

# The BCCL BURST

SUMMER 2025 VOLUME 10



## IMPORTANT DATES



### Office Holiday Closures:

July 1st	Canada Day
August 4th	Civic Holiday
September 1st	Labour Day

### CPS Registration:

September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Caledon Connections
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Brampton Connections
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	CPS Venture

### Community Events:

September 17th	BCCL Golf Tournament Fundraiser
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## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

Sheri Thiffault	Chris Fryer
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Abigail Afolabi	Susana York

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we step into the summer months, I want to take a moment to reflect on some of the meaningful moments we've shared so far this season. From our recent Staff Appreciation BBQ to celebrating Community Living Month in May, it's been a time of connection, recognition, and gratitude. June has also brought opportunities to honour Pride and National Indigenous History Month. Reminders of the importance of inclusion, understanding, and advocacy in everything we do.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to embrace these values and for your ongoing commitment to the people and communities we support.

Here's to a safe, restful, and vibrant season ahead.

*Charles Rego*  
Executive Director

## BCCL'S SELF-ADVOCATES DAY AT THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY



Jermain Martin, Raquel Kucheran, Debbie Atkins, Cheyenne Barriault, Susana York, Charles Rego, Sean Travis

On May 27th, BCCL joined CLO, Community Organizations, people, and families at Queen's Park for *Day at the Legislature* in an effort to bring awareness to the barriers that people with intellectual disabilities face.



Thank you to the BCCL self-advocates, Raquel Kucheran and Debbie Atkins, for your attendance and for showing what self-advocacy looks like in action. Thank you to Sean Travis, a BCCL member of CLO's Council, for your self-advocate engagement and impact that day. Sean's engagement that the Legislature exemplified the power of lived experience in shaping more inclusive communities.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear friends,

After a very soggy and cold spring I think we are all happy to see summer finally arrive.

I was given the opportunity to join the BCCL staff for a day of learning about Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion last month. We had great discussions and learned so much about each other.

I would like to thank Alex Whittaker and Ron Sanderson who will be leaving our board this September. Both Alex and Ron have served on our board since 2017. Thank you for your commitment and time. You have been valuable members of the board. Wishing both of you the best of luck with your future endeavours.

On behalf of the Board of Directors I hope everyone has a great summer. Enjoy time with friends, family and getting outdoors.

*Carmen Baker*  
Chair of the Board

*Thank you & Best Wishes*

## BRAMPTON CITY HALL PROCLAMATION COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH

Since 2017 Brampton Caledon Community Living has partnered with Visual Arts Brampton (VAB). CPS's Fisherman, CPS Explore and Brampton Connections attend VAB weekly for engaging art studio sessions. During the month of June BCCL's artwork will be featured at Art Way Gallery in Shoppers World Brampton. If you are in the area stop by to take a look at the wonderful work created by the BCCL artists.



Laura C, In C, Tanvir H,  
Steven L, Duane I,  
Chris B, Kathy A, Tracey H,  
Marlon L, Jon S, Carl B,



## BCCL'S NO LIMITS CREW AT THE BRAMPTON ½ MARATHON



On Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup> in celebration of Community Living Month and in action of community inclusion BCCL participated in its first ever Brampton ½ Marathon in the 400m, 1k and 5k race categories.

Thank you to all the racers, pit crew and to the supporters that cheered the racers onto the finish line. This day showed the power of determination authentic inclusion and community support.

**400m-** Xariya S (Shanelle P)

**1K -** Tavish D, Ryan M, Marlon L, Monika H, George M, In C, Cheryl B

**5k-** Ann Maree D, Cheyenne B, Brody L, Lynda O'D, Susana Y

**Pit Crew-** Julie S, Sherry L, Steven L

**Cheer/ Support Squad-** Nathaniel D, Edmund, Navdeep, Ashley A, Bibi A, Charles R, Debra R, Joceyln H, Margarette G, Melissa R





## COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH 2025

#COOKIESNCOMMUNITY #ITOOKABREAK #SPIRITDAY #SHINEALIGHT

Community Living Month is a province-wide annual awareness campaign that recognizes the accomplishments of the Community Living movement. Throughout the month of May, Brampton Caledon Community Living, Community Living Ontario, and 124 local associations across Ontario come together to show why authentic inclusion matters for people with intellectual disabilities and their families.

