. The Joint Advisory Group will meet three to four times a year to advise on what would be in the best interest of the families that use these services. In order to be a member of the group we ask that interested individuals are either a current or past client of at least one of the service providers involved in the joint effort. Should you have any questions or comments or would like to be involved in the effort to provide the highest level of family-centered care, please contact one of us. We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your continued interest in our organizations.

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Getting Involved—Volunteer opportunities

The Ottawa Rotary Home is expanding its **Volunteer Program** and looking for enthusiastic people who would like to devote their time to our clients at our Leitrim and Rochester locations. Michelle Crook took on the contract to develop the new program and Chantal Ladouceur, our Volunteer Coordinator is ready to implement the many new and exciting changes. One of the key areas of improvements is our mandatory training program that coaches volunteers on the various types of disabilities as well as ways of communicating and advocating for our clients. We believe knowledge is power and the more education we can provide the more successful our volunteers and our program will become. The Rotary Home is fortunate to have devoted people to assist with our regular daily activities, outings and seasonal events— *to help make each activity as rewarding as possible.* We look forward to meeting people of all age groups interested in making a difference in the lives of others.

For more information about our Volunteer Program please contact: Chantal Ladouceur, Volunteer Coordinator at Tel: 613.236.3200 ext.100 or email: ChantalL@rotaryhome.on.ca

Our festive times are always filled with fun activities.



Rotary Review

Newsletter of The Ottawa Rotary Home
Spring and Summer 2012

*Celebrating 30 years of keeping families strong,
helping keep them together.*

A Message From Our Executive Director

Our journey to Rotary Home — ends on Rotary Way

In 2009, the Ottawa Rotary Home became part of the Ottawa South community, with the opening of the Rotary Home's Leitrim Campus. In 2012, the Ottawa Rotary Home will be commemorated by the City of Ottawa with the naming of a new street in our Ottawa South community called "Rotary Way".



Gina St. Amour,
Executive Director

This summer we will be observing one of our finest milestones in the history of the Ottawa Rotary Home as we celebrate our 30th Anniversary with a barbeque and Canada Day celebration on June 30th with family, friends and honoured guests of the Ottawa Rotary Home together with Rotary Club members.

Our new address "823 Rotary Way" will become effective this summer and we are privileged to have our home and now our street become an enduring legacy to the remarkable Ottawa Rotary Club's.

Senator Smith recounted some of this work and his personal feelings about its importance with great passion – causing many of us in the Visitor's Gallery to applaud (quite against the rules!). While accompanying the Senator in his office, I was pleased and gratified by the number of other Senators present, who were aware of the work of the Ottawa Rotary Home and the respect with which we were spoken of. The staff at the Rotary Home and its Board deserves a pat on the back for a job well done!

John Archer, Chair
Board of Directors



(Left to right)
John Archer, Chair,
Ottawa Rotary
Home Board of
Directors, Senator
David Smith and
Donna Thomson.

April 17, 1982 motioned a new era beginning for Canadians with disabilities, as Canada's new Constitution came into force. In the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Canada made a constitutional commitment in Section 15 to equality before and under the law for those living with disabilities.

(Section 15 came into force in 1985).

Canada's constitution was the first to include equality rights protection of people with disabilities.



Celebrating 30 Years

2012 has been a stellar year for the Ottawa Rotary Home as it celebrates 30 years of service to Ottawa and surrounding areas. I was honoured to be invited to attend a session at the Senate of Canada marking another 30th milestone hosted by Senator David Smith on April 24th, recognizing the passing of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in 1982. Several of us including Donna Thomson, a member of our Rotary Home family, were in attendance representing individuals and agencies providing service and advocacy for people with disabilities. A particular focus of the presentation by Senator Smith was his work to have persons with mental or physical disabilities granted equality before the law. Section 15, Paragraph 1 of the Charter states: *Every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and, in particular, without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability.* It may be surprising to us today that the inclusion of persons with a disability in a statement of inherent rights and freedoms took some intense effort on the part of a small group of Canadians, led by Senator Smith as Deputy House Leader in the Pierre Trudeau Government.

