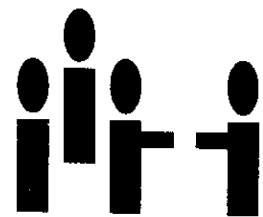


ESPRIT



Mayor's Walk for Volunteerism



The first Mayor's Walk for Volunteerism is history. Thanks to cameras whirling and clicking we will remember this day as what it was supposed to be - a celebration of volunteerism! Boy, those walkers sure had spirit didn't they? From the toddlers helping the band to the elders whooping it up at

the awards ceremony. We live and work in a community that shows its heart on its sleeve and for that we should all be grateful. Visit our website soon for great pictures of the day.

Over \$30,000 was raised with just 46 groups supported and about 400 participants (walkers and event day volunteers). Just imagine what we can do next year when all those organizations that called us with interest in the last week of preparations come on board! It was encouraging to hear so many people say "see you next year", and the planning committee already has many great suggestions for improvement.

The highest sponsored agency receives a free membership with Volunteer Ottawa for 2004. The winning agency for this first walk was St. Patrick's Home Inc. Congratulations!

OCAPDD had seven walkers and raised a total of \$800 of which \$400 comes back to OCAPDD. Ann Marie Engelberts-Cousineau was the top fundraiser for OCAPDD bringing in \$400. A big thanks to all of you

who participated or sponsored one of the walkers. Next year our goal is to have 15 walkers and raise \$2,500. *The date for the next Mayor's Walk is Saturday, September 11, 2004.* (French version on p.11)

KUDO'S

A big thank you goes out to Karen Leonard and her group of 15 from Nortel who painted and cleaned their way through Silver Spring Farm on October 1st. Everything is much brighter now. Individuals from this group will also be providing Christmas baskets to each individual living at one of our group homes.

Jackie Foisey and her group from the TD Bank rolled up their sleeves and spent October 9th painting two of our community apartments. Jackie and her group also brought with them a \$700 donation. Thank you Jackie and friends.



Chris Allen, OCAPDD & Jackie Foisey, TD

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2003 Eastern Ontario Garlic Awards



The Silver Spring Farm Project entered this year's Garlic Award competition in September. It was a close competition and the entries were all of excellent quality as demonstrated by the fact that OHA Judge Ina Poole took considerable time to examine fine differences between the entries in order to make her final judgement.

Congratulations to all! The display of entries proved of considerable interest to festival visitors and helped to make the 1st Seaway Valley Garlic Festival a success.

Results of the competition follow:

CHAMPION GARLIC GROWER 2003
George Ward, Westport

RESERVE CHAMPION GARLIC GROWER 2003
Silver Spring Farm, Ottawa

Winners in the individual Classes were:

Class 1, Best Specimen Garlic Bulb
1st -Kenny & Linda Willis, Iroquois
2nd -Silver Spring Farm, Ottawa
3rd - George Ward, Westport

Class 1A, Best Display of 12 Garlic Bulbs
1st -Silver Spring Farm, Ottawa
2nd - George Ward, Westport
3rd -Kenny & Linda Willis, Iroquois

Class 2, Best Display of Garlic Varieties
1st -Beaver Pond Estates, Maberly
2nd - George Ward, Westport
3rd - Margaret Plume, Lyndhurst

Class 3, Best Garlic Braid
1st - George Ward, Westport
2nd -Beaver Pond Estates, Maberly
3rd Kenny & Linda Willis, Iroquois

Judging was by Ina Poole, OHA Judge of Chesterville, Ontario.

The Champion was awarded the Woodman Trophy, and received a cash prize of \$150 presented by Mike's Valu-Mart of Morrisburg.

The Reserve Champion was awarded the Woodman 2 Trophy and a cash prize of \$100 presented by Rooney Feeds Ltd of Iroquois.

The top three winners in each class received certificates, ribbons and a cash prize in recognition.

The Eastern Ontario Garlic Awards were inaugurated at the 1st Glorious Garlic Festival held in Perth, Ontario on August 16, 1997 and have been conducted at other Garlic Festivals in subsequent years.

