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March 2020

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Coming Soon....

16th Annual Boston Pizza Charity Golf Tournament

Monday June 22nd, 2020 at the Brooklea Golf Club.

All proceeds support Wendat Community Programs client transportation. Sponsors, prize donations and participants are needed.

2nd Annual Quilt Draw

Tickets will be available from April 1st, 2020 until September 15th, 2020. Draw will be made at our 19/20 AGM. Tickets can be purchased at both of Wendat's sites or from Wendat staff and Board members.

2019/2020 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday September 15th, 2020 at 237 Second St. Lower level.

4:45—6:00 pm registration

5:00—6:00 pm dinner

6:00— 6:45 pm annual meeting

6:45—7:15 pm coffee and dessert

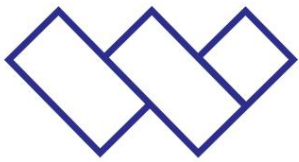
1st Annual Poker Run – Motorcycle Ride

Saturday September 19th, 2020. \$35/person for ride and BBQ. Prizes, draws and more. Sponsors, prizes and volunteers needed.

For more information or to help, please contact Verna
705 526-1305 ext 241 or verna@wendatprograms.com

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Staff News **September 2019- March 2020**

Welcome

- Brooke Rose, Integrated Behaviour Support Worker
- Ashley York, Data, Quality and Information Coordinator
- Dora Pender, Senior Recreation Worker
- Tracy Coulter, Crisis Worker
- Glen Lucas, Crisis Worker
- Melanie Coulter, Crisis Worker
- Bernie Robillard, Mobile Social Worker
- Kaitlyn Sanders, Mobile Social Worker
- Janice Ferris, Recreation Worker
- Lisa Ford, Community Care Worker
- Kayla Lamacchia, Case Manager

Farewell

- Bonnie Peacock, Senior Recreation Worker
- Carol Cadeau, Senior Recreation Worker
- Grace Robinson, Crisis Worker
- April Gustafson, Community Care Worker
- Vickie Lamb, Part Time Cook

Changes

- Alexis Grant will semi-retire and move from full time to part time casual Community Care Worker on May 1, 2020
- The Day Program Coordinator position will change from part time to full time on May 1, 2020. Congratulations to Carol Kopiec.
- Teesha Gaudet has moved to the position of mobile Crisis Worker permanently and Crystal Husbands has moved from contract to full time permanent Crisis Worker

Thank you to all the placement students who have come to Wendat from various programs, we appreciate your help and welcome the opportunity to be a part of your educational experience.

North Simcoe Ontario Health Team Progress Report

Over the past several months, our partnership - GBGH, Chigamik, North Simcoe Family Health Team and Wendat Community Programs - has been working diligently to establish the groundwork and develop an initial plan to create the North Simcoe Ontario Health Team (NSOHT).

On December 4, we submitted our Self-Assessment to become the NSOHT as part of Round 2 submissions with the Ministry of Health.

As part of the submission, we explained the rationale for the formal alliance partners involved, as well as:

- Assessed our ability to provide patient-centred care and engage our community
- Defined our Year 1 patient population – complex and frail seniors
- Outlined potential services
- Explained some initial plans for leadership, governance, performance measurement, quality improvement and funding
- Plan an initial digital health strategy
- Provided an implementation snapshot of Year 1

In preparation for our Self-Assessment submission, we engaged with members of the North Simcoe Sub-Region Planning Table, elected officials, First Nation Métis Inuit (FNMI), nurse practitioners and physicians.

If our Self-Assessment is accepted, we will move on to the next stage in the process – the full application. This will require detailed information about our population, team, transformation, collaboration, continuous learning, quality improvement, risk analysis, home & community care and digital health.

Although we have not yet heard the outcome of our Self-Assessment, we know the full application will be due to the Ministry within only a few months of receiving approval to proceed. Until we have approval, our core group of partners and affiliates continue to meet in preparation.



Gail Hunt
GBGH



David Jeffery
Chigamik

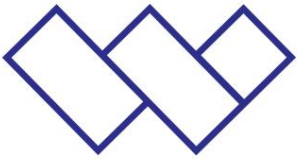


Andrew Shantz
NS FHT



A. Abbott-Kokosin
Wendat

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No one likes to think about it, but appropriate, affordable housing for seniors is an issue in North Simcoe.

“In 2015, population estimates showed that Canada had more people aged 65 and older than children aged 0 to 14”, reported Statistics Canada, September 2017. “According to the most recent demographic projections, one in five Canadians should be aged 65 and older in 2024”, from Statistics Canada, January 2019.

