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CONTINUING ON IN EDUCATION QUINTE INC.

Our mission....

“To provide individualized learning that supports meaningful communication, relationship building and skills development supporting personal growth, healthy active living and independence for people 16 years and older with disabilities in the Quinte Region.”

Our Vision.....

“That all people have equal opportunities and experiences to make choices and Achieve personal goals within a society that is inclusive and accessible.”



OUR PROGRAMS

- Community Engagement
- Cooking
- Fitness
- Leisure / Living Skills
- Music
- Summer program
- OWLS—Social/Respite Program (postponed)
- Café Training Program





COED has been meeting the need of the Quinte region since 1986 by providing a unique, valuable and inclusive program for adults with disabilities. COED provides opportunities for people to be valued, contributing members in the local community. Each aspect of COED promotes skill building, encourages independence and strengthens social relationships.

COVID-19 continues to alter the way we were able to offer programming. After a brief program shut down in January 2021, due to a spike in COVID-19 numbers across the province, we were able to re-open our doors and resume programming. Staff and participants were so happy to be able to return.

COED offers a variety of programming opportunities including community engagement, fitness, leisure, living skills cooking, music, a summer program and also supported employment opportunities at our café. Our social respite program will hopefully be reestablished in 2022.

Our community engagement program continued to create items that were impactful to other local agencies in our community, making a difference in the lives of so many. We were able to work with 20 different organizations and provide over 1500 individualized items for these organizations. We baked, sewed, created cards, packaged items, ran toy, pet and sock drives and continued to hone our carpentry skills.

COED's fitness program continues to participate in virtual programming, with the City of Belleville, and we accessed the weight and games rooms and the outdoor fields for games and activities, at 250 Sidney Street. We are hoping to be able to return to the Wellness Centre in 2022.

COED was able to offer a fun filled summer program in 2021. We had a very enjoyable summer and were able to support local businesses and community events. Pool days continue to be among one of the favourite summer activities along with fishing, local parks and of course purchasing lunch and ice cream treats. In house activities included making preserves from our in-house gardens, minute to win it games and COED Olympics. Again, this year we were unable to attend our annual overnight camping trip so we created a day long non-camping, camping day which included water activities, hiking, BBQ supper and smores at the campfire.



The IN-Spire Café is a social enterprise for COED and continues to operate through a partnership with The Enrichment Centre for Mental Health (formerly known as Canadian Mental Health Association) offering a hands-on training program for persons with barriers to employment, paid placement opportunities for graduates of the training program and also paid, supportive employment opportunities. Employees Matt, Kai, William, Maria and Alanna continue to offer exceptional customer service at the front of house of the café.

Fundraising in 2021 continued to pose challenges resulting in us being unable to offer a lot of our annual fundraisers. COED was fortunate to receive financial support from United Way Hastings Prince Edward, City of Belleville, Rotary Sunrise Club, Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority, our families, caregivers and our local community. The continued generosity of Mr. Huff has allowed us to continue enhancing our program; even during these extraordinary times.

This year COED supported more than 30 participants and their families. Participants living in congregate care settings were still not able to return to community programming due to COVID restrictions. We continued to check in regularly with the people that have not yet been able to return and hope that 2022 is the year that everyone is able to be together again.

COED is fortunate to have so many wonderful volunteers and support workers. We also have had the opportunity to support placements from Loyalist College and Academy of Learning this year. Our volunteers and support workers are vital to the continued success and sustainability of COED.