The purpose of the Competition is to encourage excellence in the local growing and production of garlic and to reward such excellence by the presentation of awards.

OCAPDD would like to congratulate Jack Fraser and Ed Haines, along with all of the volunteers connected to this project on this achievement.

Oakdean Residence

Staff wanted to take this opportunity to provide a quick update on the comings and goings at Oakdean over the past year.

The 2003 social calendar for Shawn, Anthony, Marc, Tam, Christopher and John has been jam-packed. Events included outings to Omega Park, Ray's Reptiles, and Lac Lemay to watch the fireworks competition. Shawn and Anthony attended the Juno's and the Shania Twain concert with family members. Shawn had a blast greeting players at the OCAPDD Golf Tournament in June.

Activities closer to home included pizza parties, BBQ's and our 2nd annual yard sale that was a great success.

Oakdean is fortunate to have dedicated family members and volunteers (Derek and Connie) that provide ongoing support.

We hope to see friends, families, volunteers and board members at our Christmas party on Saturday, December 6 from 1 to 4pm. Watch for your invitation in the mail.



Looking for a special Christmas Gift?



OCAPDD has the perfect gift for that special someone who has everything, the Silver Spring Farm Cookbook. This very special cookbook is dedicated to all persons with developmental disabilities, their families and their caregivers.

Many, many individuals, organizations and corporations have contributed to the success of this project. Such an endeavour could not have come to fruition without tremendous help, particularly in such areas as recipe collection, preparation and testing of each and every recipe.

You can purchase the book at OCAPDD head office or we can mail to any location required. For as little as \$14.98 including all taxes, you can purchase the ultimate gift of caring for special people.

Special thanks to the Cookbook Committee for their dedication and commitment to this very special project.

The Cookbook committee members are Natalia de Savigny, Merle Fraser, Jack Fraser, Anne Mundy-Markell and Mary Frances Taylor.

Thank you!

Volunteers

On August 8, 2003, sixty-five youth from the Church of the Latter Day Saints held a carnival day at each of these programs: CTC, Rosenthal, Loeb and Quinlan. These youth and their leaders planned games, entertainment, prizes and provided manpower and food for a barbeque at each location.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE VOLUNTEER

December 5th is International Day of the Volunteer and we would like to remind everyone to mark the date again this year by recognizing the many volunteers who work with your program. In the City of Ottawa, the Mayor will proclaim December 5th as Volunteer Day in Ottawa.

Harley Davidson Province-Wide Raffle

OCAPDD, Community Living Oakville and Lambton County Developmental Services would like to thank all the people that helped in the sale of tickets for our province-wide raffle. The net proceeds from the raffle are still being tabulated, due to the requirement of the Gaming Commission having to review all expenditures.

Here are the winners from the draw that was held on October 3rd in Lambton County.

1st prize * Fat boy: Mr. Blaine Clowater
Winning # 13380 from New Brunswick

2nd prize * Sportster: Mr John Webster
Winning # 03755 from Hamilton

3rd prize * Seadoo: Ms. Karen Henderson
Winning # 38724 from Sarnia

4th prize * \$5000: Ms. Tina Soltani
Winning # 37752 from Sarnia

5th prize * Home Theatre Ms. Karen March
Winning # 16180 from Woodlawn

ATTENTION HARLEY DREAMERS!

The Fat Boy will be put-up for sale and auctioned off as the first prize winner elected to take the cash prize rather than the motorcycle.



Please stay tuned for further details!

Old Movies/Books/Extra Tickets?

Old videos/books hanging around the house and you don't know what to do with them? Donate them to us. We have many individuals and programs that would love to have some new videos and books to browse through. Books can also be used for a fundraiser in the fall. Tickets you can't use "as something came up" and you don't know what to do with them. Give us a call. For further information please contact, Debbie Blasutti at 569-8993 extension 243.



Golf, Golf and Yes Golf!

OCAPDD's 4th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on June 21st at the Hautes Plaines Golf Club. Come and enjoy a fabulous day, great prizes and excellent food.



