

CONSUMER EXPRESS



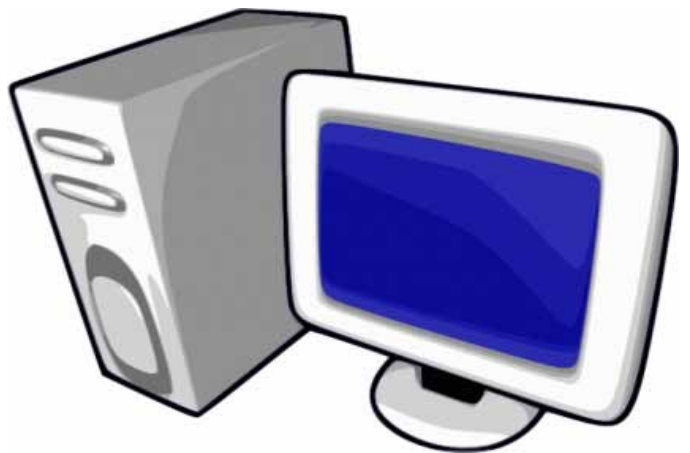
Independent Living Centre of Waterloo Region

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The Consumer Express is DEAD!!!

Well, not exactly. But it is a catchy headline.

In light of some of the recent changes occurring in the way ILCWR communicates with the public, it seems like an appropriate and opportune time to revamp the Consumer Express to make sure that it is effectively delivered, and is a relevant source of information for ILCWR consumers. Many moons ago, it was our intent to use the Consumer Express for a few things: to deliver information about upcoming ILCWR and community events, to publish interesting articles about people, events, and places in our community (relevant to being a consumer at ILCWR), and to provide a vessel for consumers to contribute their own material. While consumer contributions have dwindled, the Consumer Express has been used for delivering information and promoting events over the last couple of years.



But the times, they are a-changing. ILCWR has a new website (if you haven't already, check it out at www.ilcwr.org), and a new definition of organizational membership. Now, all consumers of ILCWR services are members of the organization, and receive ILCWR's other major publication, The Forum, which often provided similar content to the Consumer Express to our donors, funders and community partners. These considerations, combined with our focus on cost-effectiveness, have led us to look at changing the way you receive the Consumer Express, and what type of information comes with it.

Most importantly, we want to make sure that Consumer Express is something that you as an ILCWR consumer will make use of. We don't want it to be just another piece of junk mail that you recycle or delete; that's a waste of your time, and also a waste of resources. So, this is your chance to tell us what you would like to see.

Please fill out an online survey at

<http://goo.gl/epeXI>

Thank you for your help! We look forward to seeing what comes next in the evolution of Consumer Express!

Introducing the MV-1 *(contributed by MediChair)*

Introducing North America's first, direct from factory, purpose-built mobility vehicle. Thoughtfully designed and universally accessible, the MV-1 brings a much needed innovative approach to the movement of everyday life.

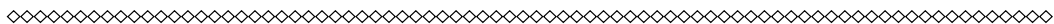
Designed to serve the needs of people of all abilities as well as their caregivers and families, the MV-1 represents forethought, not afterthought. With a best in class ramp capacity and aspect ratio as well as entry way dimensions, the MV-1 is raising the standard for accessible transportation everywhere. From the ramp up, we designed and built a vehicle based on your needs for improved comfort, reliability and most of all freedom.



Get to know the one and only transportation mobility solution that rolls right off the assembly line ready for wheelchair accessibility by examining its features in greater detail.

The MV-1 will on display and available for test drives at the Independent Living Centre of Waterloo Region on Thursday, October 20 between 1:00-3:00 pm. Come check it out!

"We took a ramp and built a vehicle around it"



Magical Mystery Tour

One of the challenges of winter is getting out to participate. Recently, we held a poker tournament at one of our assisted living projects, and it was a lot of fun. This winter, we will be visiting each project for an afternoon. What we do is entirely up to you: we could play cards, play games, cook something, watch a movie with popcorn, whatever. Below you will see the dates for each project, as well as one for head office for outreach consumers. If you're interested in participating please

RSVP to Dan: 519-571-6788 ext. 7477, dan@ilcwr.org. Make sure to mark the date on your calendar and when you call, give some ideas of what you think would be fun!

All events fall on a Wednesday from 1:30-4:00 pm

- February 8, 2012 - Shamrock
- February 29, 2012 - Kiwanis
- March 7, 2012 - Mooregate
- March 21, 2012 - Outreach/Head Office



The World is Changing

Let's make it better, together.

As adults with disabilities, family members, and concerned citizens, we are constantly striving for a more inclusive society that reflects our needs. Join us for an afternoon of raising awareness, sharing information and ideas, and exploring how inclusiveness has impacted our community, globally, provincially, and locally.

What is the United Nations Convention on Disability Rights?

How will the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act make a difference for me?

What are my rights as a person with a disability?

How can I continue to make a difference to eliminate barriers and make my community more inclusive?

Wednesday, October 19th, 2011

1:00 pm
Registration and Networking

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Disability Rights Workshop

Forest Heights Community Association
1700 Queen's Blvd.
Kitchener, ON



Facilitated by: John Lord



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