



Youth Volunteer Challenge

ChangeTheWorld Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge is a way for Ontario teens to make a difference in their lives and communities through volunteering. The goal of ChangeTheWorld is to have 10,000 Ontario youth volunteering for five hours during National Volunteer Week, April 18-25, 2009. The Challenge is happening in 19 communities in Ontario. As our community's local volunteer centre, Community Link is planning a wide range of volunteer activities. Our local goal is to have 450 youth between the ages of 14-19 participate.

The planned activities include sewing events with the finished items being donated to a variety of local shelters and trail cleanup in several communities and art creation also destined for local shelters. We are still looking for adult volunteers to help supervise two of the trail clean ups: Wahnekewaning Beach in Tiny Township and Centennial Park in Barrie.



A Fundraiser for Community Link North Simcoe

Georgian Bay Thunder Fundraiser

Every day volunteer drivers leave North Simcoe and give their time to drive people to crucial medical appointments in Barrie, Orillia, Newmarket, Toronto, and across the Greater Toronto region. Our volunteer transportation program is in its fifth year of operation and Georgian Bay Thunder will help to raise funds to keep this program going.

You can support this transportation program by participating in a motorcycle ride through the amazing Georgian Bay landscape. The ride includes a stop at Awenda Provincial Park with four beaches that look out on Georgian Bay with views of Giant's Tomb and Beausoleil Island. The ride then takes you along the shoreline of the bay and through the beautiful scenery of Southern Georgian Bay. A BBQ lunch is provided with prizes, raffles, draws, merchants, and more.

Community Link North Simcoe provides transportation for those with no other means of transportation, support for isolated seniors, wheelchair accessible transit, support for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness and more.

You can help by joining us and making this fundraiser a big success!

The ride will be held Saturday July 11th, 2009 (Rain date July 12th)

The ride will start at Jack n' Jill Recreation located at 105 Fourth St in Midland at 10am.

The fee is \$35 and \$10 for passengers.

To find out more about this exciting fundraiser please visit our website or contact Jessica at communityinfo@communitylink.ca or 705-528-6999

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**Want to help with either of these exciting events?
Contact us!**

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New Addition To Accessible Transit Service



Community Link North Simcoe and the Town of Midland are pleased to announce the arrival of a second van for the Accessible Transit Service. This new addition is equipped with a power lift and is capable of accommodating up to 3 wheelchairs .

The Accessible Transit Service is offered to residents of Midland, who due to a physical limitation, cannot board, ride or disembark from a regular public transit bus. Since this program started in 2005 we have been able to provide over 5,000 rides.

To learn more or register for the Accessible Transit Service please, contact Community Link.

2009 Volunteer Recognition

To all the volunteers at Community Link North Simcoe: Volunteer Week is from April 19 to 25, 2009

Mark the evening of Thursday April 23, 2009 on your calendar. Some of you may remember Comedian Mark Crocker who made everyone laugh so hard at last year's volunteer event. HAVA (the Huronia Association of Volunteer Administrators) is bringing us another great event this year. Entertainment will be by Laughter Coach and Personal Growth Trainer, *Jacque Hermans*. "Jacque uses the power of humour and play to inspire transformation from the inside out."

All Community Link North Simcoe volunteers are invited! Please RSVP to Sue Patenaude at Community Link & we'll see you there.



And who could forget **2008 Fiesta**, our recognition and thank you event for our volunteers. Another enjoyable **Community Link Volunteer Recognition Event** will be coming your way in the summer.

Watch for your invitation!

Community Link Volunteer Receives Award

Long time Community Link Volunteer Duncan McLaren has been honoured as the 2009 recipient of the John Gibson Community Leadership Award-an award created in 2004 to recognize the contributions Dr.Gibson made while living in North Simcoe.

The staff and fellow volunteers of Community Link North Simcoe would like to congratulate Duncan on this incredible achievement.



On hand for the presentation were, from left: award trustee Hudson Leavens, Duncan McLaren, award trustee and previous award recipient, Joyce Hamelin, and trustee Fred Hacker.

Is Community Link North Simcoe Moving?

Shelter Now is an organization building a 20-unit transitional housing project at 850 Hartman Drive in Midland. Space has been provided below the units for services that support those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Based on Community Link North Simcoe's Housing Services and



other supports, we will be considering office space at the location. This will be a wonderful opportunity to work closely with Shelter Now and other groups and agencies in town with similar housing missions.

We will miss the organizations in our current building if we move but know this will be a great opportunity for us.