

January 2010

Happy New Year Everyone,

I think you would agree that the month of December 2009 was absolutely crazy around here. The following pages bears witness to just how “crazy” it’s been.

Community Living Kirkland Lake programs were very engaged throughout the month. The number of activities planned or participated in indicates just how busy we were.

Thank you to all that helped organized, participated or supported someone during the many activities.

This newsletter contains the following activities:

- Kinsmen Sleight Ride
- Christmas Decorating Contest
- Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign
- Children’s Christmas Party
- CLKL Christmas Party
- Christmas Basket Draw



This mural was hand painted at the Station Rd. Residence by Melanie Cleaveley as part of their Christmas display. Nicely done, Melanie!

## Kinsmen Sleight Ride

The following letter was sent to the Kirkland Lake Kinsmen Club:

December 24/09

RE: Sleigh Ride

Dear Kinsmen Club,

Community Living Kirkland Lake's goal is that all persons live in a state of dignity, share in all elements of living in the community, and that they have the opportunity to participate effectively in everyday activities.

I take this opportunity to thank Pinewood Park Motors (Cliff Lafreniere) and your club for helping Community Living Kirkland Lake meet our abovementioned goals. The sleigh ride held on December 17/09 was an outstanding success for all participants. I regrettably was not able to personally attend the event this year but by all reports everyone had a great time.

At this time of year, I usually reflect back on what has been accomplished over the course of the past year. Upon review, I can truly say that it's gratifying to live in a town where we have such wonderful community partners that include us whenever there is an upcoming event. Thank you for being part of our inclusive community.

In closing, I would like to congratulate your club for the good work that you do in our community.

Thanks,

(Smiles= Priceless)



## Christmas Decorating Contest 2009

Once again, the Community Living Kirkland lake Christmas Decorating Contest held on Monday, December 14/09, was a resounding success. The desired outcome of encouraging programs to decorate for the holidays, boost staff moral and introduce community partners to our agency was certainly achieved. This year's judges were grateful for the invitation to participate in this event. They were made to feel welcomed. This years first place winner was Furlong St. Residence for their Red & Blue Hockey Christmas. Second prize went to CLS for their rendition of "Red Neck Christmas". Thank you for taking the time to be involved.

P.S. Don't forget to claim your prizes.



This year's judges Cathy Whelan (Northern College), Gord Sinclair (Tim Hortons) and Barry Ferguson (CJCL) and Sue Enouy (Board member) were once again blown away by the spectacular displays.

The real winners are the people we support as their homes or programs were nicely decorated for the festivities.

It was noted that having different community partners join us help the agency promote the wonderful things happening within. First time judge's Cathy and Gord were very impressed with the dedication shown by staff.



1st Prize- Furlong Ave Residence



2nd Prize CLS Red Neck Christmas



Pauline making Fergie feel welcomed.



Beautiful display found at Apartment Complex

## Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign 2009



January 7/10

Re: Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign 2009

Dear Gord and Shelley,

I thank you personally and on behalf of Community Living Kirkland Lake for your generous commitment to us during the "Tim Hortons Smile Cookie 2009" campaign. The Town of Kirkland Lake once again showed that they have a "Heart of Gold" as they supported the campaign completely. Letters of appreciation have been sent to the Department of Veteran Affairs, Federal Public School, Ecole Catholique Jean Vanier and St-Jerome school for going over and above to help support the promotion. Please take note that several businesses in town also supported us by purchasing cookies for their employees and customers.

I can't believe we were able to raise \$4200 for Community Living Kirkland Lake. We could not have achieved this level of success without you and your employee's generous contributions. I appreciate the extra effort it took to make this campaign a success. Please pass on our gratitude to all for making it happen.

With your assistance, Community Living Kirkland Lake is able to move towards achieving our stated goal of having all persons live in a state of dignity, share in all elements of living in the community, and that they have the opportunity to participate effectively in everyday activities.

In closing, please accept our heartfelt appreciation for your continued contributions, over the years, for the people we support. The money raised will be put to good use in the community.

# Community Living Kirkland Lake Children's Christmas Party

Esther and the Katimavik volunteers (Santa's helpers) organized a fabulous Christmas Party for the children. This event was held on December 12, 2009; 2 pm – 4 pm. Seen below are a few select pictures sent to me. Thank you to all who attended and participated in all the activities.



Mr. & Mrs. Claus (AKA-Mark Gravel and Betty Birch) were a big hit.



The best gift at Xmas is easy to see . Its not wrapped in paper or under the tree Cos' the best gift at Xmas and all the year through. Is having a child as special as you!

Author : unknown

# Community Living Kirkland Lake Christmas Party 2009



December 15, 2009

We gathered together,  
Laughed and smiled.  
A second in time is captured,  
For all to see.  
But for you, that short moment,  
Will be remembered,  
Forever and ever.

Dennis



## Christmas 2009 Basket Draw



December 15, 2009

Our annual Christmas Basket Draw was once again a huge success thanks to all of you who bought a ticket. Our Gross ticket sales = \$273. The profits will be placed into the Staff Activity Fund. The Community Promo Committee is always looking for ideas from staff therefore if you have any suggestions regarding a staff activity please forward your ideas to Dennis.

Thank you Star for making the beautiful basket and to Larry Gray the "Ticket man" for selling tickets.

This years winner was Trish Morrison from our Thirds Street Residence. Sorry no picture!!!

