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Media Centre Provides New Opportunities For More Than 100 London Families

Thanks to a generous grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities, a new Smartboard Media Centre has been installed at the respite home located at 188 Glenroy Crescent. This equipment will benefit the more than 100 London families who utilize Community Living London's respite services.

The primary goal of the respite program located on Glenroy Crescent is to provide personal support to children with intellectual disabilities and relief to parents. The secondary goal is equally important; it is to provide children with new opportunities that they may not necessarily experience at home. Staff and parents know from experience that providing new opportunities makes the child's respite stay a positive experience and a place that they can't wait to go back to.

A recent consultation process identified that the development of an Adapted Multimedia Learning Room would help teach new skills, entertain and provide learning opportunities to all children with intellectual disabilities. The multimedia centre combines current computer technology (Smart Board System) to accommodate adapted equipment, software and learning opportunities with a conventional game station, DVD player, large screen television and audio system.

The Glenroy Crescent respite program operates in a residential setting close to parks and outdoor activities. However, due to some of the significant medical and behavioural challenges many of the program participants face, going out to these public locations is not always an option. While the staff are exceptional at using traditional equipment and resources such as puzzles and activity books to engage respite participants, children are now growing up in a technological age and the program can now offer so much more by taking advantage of available technologies.

We will be hosting a celebration at 188 Glenroy Crescent on Tuesday, July 6 at 5:30 to showcase this new system and demonstrate the advantages that it provides to children with intellectual disabilities. A representative from Ronald McDonald House Charities, some family members who use our Respite services, staff and Board representatives of Community Living London as well as MPP Khalil Ramal are confirmed to be in attendance.

About Community Living London - www.cll.on.ca

Community Living London is a registered charity dedicated to supporting people with intellectual disabilities and their families to live fulfilled lives. The agency was established in 1952 by a small group of parents, and interested individuals who were concerned about the lack of services in our community for people diagnosed with intellectual disabilities. The organization has grown from this handful of founding members into one of Canada's largest associations serving more than 700 people with intellectual disabilities and their families.

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