Enjoy the highlights from the events celebrated this month!



### COOKIES 'N' COMMUNITY ON SPIRIT DAY



Brampton City Hall  
Councillor Rod Powers

Brampton  
Library

Brampton Arts  
Organization  
BAO

Brampton  
Fire  
Department

Peel Art Gallery  
Museum & Archives

Caledon Hills  
Brewing  
Company

Gages  
Country  
Bake  
Shop

Four  
Corners

SNAPSO

BCCL's Cookies 'N' Community event, held as part of the #AgenciesForInclusion week. It was a meaningful celebration of the value that inclusion brings to every community.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped deliver the cookies and to all who joined us for SPIRIT Day—taking a moment to pause from the everyday and connect over cake in your Community Living colours of blue and green.



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ART MEETING LABELS  
THE POWER OF INCLUSION

EXHIBIT OPENING MAY 17th, 2018  
GALLERY FORTH WALL  
WITH OUR THANKS TO  
AND FUNDING PROVIDED BY A RECEPTION

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

*On the same day, the Town of Caledon raised the BCCL Community Living Flag, and Councillor M. Russo officially proclaimed May as Community Living Month. The BCCL artists had the opportunity to speak with Town Council members, and Mayor Annette Groves delivered remarks on the importance of inclusive communities.*

**Art Beyond Labels**

The Town of Caledon is proud to partner with Brampton Caledon Community Living to host an exciting edition of Art in the Halls and to celebrate May as Community Living month.

The exhibit titled, Art Beyond Labels: The Power of Inclusion presents an inspiring collection of quilts, sculptures, and paintings created by the talented artists of Brampton Caledon Community Living. Through their artwork, these artists express their authentic selves, showcasing the power of creativity and the importance of inclusion. Brampton Caledon Community Living is committed to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to lead enriched, meaningful lives and to actively participate as members of their community.

**TOWN OF CALEDON** **COMMUNITY LIVING**  
INTEGRATION



## BRAMPTON CITY HALL PROCLAMATION



David M, Jermaine M, Sharon L, Selena P, Ron S, Sherry L, Erin D, Cheyenne B, Margarette G, Esther K, Perminder K, Keisha B, Charles R, Abigail A, Raquel K, Steven L, In C, Debra R, Debbie A, Deanna L, Abigail S, Kim C, Alex, Bob C, Alex K, Susana Y, Mayor Brown, Council Members



Brampton Caledon Community Living members, including BCCL's Self-Advocate Group, attended the Community Living Month proclamation at the City of Brampton in person, in Council Chambers.

In Cho, Steven Lake, Susana York, and Charles Rego represented BCCL by receiving the proclamation and addressing Mayor Brown and City Council. They highlighted the importance of Community Living Month, emphasizing advocacy and inclusion, and noted that citizens with intellectual disabilities still face discrimination and social injustice—even in 2025.

## CPS ART COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to the CPS #CLMonth2025 'The Castle' Art Competition winners, Brampton Connections:

***"Together, We Thrive"***

*Anthony, Joanna, Iyaneh, Areeba, Adil, In, Nick, Ricky, Ashima (art lead)*



This vibrant painting was created for Brampton Caledon Community Living to reflect the theme of inclusion — a celebration of people with disabilities being fully accepted, valued, and integrated into the heart of our community. Each figure in the artwork represents the rich diversity of abilities, backgrounds, and experiences that make our society whole. From rolling hills and rising suns to the joyful expressions of unity, the imagery speaks to possibility, empowerment, and belonging.

Rooted in the organization's mission and vision, this piece is a tribute to the meaningful lives people with disabilities lead when supported and included. It invites us to imagine a world that uplifts every voice and ability — one where inclusion isn't just a goal, but a way of life.

## JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

June marks Pride Month. This important observance offers us an opportunity to recognize, and learn from past and present histories, identities and lived experiences of 2SLGBTQI+ community. June is a time to dive deeper into your understanding of equity, human rights and the diverse contributions that shape our workplace and communities.

This month reminds us that inclusion is not a one-time effort, but an ongoing commitment to learning, un-learning and advocating for environments where everyone regardless of identity, background or lived experience can thrive! Pride month encourages us to consider the ways that systemic barriers still show up today, and how we can each contribute to building spaces that are more respectful and informed on actionable ways we can make a change.