Register by December 15th, 2003 and save \$50.00 per foursome or \$10.00 per person. Registration form is attached.

For the 4th year in a row Stuntman Stu from "106.9 The Bear" will be our Celebrity MC.

Our 2004 fundraising goal is to have 36 foursomes participate. We can achieve our goal if we all participate, talk it up and bring friends, family or customers.

The success of our golf tournament is due to all of the participants and sponsors. If you would like to be a sponsor at our golf tournament, donate a prize for the silent auction or door prize, please contact the 2004 Golf committee at 569-8993 extension 245.



SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMS...

Sponsorship packages have been designed to provide maximum sponsor recognition and exposure among golfers as well as the general public. Your company name added to our sponsorship team will benefit your organization as well as the clients of OCAPDD.

GOLD SPONSORSHIP - \$1000

All Gold Sponsors will receive one foursome into the tournament, recognition in our programs and a prominently displayed sign.

SILVER SPONSORSHIP - \$575

Each Silver Sponsor will receive a twosome into the tournament, sponsor recognition in our program and during dinner as well as a sign displayed at our registration desk.

BRONZE SPONSORSHIP - \$300

(Hole or Green Sponsor). Each Bronze Sponsor will receive a sign placed on a hole with the company name, recognition in our program and during dinner.

GIFT SPONSOR

Each golfer will receive a goody bag to thank them for their participation in this worthwhile event. Prizes donated by your company will be given to a participant with your business card attached.

SILENT AUCTION GIFTS

We will be hosting a silent auction during dinner. Each company donating a prize for this event will receive

recognition in our program and will be listed on a sign during the banquet.



**OCAPDD wishes to give special
thanks to last year's Golf
Tournament MC and Sponsors**

MC

The BEAR's '*Stuntman Stu*'



Hole in One Sponsor

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***\$500 Custom Driver - Door Prize
Sponsor***

Golfwright

Mountain Bike - Card Game

GRI Labour Relations Management Inc.



Gift Donations

Various Individuals & Enterprises

Thanks again for your support!

***We hope to see you at next year's
golf tournament.***

**The Value of One.
The Power of Many.
NATIONAL
VOLUNTEER WEEK
April 27 – May 3, 2003**



National Volunteer Week proved to be a very busy week for OCAPDD. Hats off to Wendy Mitchell and her gang from **MBNA** Canada who provided the clients and staff of the Loeb Centre with two lunchtime barbeques. **MBNA** provided the food and refreshments along with the many hands to make it happen.

Kudo's to **Sun Microsystems** Stephanie Fisher and her group, who built Settler's Ridge a shed and weeded and gardened their way through Rosenthal throughout the week.

On Wednesday, April 30, 2003 over eighty people enjoyed our Volunteer Appreciation evening at the Loeb Centre. Many thanks to Joe Silverman, Dawn Grant and the staff of the Loeb Centre for helping to make the evening such a wonderful success.

The week ended with Global Youth Day on May 3, 2003. Thirty-five youth from five different high schools and youth groups participated in helping six of our programs clean, complete yard work and hold a garage sale.



Maria Sings the Blues!

On Friday, November 7th, the Maria Hawkins Band performed at the Rainbow

Bistro to help raise over \$3,000 to benefit the new Arts Program-WAMM (see article on page 9). The audience was treated to four hours of fantastic music and entertainment from Maria and her band with special guests from New York making an appearance. Special thanks go out to Paul Ethier and Associates and Excel Contracting for donating Sens tickets to be raffled, and to Theo's Greek Taverna for the dinner for two. Look towards the end of January for another great concert by Maria.

Thinking Ahead

As your community groups wind down for the year thoughts may turn towards tentative plans for Nov.-Dec. Please think about the following:

1. Gift baskets are always welcome. Our group homes would love to receive a gift basket at any time of the year. Items to include could be socks, soap, toothbrushes, shampoo, special cookies or coffee. Be creative!
2. Baking- Cookies or cakes are a special treat at any time of the year. Youth groups could hold a bake fest, with the baking being distributed to our clients.
3. Youth groups could plan a barbeque or cook a special dinner for one of our programs.
4. Adopt a home for Christmas. Plan and provide Christmas dinner and a small gift for each individual or provide some Christmas baking.