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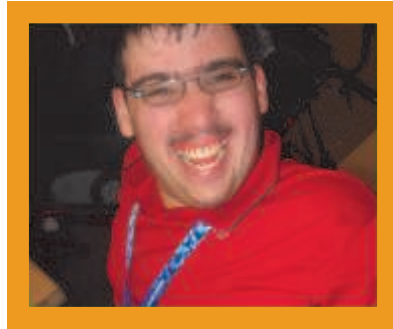


ROTARY: "Service Above Self"

In December 1985, the **Reader's Digest** published an article showcasing the work of the Rotarians across Canada and around the world. The story focused on a family's plight in Ottawa that began in 1969, when Chantal Bédard, who at age one contracted encephalitis and was diagnosed with cerebral palsy and quadriplegia. Chantal would spend her life in a wheelchair. Fortunately, there was the Ottawa Rotary Club eager to help families like the Bédards. In 1978, the Rotary Club arranged for land to be leased in downtown Ottawa on Rochester Street and over the next five years the Ottawa Rotary Club members pursued government funding and donated personal contributions towards building a large bungalow on the site. On April 14, 1982, Chantal Bédard registered as the first guest of the new "Rotary Home for Crippled Children". By 1985, when the Reader's Digest editorial was published, over 205 families had children who had been guests at the Rotary Home. The families and residents, who have visited the home and continue to do so are the beneficiaries of the vision of Ron Merriam and Fred Finlay, president and secretary of the Ottawa Rotary Club in 1977. Their idea of creating a warm and loving environment that offered respite to families in need was championed by fellow Rotarians in Ottawa. The Rotary Home for Crippled Children would later become the Ottawa Rotary Home.

Thirty years later, the Ottawa Rotary Clubs continue to exemplify the same noble and gallant mannerism of selflessly serving their communities whenever they are in need. On June 30th, the City of Ottawa's Mayor, Jim Watson and Deputy Mayor, Steve Desroches will present to the members of the Ottawa Rotary Clubs a permanent, honorary place in the hearts of the Ottawa community by dedicating a road on their behalf named—*Rotary Way*. The support staff of The Ottawa Rotary Home diligently pursued this recognition as a symbol of appreciation and respect for those Ottawa Rotarians then and now, who continue to bring help and hope to families in need.

The sun was shining, the birds were singing and it was only March...the warm weather came early to Ottawa and Rotary Home's Leitrim Campus enjoyed it!



Winter down at the Rochester Campus was good and frosty this year, but that didn't keep us from having fun!

We feasted on our homemade stews and soups with our family and friends, indulged in art activities and had plenty of musical guests stop by as we hosted gatherings during the holidays. We had several outings and enjoyed the Winterlude concerts and relished in delicious meals at local restaurants.



We were eager to partake in the warm spring weather by getting out and about in our community. We held our first barbecue following our backyard clean up in late May. We look forward to the longer days during the warmer months so we can participate in our favourite activities such as swimming and attending the festivals such as Bluesfest and even the Circus. Summer is always a welcomed time of year for our group at Rochester, we are already envisioning sharing time with those who stop by to visit and relax with us in the sunshine on our beautiful patio.



Going Green Travel on the O-Train.