In Midland, Penetanguishene, Tiny and Tay (North Simcoe), our population includes a high number of seniors. “By 2041, the population of seniors 65 years and older in Simcoe Muskoka is projected to surpass 218,800, which is more than double the number of seniors from 2011 (Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, 2016 Census Data).”

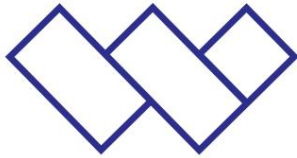
Many seniors in our region live alone and face significant challenges. They face difficulty with outdoor and indoor maintenance of their homes, using stairs, cleaning, shopping, laundry, bathing and cooking. Limited assistance with the activities of daily living may be available to some, if they qualify. Private services are available but not necessarily affordable for all.

Most do not consider moving until health issues or other life events force them to make a decision. When moving becomes necessary, the options are limited. While our region offers some beautiful private retirement homes, this is not an affordable option for many seniors. Not everyone is eligible for long term care and even if they are, the wait lists are long.

There is definitely a need for a housing option for low income seniors in North Simcoe. Wendat has been offering services for seniors since 2007. In 2016, Wendat Community Programs opened the Lorna Tomlinson Residence for Seniors.

It is the only truly affordable option for frail seniors in this community. This facility, located in Penetanguishene houses frail, low income seniors who are not eligible for Long Term Care and can't afford a private retirement home. The Lorna Tomlinson Residence is also the home for Wendat's Senior's Day Program and the Congregate Dining Program.

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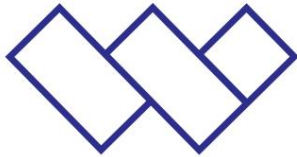
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Located at 44 Dufferin Street in Penetanguishene, the residence provides supportive housing for 23 frail, low income seniors. Each room has a private bathroom. Meals and snacks in a dining room, laundry service, light housekeeping, common spaces for socializing, an enclosed courtyard and access to assisted living services for those needing personal support is included. There are two rooms that can accommodate couples. All this is provided for a little over \$1,000/month per person. This beautiful facility is fully accessible, built all on one floor.

Wendat needs your help to ensure that no senior citizen in our community needs to worry about being a burden on our healthcare system, their families or suffer from loneliness. Although we raised most of the funds to build this facility, we are working hard to pay off the remaining construction costs and plan for future expansion. If you can help with a donation, please call Andrea Abbott-Kokosin at 705 526-1305 ext 223.

Are you, or someone you know, a senior looking for an affordable, supported living solution in North Simcoe? Specific eligibility criteria related to finances and care needs are determined through an application and assessment process. For more information, please contact Kathy Jolie at 705-355-1022 ext 226 or kjolie@wendatprograms.com





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Wendat in the News

Boston Pizza Midland Donates \$351,632.50 to Wendat

Over the past 15 years, BP Midland has been proud to sponsor Wendat Community Programs through their annual Charity Golf Tournament. Recently Andy Staffen of Boston Pizza Midland donated \$3,632.50 to Wendat from their Kids Meal Card Campaign.

In February 2020, BP Midland partnered with Wendat again in conjunction with their Valentine's day fundraiser. BP Midland raised approximately \$4,000 for this event and will be donating 100% of these funds to Wendat Community Programs. This brings the total raised to \$351,632.50.



Pictured left to right:
Verna Porter, Administrative Assistant Wendat, Andy Staffen Boston Pizza Midland and Andrea Abbott-Kokosin, Executive Director Wendat.

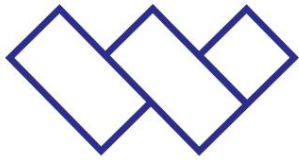
Dupuis & Ouellet Inc. Supports Wendat Community Programs



Pictured from left to right are Sean Ouellet of Dupuis & Ouellet and Andrea Abbott-Kokosin, Executive Director of Wendat Community Programs.

Dupuis & Ouellet Inc. celebrated 10 years in partnership throughout 2019. So to celebrate that milestone and to thank the community for their support over the past 10 years they decided to give away \$10,000! PLUS! 13 Local charities were nominated. Each month, one lucky charity wins \$1,000 based on votes cast by Facebook users. Each month an additional \$100 VISA gift card is won by the voting viewers.

Wendat Community Programs won the Facebook voting challenge for the month of September 2019. The monthly prize was \$1,000. "The funds will be used to help Wendat pay the mortgage on The Lorna Tomlinson Residence for Seniors. Once the mortgage is paid, we can focus on expansion plans for the Residence" said Andrea Abbott-Kokosin, Executive Director, Wendat Community Programs.



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North Simcoe Guys Who Care donated \$20,000 to the North Simcoe Crisis Management and Response Team in October 2019 ensuring that Wendat could continue to provide a mental health worker to the program.