For more information, please contact Debbie Blasutti at 569-8993 extension 243.

Come and have those Christmas gifts wrapped for OCAPDD!

Once again this year, OCAPDD is wrapping gifts at the community booth at the Carlingwood Mall. More than 300 volunteers are helping to wrap gifts to raise funds for the Association.



We will kick off our 2003 gift wrap campaign on Monday, November 24 and will be wrapping until 5pm on Christmas Eve. Our hours of operation are from 9:30am to 9pm Monday through Friday, Saturday 8am to 9pm and Sunday 10am to 6pm. We will also open during the Midnight Madness on Friday, November 28, Saturday, November 29, Saturday, December 6, 13 & the 20th from 8am until 11pm.

We raised over \$10,000 last year and this year we are aiming for \$12,000. So come out and give us a hand, tell a friend and bring your gifts!

Familyhome Program

The Familyhome Program has been an active part of the Ottawa-Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities since 1986.

The Familyhome Program's design is to connect adults with a developmental disability ("Sharers") to families and individuals ("Providers") in the community, in a residential setting. The "Sharer" moves into the "Providers" home for an indefinite period. Through caring and shared experiences, the Familyhome Sharer becomes, a contributor to the household and an increased participant to the surrounding community. We currently have 21 Familyhome Providers and 35 Familyhome Sharers.

We have recently developed a new Familyhome Model in which a Familyhome Provider will move into the Sharer's home. Many parents have requested the possibility of leaving their present home to their child, but understand that their child will need support to reside in that home. This new model accommodates these parents.

The Familyhome Programs' philosophy is that each Familyhome Sharer will be given the opportunity to share as fully as possible in the responsibilities and pleasures of family life through the actions and support of the Provider.

As always, we are dedicated to the long-term commitment of all participants within our Familyhome Program.

We regularly receive enquiries to become full-time Familyhome Providers, and respite Providers. If you wish for more information, please contact Tom Gillespie at 569-8993 extension 231. If you would prefer, by email at tgillespie@ocapdd.on.ca.

Calling All Quilters!

Looking for a project to work on over the winter months? Then have we got a project for you! We have a wonderful Volunteer quilt pattern (4x6) we would like to have made for OCAPDD. Supplies would be provided. If interested please contact, Debbie Blasutti at 569-8993 extension 243.

Day of Caring

On Thursday, October 9, 2003, the United Way/Centraide Ottawa-Carleton and Volunteer Ottawa held their fourth **Day of Caring**. The purpose of the day was threefold.

1. To show volunteerism in Ottawa and its true positive impact.
2. To pull people and resources together and help with the fundraising campaign in progress.
3. To show donors first hand the impact of their donations.

OCAPDD was the recipient of 12 matches and 98 volunteers who provided us with 588 hours of time. **Wow!** Hats off to Nortel Networks, Rideau Carleton Racetrack, Borden Ladner Gervais, Export Development Canada, RBC Royal Bank, Solicitors General Office, CTV - CJOH Division and Alcatel. A big thank you also needs to go out to all staff that participated in the day for all their hard work in making the day a success.

Volunteer Awards

We are pleased to announce that the following OCAPDD volunteers received an Ontario Volunteer Service Award this year.

Ms. Julie Farmer - Five years
Ms. Frances Bloom - Ten Years
Ms. Ann Marie Bloom - Ten Years
Mr. Kevin Lamont- Ten Years
Ms. Laura Mulligan-Ten Years
Ms. Eleanor Jackson- Five Years

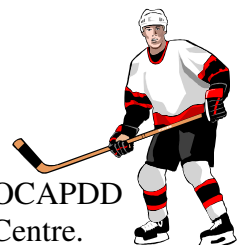


A ceremony for these recipients and others receiving the award was held on September 23, 2003 at the Congress Center.

