



# Annual Report 2015 - 2016



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### **Our Vision**

We envision an inclusive community where people with a developmental disability can achieve their full potential.

### **Our Mission**

We provide a variety of supports and services within an environment of care and compassion to help people with a developmental disability and their families live in the community based on their choices.

We manage all the resources entrusted to us in a responsible and careful manner in order to ensure the financial viability of the organization.

## Message from the President & Executive Director

It is an exciting time for Community Living Elgin with many changes! While change can be difficult at first, it is necessary to move towards the future and to adapt to the changing realities of today's world.

In December 2015 there was a change in leadership, with Michelle Palmer assuming the role of the Interim Executive Director for 2016. The main goal of her appointment was and is to lead Community Living Elgin through this time of transition while keeping people supported and their families as the top priority of the agency.

*Your life does not get better by chance,  
it gets better by change.*

*- Jim Rohn*



We cannot stay static in today's environment; we need to look at opportunities to grow and to change, to get stronger and maintain viability.

Together, WE can and WE will get there – together, WE can make the change happen!

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Michelle Palmer, Interim Executive  
Director

Handwritten signature of Robert Ashcroft in black ink.

Robert Ashcroft, President of the Board

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## Success Story – Roz’s Speech

This year, Roz was selected to be the keynote speaker at the Sports Spectacular event. She was selected to be the Athlete of the Year and was very excited to have the honour of giving the keynote speech. She thanked all of her coaches for their support; her thank-you went out to several people as Roz is participating in bowling, bocce ball, curling and soft ball.

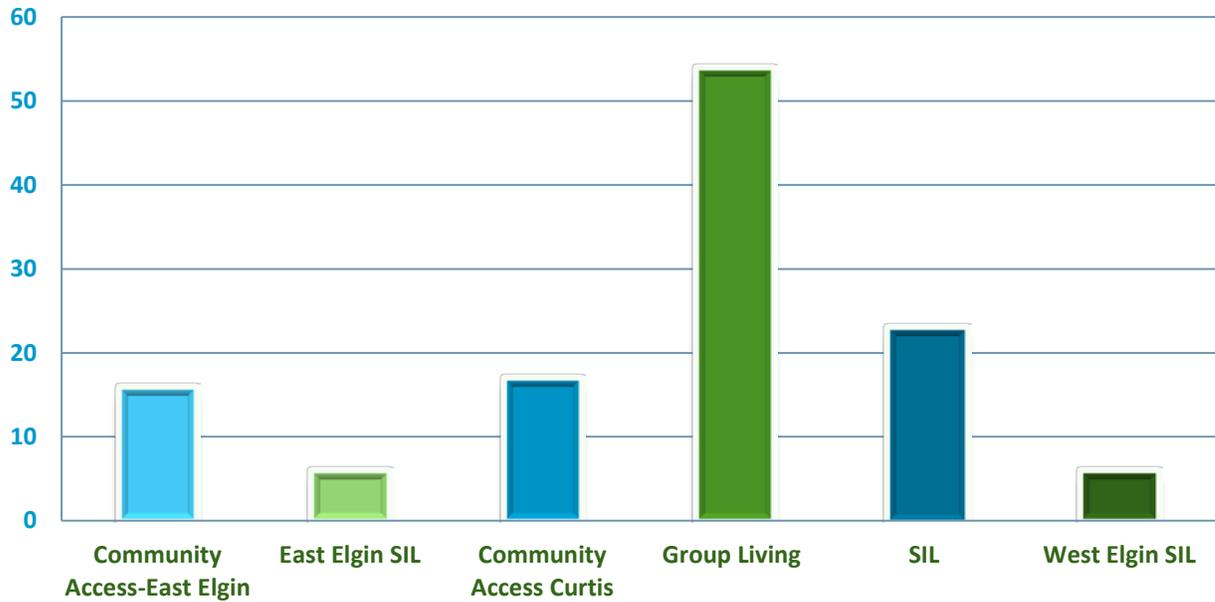
She was very proud to share some new and exciting parts of her life as she has moved into her own apartment and is enjoying the independence she has achieved with the support of her wonderful staff.



Her speech was the highlight of the evening as her audience was captivated by her enthusiasm and sense of humor and this was evidenced by the big applause at the end of her speech. What an honour! Congratulations Roz!

Operations 2015 – 2016

### Number of Adults Supported (by Service Provided)



Number of Adults Supported	
Community Access-East Elgin	16
East Elgin SIL	6
Community Access Curtis	17
Group Living	54
Supported Independent Living (SIL )	23
West Elgin SIL	6
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>122</b>



## Our Choice Matters

In the last year Our Choice Matters (OCM) has fundraised by holding dances, charity barbeques, running a very successful garage sale, selling 50/50 tickets and raffling items at the Fall Family Dinner and at the Christmas Gala. We also held a spaghetti lunch in February. Our friends at the Aylmer Action Centre have assisted us in our fundraising by providing hot chocolate at the Aylmer Santa Clause parade for donations.