We Believed it!
by Nicholas Wright, *Rotary Reporter*

As the Ottawa Senators biggest fan, when I saw a competition online at the Ottawa Citizen Facebook page for a chance to win a pair of tickets for Game 6 vs. the New York Rangers, I had to enter. The competition was to submit a video on the Ottawa Citizen's Facebook page and 8 pairs of tickets were to be given away to the loudest and proudest Sens fans. So two days before Game 6, I put my on my Senators Jersey and I painted my hair and face in Senators colours (red, white, gold and black). I gathered my Sens flag and set off in the halls of my house at the Ottawa Rotary Home to make the best fan video ever with my friend Tom and me running down the hallway screaming in praise for our favourite hockey team **The Ottawa Senators**. The morning of the game is when the winners were to be notified. I woke up early and waited to see if I had been chosen as a winner and would be able to go to the game later that evening. At 9:05 that morning there I was listed under the winners, Nicholas Wright— *I was ecstatic!* I was going to Game 6, a game in which the Senators could close off the series and move on to round 2 of the Stanley Cup playoffs, in the Ottawa Citizen Suite. So again, I put my Sens jersey on, grabbed the makeup and hair colouring and got ready for what was sure to be a fun night at Scotiabank Place. Driving to the game you could feel the excitement in the air. Cars were honking, people were waving flags out of their car windows, my friend Tom was singing and chanting through the bus radio system. I felt a chill go down my spine, I was certain the Senators were going to win. We arrived at Scotiabank Place just in time for the national anthems. The suite was in the two hundred level and gave me a perfect view of the ice. The crowd was explosive. Chants of 'Go Sens Go' filled the arena. White towels that were handed out created a sea of white all throughout the building. It did not take long for Ottawa to take the lead. Tough guy, Chris Neil, scored at the 7:05 mark of the first period. Unfortunately during the second period, Ottawa would get into penalty trouble and the Rangers scored 3 unanswered goals to take a 3-1 lead. Ottawa's Jason Spezza, would score a late goal in the third period to make it close but, the Rangers held on for the Victory. At the end of the game the building had gone quite. The bus ride home was not as exciting as the ride to the game but still a great night and I had lots of fun. With a Senators loss in Game 7 it looks as though I will have to wait till next year to get the chance to rev up the red and cheer on the best hockey team, the Ottawa Senators.



Many Thanks! To those who helped make our 30th Anniversary and Canada Day celebration possible.

The Ottawa Rotary Home gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the City of Ottawa.



The Ottawa Rotary Home gratefully acknowledges the generous donation of food from Loblaw's South Keys and Westboro locations in Ottawa.



The Ottawa Rotary Home gratefully acknowledges the generous contribution of fireworks from North Star Fireworks Entertainment of Creemore, Ontario.



The Ottawa Rotary Home gratefully acknowledges the generous donation of food from Allan and Joanne Foget of Sobeys located at 5150 Innes Road in Orleans and 840 March Road in Kanata.



7 Easy Ways to Make Respite a Beneficial Experience.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: Upon admission please provide us with emergency contact information for someone who is able to take your child into their care in the event that we need to discharge your child and/or young adult due to illness or emergency closure.

TRANSPORTATION: It is the responsibility of the parent and/or caregiver to arrange for any transportation arrangements required during visits.

MEDICATIONS: All medications require a pharmacy label. Staff cannot legally dispense medication from an unlabeled bottle or container with a hand written label. Vitamins, herbal compounds and over-the-counter medications must be in their original container with a manufacturer's label. Please ensure that the expiration date has not passed with medications not used regularly.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND SUPPLIES: Please ensure all equipment and supplies needed for the duration of the visit are provided. Labeling clothing items and belongings prior to the visit and sending only what will be required will make the admission process more efficient. The Rotary Home has a Lost and Found in the event any items are misplaced.

VISITORS: Guests are welcome at the Rotary Home during respite visits. Please inform staff of any visitors at admission by providing their full name and if this person has permission to take your child/young adult out of the home. All visitors will be asked to provide photo identification to staff before visit.

ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES: Sunday, Monday or Friday. Admission are between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm and discharges are between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm. Admits and discharges are not permitted mid-week. It is important to be on time as programs are based on these time periods.

CARE PLANS: Please review the care plan upon admission and update as needed.

JUST A REMINDER....to ask if there will be any outings during your stay and if pin money will be required.