Congratulations to all!

GO SENS GO!!!!!!

On October 23rd, 104 clients from OCAPDD attended a Sens game at the Corel Centre. Thanks to all who donated these tickets to the "I'm Going Too" United Way Program. Our clients had a really great time.



WAMM (WATERCOLOUR, ARTS, MUSIC AND MIXED MEDIUM)



WAMM is a new program currently being developed for the individuals OCAPDD serves in conjunction with various groups in the community. OCAPDD serves almost 800 individuals living with a developmental disability and over 100 are individuals who communicate in ways other than by conventional means. These individuals are non-verbal. Art programs allow individuals with a way to express themselves. Self-esteem, self-confidence, and self-determination flourish when one has an opportunity to express oneself, make choices and see the results of one's work. This requires an environment that promotes, listens, and responds to the development of these values. The medium, and the message, is art.

Like everyone else, people with developmental disabilities have a wide range of interests, skills and enjoy participating in various activities in the community. Interest however is often not enough. Many of the individuals we serve live on Ontario Disability Pension and cannot afford various programs offered throughout the city. It is the goal of WAMM to provide a variety of programs that will enable individuals to expand their capabilities and be linked to a greater part of their community at little or no cost.

WHAT IS NEEDED

VOLUNTEERS are needed to run and/or assist art programs of all kinds.

VOLUNTEER MUSICIANS are needed to expand small group programs run in the evening or on the weekend at various locations throughout the city.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help organize and run a coffee house program once a month. Volunteer musicians and singers/groups needed to perform at coffee house once every three months or so.

VOLUNTEERS to develop new fund raising initiatives for WAMM

SPONSORSHIP - Just \$96 will purchase 1 eight-week art class for an individual. \$500 will provide start up money for the coffee house program. \$500 will provide musical instruments for three programs. \$1000 will provide a ten-week music program to over 20 individuals in a day program.

If you are interested in helping out in whatever capacity, be it volunteering or sponsorship, contact Debbie Blasutti at 569-8993 extension 243.

The following article was included in support of Tapestry House

People who provide care need care for themselves.

Tapestry House, dedicated to the care of caregiver, is a registered charity, which has been in operation since September 1996. Its purpose is to promote the best practice of self-care, according to each person's needs, in order that all may better serve as caregivers in their respective communities.

We, at Tapestry House, fulfill our mandate by providing education, support and respite for all caregivers.

Education: Tapestry House offers core programs, which are designed and developed by our program co-ordinator to meet the needs of caregivers. They are delivered by our trained facilitators. Our workshops cover a wide range of topics that are designed for both professional and at-home caregivers.

Support: Support groups offer a confidential setting for caregivers to share their concerns with others who understand similar challenges. The discussions are guided by trained facilitators to support and offer valuable information.

Respite: Respite beds are available in our beautiful, century-old home located in Sandy Hill. We offer a quiet retreat setting, with full kitchen facilities and access to a beautiful park. Respite at Tapestry House gives caregivers an opportunity to care for themselves.

For further information, call 562-9628.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As you are no doubt aware, a new Provincial Government was elected on October 2nd. The Honourable Sandra Pupatello from Windsor, was named Minister of Community & Social Services in the new Cabinet announcement on October 23rd. Additionally in the same announcement, the Honourable Dr. Marie Bountrogianni was named as Minister of the newly created Ministry of Children's Services. While the creation of this new Ministry will likely not have much of an impact on OCAPDD, it will remain to be seen what develops. Recently the Executive Directors of Ottawa (EDO) for the developmental services sector have created a working group assigned the task of lobbying / advocacy. One of the first actions for this group will be to attempt to meet with all local MPP's, in an effort to educate them as to the challenges facing this sector.

One of the several topics that will be discussed is the fact that the previous Government announced a 5% increase in ODSP payment levels last spring but made no actual adjustments after that announcement. This issue has also been raised by OASIS with the new Government. Additionally, there are several community-based groups that have taken this issue on as a focus for their lobbying efforts, both locally and at a provincial level. Certainly we would encourage all members / parents to raise this issue should they have an opportunity to communicate with provincial MPP's.