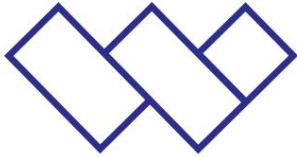
Pictured from left to right are Steve Pelletier, Executive Director of The Guesthouse Shelter (another recipient of some funds), Andrea Abbott-Kokosin, Executive Director of Wendat Community Programs and Mike Scholte, President of the Southern Georgian Bay Association of Realtors representing the Ontario REALTORS Care Foundation.

Ontario REALTORS Care Foundation gives \$2,766 to Wendat Community Programs

Ontario REALTORS Care Foundation has granted Wendat Community Programs \$2,766 to go towards 2019/2020 operating costs at the Lorna Tomlinson Residence for Seniors.

The Lorna Tomlinson Residence for Seniors operated by Wendat Community Programs, is the only truly affordable option for frail seniors in the North Simcoe community. This 23 bed facility, located in Penetanguishene houses frail, low income seniors who are not eligible for Long Term Care and can't afford a private retirement home. This facility provides affordable housing, 3 meals a day, assisted living services and a senior's day program to the residents living there as well as seniors living on their own in the community.

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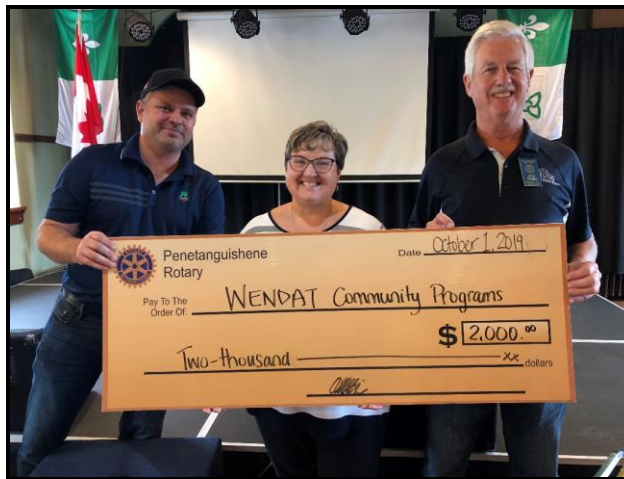
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Rotary Club of Penetanguishene Donates to Wendat

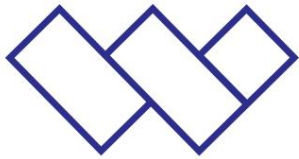
Rotary of Penetanguishene donated \$2,000 to assist up to forty clients of Wendat's Support for Independent Living Program to obtain or replace birth certificates or other forms of ID. This program assists persons with serious mental illness and high support needs, to live as independently as possible with in-home case management support.

Most of the clients in this program live on low income and can't afford unexpected expenses. Each year, several clients need to obtain or replace lost ID such as birth certificates or photo ID cards and there is a charge for this. This identification is needed to obtain benefits, seek medical help, rent housing etc.



Pictured from left to right are of Aaron Kontkanen of Rotary Club of Penetanguishene, Andrea Abbott-Kokosin, Executive Director of Wendat Community Programs and President Glen Holmes of Rotary Club of Penetanguishene.

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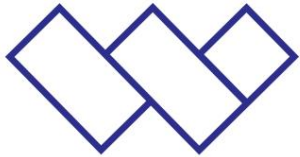
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SEGBAY Supports Wendat Community Programs

Wendat Community Programs recently received \$12,000 from the South East Georgian Bay Chamber of Commerce (SEGBAY). This chamber represents businesses in the communities of Georgian Bay, Severn, Tay and surrounding areas.

SEGBAY holds an annual golf tournament in support of GBGH. In 2016, Segbay made a three-year commitment to share the proceeds of this tournament between GBGH and Wendat. Wendat's share of the 2019 tournament is \$12,000. This brings their three-year donation to a total of \$21,500. All of the funds have been directed to the mortgage on the Lorna Tomlinson Residence for Seniors. The 2019 event was held on August 13. "Wendat is very grateful to be chosen as a recipient of these funds" said Andrea Abbott-Kokosin, Executive Director.



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Thank you sponsors of the 15th annual Boston Pizza Charity Golf Tournament held June 2019

<p>2019 Boston Pizza Wendat Charity Scramble Gold Sponsor</p>	<p>2019 Boston Pizza Wendat Charity Scramble Gold Sponsor</p>	<p>2019 Boston Pizza Wendat Charity Scramble Gold Sponsor</p>	<p>2019 Boston Pizza Wendat Charity Scramble Platinum Sponsor</p>	
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