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Introducing the Lanark Community Alliance – Where Everyone Belongs

In 2022, Carebridge Community Support (CCS) and Community Living Association Lanark County (CLA) announced a new collaboration to create a stronger voice for the people we serve. Together, the two organizations employ over 300 people, welcome hundreds of volunteers and serve countless individuals and families.

In less than two years, a shared Board has led a series of initiatives including a new strategic plan, integrated leadership roles for greater synergy and the creation of an Advisory Council of lived experience members to ensure the community's voice is heard.


“We needed a better name to reflect the great work being done by our teams and are pleased to announce the **Lanark Community Alliance**,” explains Board Chair Jean Knowles. “As an Alliance, CCS and CLA work with other service providers and community partners to provide services that wrap around the people we serve, thereby helping them to truly belong and pursue their goals in life. We’re excited about what lies ahead!”

Lanark Community Alliance is an alliance of independent, like-minded, non-profit agencies coming together for a common cause – well-being, quality of life and meeting the increasingly complex needs of people for people with varying developmental abilities, older adults and those needing affordable housing.

“We are united in our vision of creating communities where everyone belongs, feels valued and respected and has choices and opportunities to live with dignity and reach their full potential,” adds CEO Rob Eves. “As Alliance members, we are collaborating to support front-line staff, enhance programs and services, leverage resources and address shared challenges. All these goals have people at the centre: the people we serve, those who work here, volunteers and our partners.”

The Lanark Community Alliance continues to look for new members with diverse backgrounds from across Lanark County to join the Board of Directors or the Advisory Council.

The Alliance Board provides governance oversight and is responsible for key areas such as strategic planning, quality, CEO oversight and financial stewardship. It fosters diversity and broad community representation, including lived and living experience. Board volunteer members bring a variety of skills to the table. More importantly, they bring a passion for improving care in our region.



The Advisory Council welcomes applications from people with lived experience related to Alliance programs and services including Developmental Services, Senior Services and Affordable Housing. The Advisory Council helps shape the effectiveness of the Alliance's work.

For more information about these opportunities or to apply, please email Kristine at kramsey@carebridge.ca.

“By working together, the Lanark Community Alliance is improving services and enhancing each person’s overall experience,” sums up Jean Knowles.



Community Living Association (Lanark County) is a charity supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities to enable and assist them to live a quality life in their community with dignity and respect.



Carebridge Community Support connects and is a catalyst for fostering stronger, caring, person-centred communities across Lanark County by working together to meet the needs of seniors, adults with developmental disabilities and those who need affordable housing.

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