



CLAY TREE SOCIETY



February 2026

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LEADERSHIP CHANGE

Alexandria Stuart is the new Interim Executive Director for Clay Tree. She has been part of the disability sector in paid and volunteer roles for over 25 years. She was on the board of directors here for six years. Most importantly, she's the parent of one of Clay Tree's participants so she understands how important it is to make every day a great day.

You can call Alexandria at Clay Tree during regular hours or email alexandria.stuart@claytree.ca

VALENTINE'S PARTY

We had a wonderful XO Valentine's Party at Clay Tree!

Everyone enjoyed a special lunch with hot dogs, chili and cheese, chips, and sweet Valentine donuts sprinkled with love. After lunch, we had a fun Valentine's dance hosted by the Red Room. There was music, laughter, and lots of smiles.

It was a beautiful day to celebrate friendship, kindness, and love.



ANTI-BULLYING DAY FEBRUARY 25, 2026

On February 25, Clay Tree celebrated Anti-Bullying Day.

Clay Tree purchased a pink shirt for everyone that says "Kindness Matters." We wore our pink shirts to show that we stand up against bullying and support kindness and respect for all.

At Clay Tree, we believe everyone deserves to feel safe, valued, and included.

People helping People means we stand up for each other. Different abilities. Equal respect.





WE'RE HIRING

Community Support Workers

- 1 Full Time * 35 hrs/wk * M-F 8:30 - 3:30
- 2 Casual * Casual hours as assigned * M-F 8:30 - 3:30

Please submit your resume with letter of intent to Susan.Easter@claytree.ca
These positions require union membership.

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OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

The staff at Clay Tree want to make sure participants have great days with us. To do that we need to be able to share what we know with families and caregivers. And we need them to be able to share information with us. We're working on ways to help make communication easier so everyone feels welcome and included.

We're installing a box for feedback in the Common Room. There will be space on the website for you to send messages. And you can always call or send an email.

Stay tuned for next month's newsletter where we will share about how to communicate directly with staff in participants' rooms.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ☞☞☞ Clay Tree is Closed on all stat holidays.
- ☞☞☞ Summer Closure - Aug 3 - 7, 2026
- ☞☞☞ Winter Closure- Last day for Participants December 22, 2026.
- ☞☞☞ New year start date- January 4, 2027

2026 TRAINING

We are excited about the learning planned for our team this year!

Staff have completed their annual medication training to continue providing safe, quality support.

In the coming months, staff will take part in SIVA (Supporting Individuals through Valued Attachments) training, which focuses on building strong, positive relationships to help prevent challenges before they happen.

We are also exploring Person-Centered Thinking training to help empower the people we support to make choices about their own lives.

At Clay Tree, learning helps us grow, together.



Daylight Saving Time 2026

Spring Forward! ☺

Sunday, March 8, 2026

At 2:00 am, set your clocks forward 1 hour to...

2:00 AM

3:00 AM
Daylight Time

Clocks move forward 1 hour!

We are happy to introduce Kellie, who has joined Clay Tree as our temporary Receptionist.

Be sure to stop by, introduce yourself, and make her feel at home. We're glad to have you with us Kellie!