Our community involvement has included volunteering at the Shamrock Shuffle (also a fundraiser), we had an entry in the 2015 Christmas parade and we gave out hot chocolate during the parade. We have also placed our pamphlets in community information section at the Bingo hall, Jackpot City, with the hope to increase our visibility in the community.



We have opened a bank account for the group; so, that we can have more ability to manage our fundraised dollars. We are also working on developing some grant writing skills with a view to secure funding on an annual basis.

We continue to hold monthly meetings and participate on the planning committee for the Speaking Out Retreat Days and Conference. People who attend these events have had meaningful experiences and have created supportive relationships with other self-advocacy groups.

This year is a conference year for Speaking Out. The price for one person to attend is approximately \$400 per person, as compared to \$35 for a retreat day. Our fundraising efforts have been focused on raising money to send Our Choice Matters members to this conference. Thank you to the Board of Directors for continuing to provide funding for the group!

## Success Story – Sea Scape Display

The Creative Art and Seasonal craft group at the Curtis Street Access Program worked together in creating a Sea Scape display using driftwood, various types of paints, sea weed, sponges, sea creatures, fish and many more fascinating animals found on the ocean floor.

The display was proudly presented at the 30<sup>th</sup> Appreciation of the Arts program at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Elm Street.

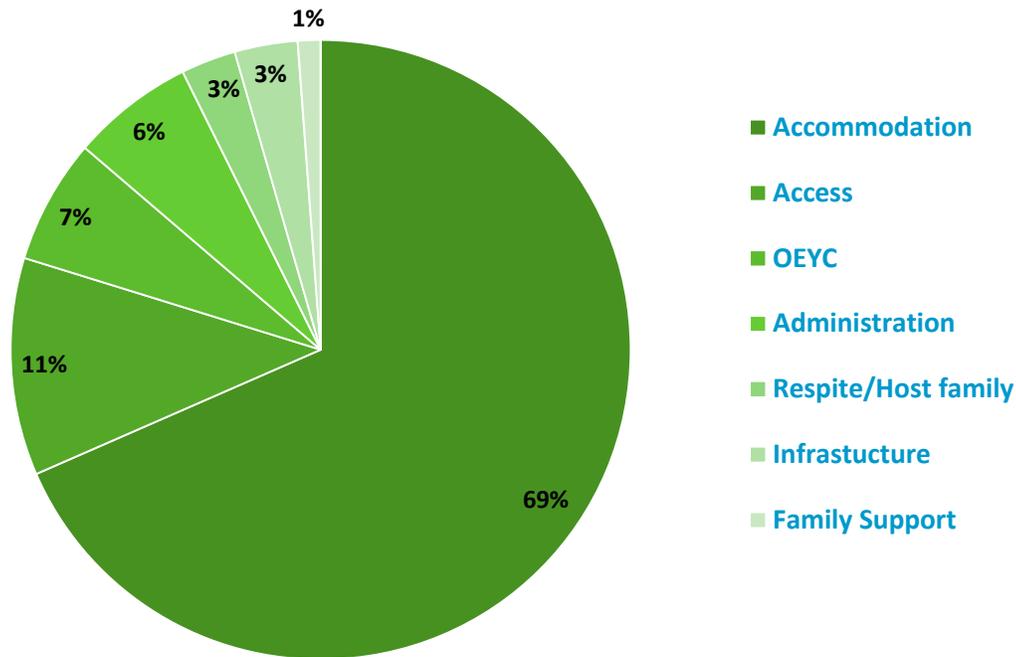
Congratulations to all the proud artists!



## Community Living Elgin Operating Funds

### Revenue and Expenditures Summary March 31, 2016

#### Expenditure by Service



REVENUE	
MCSS/MCYS	\$11,400,011
Ministry of Education	\$776,308
LHINS	\$122,852
Other Revenue	\$533,881
Rental Revenue	\$165,233
Fee for Service	\$107,724
Trillium Funding	\$72,802
Municipal Funding	\$31,982
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,210,793</b>

EXPENDITURES	
Salaries and Wages	\$10,813,525
Travel and Training	\$201,510
Purchase Service	\$1,069,971
Occupancy	\$328,428
Repairs/Infrastructure	\$584,030
Other	\$211,592
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,209,056</b>

## **Board of Directors 2015-2016**

**Bob Ashcroft, President**

**Ginger O'Brien, 1st Vice President**

**Karl Eden, 2nd Vice President**

**Laurie Carroll, Director**

**Darren Connolly, Director**

**Kevin Procter, Director**

**Nick Wells, Director**

## **Administrative Staff 2015-2016**

**Michelle Palmer, Interim Executive Director**

**Dave Round, Director of Finance and Administration**

**Denise House, Director of Human Resources**

**Jayne Andrews, Director of Support Services**



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