BCCL CPS Virtual  
Pride Paint  
June 13th

## JUNE IS NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

June marks National Indigenous History Month in Canada, a time to explore and honour the rich cultures, traditions, and histories of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples. It's an opportunity to recognize the stories, achievements, and enduring strength of Indigenous Peoples, who have lived on this land since time immemorial and continue to share the Canada we know today. CPS Explore, CPS Caledon Connections and CPS Venture attended Maawnjiding Wiingushkeng's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual powwow. It offered a valuable opportunity to engage with local vendors, deepen our understanding through educational exhibits, and witness the vibrant traditions and experience through dance and drumming.



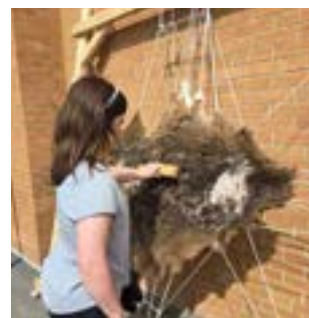
Peter with one of the lead dancers



Ribbon skirt



Christina learning how to smudge her body mind and soul and remove the fur from a deer hide



Terry, Heidi and John with local vendor Debbie





## BCCL'S STAFF APPRECIATION BBQ

Earlier this month, we had the pleasure of hosting the BCCL annual Staff Appreciation BBQ—a heartfelt celebration to recognize and thank our incredible team for their dedication, compassion, and hard work throughout the year.

It was a wonderful afternoon filled with great food, laughter, dancing and connection. From the smiles to the shared stories, the event reflected the strong sense of community that makes our organization so incredible. This BBQ was just a small way for us to say thank you. Your ongoing commitment and care make a meaningful difference every day, and we are truly grateful for everything you do.

We hope you enjoyed the event as much as we enjoyed celebrating you. Enjoy a few highlights from a memorable day!





### Our Goal:

To Promote community Inclusion through social, recreational and educational participation while providing respite opportunities to their families. School aged children between the ages of 9-17 with a diagnosis of autism are eligible to attend this initiative.

The Zone initiative for children and teens can help with developing their social skills by providing a supportive social environment. The participants can learn to interact with others while having an enriching experience.

## THE ZONE SUMMER CAMP



### Summer 2025 Events Schedule

Camp runs from July 7th-August 29th

#### Activities include:

Playdium

The ROM

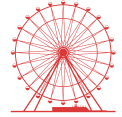
The Rec Room

CNE

Lazer Tag

Mini Golf

and much more!



For more information on how to register  
please contact:

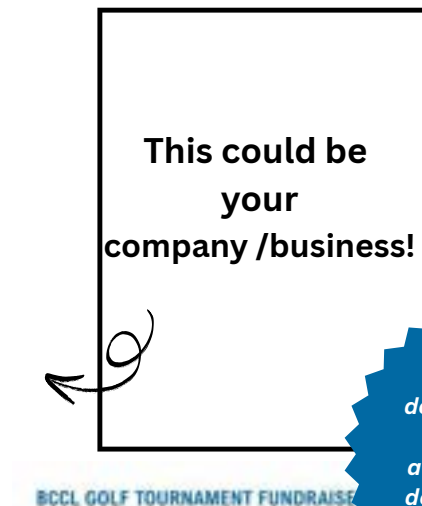
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## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONORS OF THE BCCL GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

Brampton Caledon Community Living would like to extend our deepest thanks to all of our generous sponsors and dedicated golfers who have registered, thus far, for this year's Golf Tournament Fundraiser on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Your commitment to our mission and vision means the world to us—and your support directly helps build a more inclusive and welcoming community for all.

There's still time to get involved. Sponsorship opportunities and golf registration are still open—and we'd love to have you be a part of this meaningful event. This is BCCL's only fundraising campaign of the year, and your participation can make a real, lasting difference.

Not a golfer? No problem! You can still make an impact by sharing this with your networks, friends, and family. Or consider donating towards a golf registration for someone supported at BCCL to attend!