Another area of lobbying will be to attempt to ensure that the new Government remains committed to the previously announced Multi Year funding increase. As previously announced, this was a 5-year \$197 million increase in funding levels combined with a Capital Budget of approximately \$60 million. This plan is in its third year, with the final two years of funding increases now questionable due to the fiscal challenges facing the new Government. Again, we would encourage you to express a desire to maintain this commitment to local MPP's in the new Government. For your information, as a result of this funding initiative the following are the services that have been created in the Eastern Region over the first two years:

- ✓ 51 new places to live (group home, family home or alternative residential);

- ✓ 194 new families with Special Services at Home funding;
- ✓ 63 new individuals with out-of-home respite;
- ✓ 32 new individuals with the opportunity to participate in day programs;
- ✓ 91 new individuals with the opportunity to participate in the Foundations program.

Recently, as a result of a request from the EDO, the Eastern Regional Office of the Ministry of Community, Family & Children's Services announced some final decisions that came out of the work from the Restructuring Process several years ago. While the final communiqué has not been received yet, the most relevant decision to OCAPDD was the announcement that our francophone respite program (Repit) will no longer be put out for tender. In other words, OCAPDD will retain this program. I will include the summary of these decisions in the next edition of *Esprit* for your review.

Over the past several months, OCAPDD, along with many other Ottawa developmental service organizations, has been working to develop services for the individuals previously supported by Ottawa Valley Autistic Homes (OVAH). As reported in the media several months ago, OVAH's Board of Directors made a decision to close that organization as a result of many factors. To date, OCAPDD has been developing services to support up to three individuals on a residential basis. Additionally, a proposal has been developed regarding an expansion of day program services in order to support several of these individuals. Decisions are expected soon regarding these proposals.

Finally, I would like to make a special acknowledgement to Joe Silverman, the staff at the Loeb Centre along with all of the individuals who attend that program. During this year's United Way Campaign, the Loeb Centre had at last count raised more than \$1,700. Congratulations, and thank you for your efforts!

I would like to wish you and your loved ones a safe and joyous holiday season, and look forward to further communication with you in the New Year.

Happy Holidays!
Joyeuses Fêtes!





Celebration of People marks United Nations International Day of Disabled Persons

The Celebration of People event in the National Capital Region marks the 11th Anniversary of the United Nations International Day of Disabled Persons.

Over five days, November 29 to December 3, the Celebration of People brings together all the sectors that help persons with disabilities to enjoy a fulfilling and productive lifestyle. These sectors range from education, employment, consumerism, and advocacy to culture, companionship, and entertainment.

Events include a film festival, National Art Gallery tactile tour, Awards Dinner, displays in malls, community leaders shadowing participants with disabilities for a day in their life, and activities in schools.

The Celebration of People Awards Dinner on December 3 will honour tireless Barrier Busters. These are individuals and organizations whose innovations and vision of an inclusive future enable more and more persons with disabilities to live, work, and play on an equitable footing in our community. Honoured individuals may have designed accessible environments, volunteered their time, employed persons with disabilities, shown leadership in sports, or excelled professionally.

Awards dinner tickets are \$50 and can be ordered through Citizen Advocacy, (613) 761-9522, info@citizenadvocacy.org.

Visit the Celebration of People web site for more information: www.celebrationofpeople.com.

New Look!

We are currently updating our Web Site. Have a look at www.ocapdd.on.ca in the New Year.



Planning a meeting or small gathering?

Here at OCAPDD, we have 2 great meeting rooms now available for rental!



Wellington room:

Seats up to 24 people in a boardroom set-up

Or

Seats up to 30 people in a Hollow square set-up

Or

Seats up to 24 people in a classroom set-up.

OCAPDD room:

Seats up to 6 people in a boardroom style.



Easy access, free parking, open from 8am-5pm, you can provide your own caterer!

