

ST. FRANCIS ADVOCATES

for the Autistic & Developmentally Disabled (Sarnia) Inc.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We are seeking charitable donations for our upcoming Pasta Supper and Silent Auction. The proceeds from this support our ability to provide extended community opportunities for the people in our service. The people we support don't always have the ability to be present in their communities and participate in local events and activities. With your help, we can continue to support them in belonging to their community. We would be grateful for any contributions that your company may make to us. All contributions made will be publicly acknowledged at the event and through other media available to us.



St. Francis Advocates for the Autistic & Developmentally Disabled (Sarnia) Inc. is a non-profit charitable organization providing supports and services to adults with Autism and other Developmental Disabilities since 1987, and is funded primarily by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.

PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

Residential Supports and Vocational Opportunities

We operate twelve residential homes across Lambton, Kent and Essex Counties. Here, people learn skills that are essential for more independent living along with enjoying leisure and community activities. We provide learning opportunities in both residential and vocational areas to help people in reaching their potential and enhancing their quality of life. Our philosophy is to provide a “family like” environment. We believe that each person is unique and so all Initiatives are based on individual needs and interests.

Supported Independent Living (S.I.L.)

This service is designed to support people living independently within the community. Assistance is provided in areas such as money management, life skills development, health and welfare, improving social and communication skills, and connecting with services in the community. The goal is to offer people the greatest potential for success in an independent environment.

Stepping Stones (S.S.T.)

This initiative is designed to assist young adults in transitioning from school to developing connections in the community. Stepping Stones provides Person Directed Plans, goal setting, time limited paid supports, and transition planning for each person. This is a time limited service up to a maximum of five years participation and which must be accessed within two years of leaving school.

Individualized Funding

We provide services to families in the Tri County area who have been allocated individualized funding from the Ministry of Community and Social Services. We are the Transfer Payment Agency (T.P.A.) and assist in the delivery of services on an individual basis from very minimal service to more extensive involvement as requested and agreed upon by all parties.

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COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Resource Library

We have a Resource Library available for lending information on Autism and related disorders is located in our Main Office in Arkona. As well we have a variety of other resources on related topics such as behaviour management, improved communication techniques, and much more. Please contact the main office if you are interested in borrowing an item from our list.

Community Consultation

Our agency is an active member and supporter of many community committees such as Developmental Services Ontario, Crisis Committee, Community Planning Committees-Tri County, Dual Diagnosis, and Autism Networking to name a few. The goal is to assist the communities to have a better understanding of St. Francis Advocates, Autism and related disorders.



Our Pasta Supper is fast approaching on Thursday October 24th, 2019, at Club Lentina's in Chatham, Ontario. St. Francis Advocates would like to thank you for any part you can play in the success of these events.

Yours very truly,

St. Francis Advocates

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