A charitable  
donation receipt  
will be  
available for the  
donation portion  
of the sponsorship





**\$7,500**

**PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP**



**EVENT TICKETS**

- 1 Foursome
- 4X BBQ Lunch
- 4X Plated Dinner

**GAME DAY PROMOTION**

- Your banner displayed at registration and dinner
- Logo on score cards and badges
- Sponsorship of 2 holes with course representation/product placement
- Speaking opportunity at the awards dinner
- Unlimited branded items in welcome bags
- Full-page advertisement in the program booklet

**ONLINE PROMOTION**

- Social media recognition pre and post tournament
- Logo on registration website

**\$6,000**

**GOLF CART SPONSORSHIP**



**EVENT TICKETS**

- 1 Foursome
- 4X BBQ Lunch
- 4X Plated Dinner

**GAME DAY PROMOTION**

Sponsor all golf carts and have your logo displayed all day long

- 1 branded welcome bag item
- Program Booklet 3/4 page advertisement

**ONLINE PROMOTION**

- Social media recognition pre and post tournament
- Logo on registration website

**\$5,000**

**GOLD SPONSORSHIP**



**EVENT TICKETS**

- 1 Foursome
- 4X BBQ Lunch
- 4X Plated Dinner

**GAME DAY PROMOTION**

- 1 branded welcome bag item
- 1 hole sponsorship with option of course representation and/or product placement

- Program Booklet 1/2 page advertisement

**ONLINE PROMOTION**

- Social media recognition pre and post tournament
- Logo on registration website

**SOLD**

**\$3,500**

**SILVER SPONSORSHIP**



**EVENT TICKETS**

- 2 X Individual Golfer
- 2 X BBQ Lunch
- 2 X Plated Dinner

**GAME DAY PROMOTION**

- 1 branded welcome bag item
- 1 hole sponsorship sign
- Program Booklet 1/2 page advertisement

**2 AVAILABLE**

**ONLINE PROMOTION**

- Social media recognition pre and post tournament
- Logo on registration website

**\$3,000**

**WELCOME BAG SPONSORSHIP**



**EVENT TICKETS**

- 2 X Individual Golfer
- 2 X BBQ Lunch
- 2 X Plated Dinner

**GAME DAY PROMOTION**

- Logo on Welcome bag with option to add 2 branded items to welcome bag

**ONLINE PROMOTION**

- Social media recognition pre and post tournament
- Logo on registration website

**\$3,000**

**PUTTING CONTEST SPONSORSHIP**



**EVENT TICKETS**

- 2 X Individual Golfer
- 2 X BBQ Lunch
- 2 X Plated Dinner

**GAME DAY PROMOTION**

- Bring your banner to display at putting contest
- Signage at BBQ
- Option to provide branded item for welcome bag

**ONLINE PROMOTION**

- Social media recognition pre and post tournament
- Logo on registration website

**\$2,500**

**REFRESHMENT CART SPONSORSHIP**

**EVENT TICKETS**

- 2 X Individual Golfer
- 2 X BBQ Lunch
- 2 X Plated Dinner

**GAME DAY PROMOTION**

- Signage at refreshment cart
- Your logo on folding can cooler in welcome bag
- option to provide one additional branded item

**ONLINE PROMOTION**

- Social media recognition pre and post tournament
- Logo on registration website

**SOLD**

**\$500**

**HOLE SPONSORSHIP**



**GAME DAY PROMOTION**

- Your Promotional Sign at 1 hole

**ONLINE PROMOTION**

- Social media recognition pre and post tournament

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CONSIDER DONATING TO BCCL'S 2025 FUNDRAISER

# BRAMPTON CALEDON COMMUNITY LIVING

# GOLF TOURNAMENT

## Fundraiser



Brampton Caledon  
**COMMUNITY LIVING**  
**INTÉGRATION**  
**COMMUNAUTAIRE**  
Brampton-Caledon



15731 Peel Regional Rd 50, Caledon ON

Skills Contests  
Silent Auction  
One Shot Shootout  
50/50



**SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2025**

### REGISTRATION

(Includes golf, cart, BBQ lunch & plated dinner)

- Individual \$240
- Foursome \$900

### REGISTER

Sponsorship



Sponsorship

Golf Registration



Scan me!

### AGENDA

11:30AM  
12PM  
1:30PM  
6:00PM

GOLF REGISTRATION START  
BBQ LUNCH / PUTTING CONTEST  
SHOT GUN START  
DINNER & AWARDS



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