Rates & Equipment:

Rental equipment is available: Screen, Overhead projector, TV and VCR, Flipchart with markers and LCD projector.

To enquire about rates or for more information contact Jocelyne Parent Lewis at 569-8993 extension 245.

REPORT FROM THE BOARD

On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend Season's Greetings to you.

The demographics of the City of Ottawa are changing, with a growing proportion of seniors in the population. There is also an increasing number of people from other countries settling in Ottawa. These statistics have implications for organizations like OCAPDD in terms of the services we offer and the governance of the organization.

With regard to the latter area, the Board of Directors has analyzed the skills and expertise of its members and identified gaps in the area of health, an important sector for our aging clients. We have identified a potential member who is (continued on p.11)

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currently employed at the Royal Ottawa Hospital. We are looking at ways to increase the interaction with members of the Association. This Fall we are soliciting advice from members on their interests in general and on the format and timing of the Annual General Meeting, in particular.

With the negative events of SARS, West Nile virus and the electrical blackout, the Board has asked OCAPDD staff to develop a crisis or disaster response plan for the residences and services. We are confident that the safety of our clients was not compromised during any of the above-mentioned events. We do believe that a plan will serve to position the organization to respond to future issues should they arise.

The advocacy work of the Board was concentrated on the provincial election. The Board's Education Committee surveyed the various political parties about their positions on the implementation of the Rozanski report and support for education for students over 21 years old and with developmental disabilities. The Liberal Party committed to implementing the recommendations in the Rozanski report over the next three years. With regard to the second issue, Dalton McGuinty, several years ago, introduced a private member's bill to provide for appropriate schooling for the developmentally disabled population past the age of twenty-one. His position on the issue remains unchanged, according to conversations with OCAPDD Board members.

Accountability, or lack of it - seems to have been at the root of the government's decision to close the Ottawa Valley Autistic Homes organization. The Board continues to monitor the situation. It also has encouraged staff to maintain the current level of integrity in the operations of OCAPDD.

The Board salutes the commitment of the many volunteers who make Silver Spring our recognized landmark in Ottawa. Several Board members have assisted in fund-raising activities through the sale of Silver Spring Farm products at the markets in Almonte, Iroquois, Kanata, and Ottawa.

Janet Davies, President

Marche du maire



La première Marche du maire n'est maintenant plus qu'un souvenir. Grâce aux nombreuses photos prises de tous côtés, cette journée restera dans nos mémoires comme une célébration du bénévolat, ce qu'elle devait être avant tout. Les

participants étaient certainement pleins d'entrain, depuis les tout-petits qui ont montré leurs talents musicaux jusqu'aux aînés qui ont manifesté leur enthousiasme tout au long de la cérémonie de remise des prix. Nous devons être reconnaissants de vivre et de travailler dans une communauté qui a le cœur sur la main. Visitez bientôt notre site Web pour voir de belles photographies de la journée.

Nous avons amassé plus de 30,000\$ grâce à seulement 46 groupes commandités et à environ 400 marcheurs et bénévoles. Imaginez ce que nous pourrions accomplir l'année prochaine lorsque tous les organismes qui ont communiqué avec nous au cours de la dernière semaine de préparation seront de la partie! Il était encourageant d'entendre un si grand nombre de personnes nous dire «À l'année prochaine!».

L'organisme qui a obtenu le plus de commandites recevra une adhésion gratuite à Bénévoles Ottawa pour l'année 2004. L'organisme gagnant de cette première Marche est la St. Patrick's Home of Ottawa Inc. Félicitations!

Sept participants/participant.es représentant l'AOCPI ont récolté 800\$. La moitié de cette somme sera remise à notre organisme. Anne Marie Engelberts Cousineau s'est classée au premier rang en obtenant 400\$ de commandites. Un gros merci à tous/toutes les marcheurs/marcheuses et commanditaires qui ont de cet événement un succès. Notre objectif pour l'an prochain est d'attirer 15 marcheurs/marcheuses et d'amasser 2,500\$. **La**

*date pour la prochaine Marche du maire est le 11
septembre, 2004.*