



CLAY TREE

"People Helping People"

Monthly Edition
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Volunteers needed



A MESSAGE FROM ALEXANDRIA...

We hear that people would like to see more curb appeal in Clay Tree's building and grounds. We agree! So we're looking for volunteers who might have a couple of hours to help lend a hand. We're planning to paint the entire building this summer. If you're good with a paint brush, let us know if you can help! It's time to get some work done on that roof. Do you have a contact at a roofing company that you'd recommend? We'd also like to get some new bushes and flowers planted. Do you have any extra starts or transplants to share? We've got lots of great space for some drought-resistant perennials! Just like the Beatles say, we get by with a little help from our friends...

Please send me an email at Alexandria.Stuart@claytree.ca if you can help!



Photography
Interest
Group Photo!
**JUST SAY
cheese**

CLOSURE DATES

Wednesday - July 1, 2026 CANADA DAY	Monday - June 29, 2026 PLANNING & TRAINING
August 3 - 7, 2026 SUMMER CLOSURE	Monday - August 24, 2026 Tuesday - August 25, 2026 PERSON CENTERED THINKING TRAINING
Winter Closure Last day for Participants December 22, 2026	• • • • •
New Year start date January 4, 2027	• • • • •
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PLEASE NOTE, CLAY TREE IS CLOSED
ON ALL STAT HOLIDAYS



We are pleased to congratulate Crystal on her promotion to Program Coordinator. Crystal's dedication, positive attitude and commitment to supporting others have made a meaningful impact at Clay Tree. We wish her every success in her new role & look forward to all she will accomplish.



YOU SAID, WE DID

- You said:** "Those blackberry bushes along the lower driveway are murder!"
- We did:**



Welcome

NEW SUPPORT WORKERS!

SUMMER

REMINDER



With the warmer weather now upon us, we kindly ask families to please make sure participants are wearing sunscreen before arriving at Clay Tree each day.

We also encourage participants to bring:

- A reusable water bottle
- A picnic lunch
- Weather-appropriate clothing, including a hat if possible



Our programs will be spending as much time as possible enjoying community outings, outdoor activities, and the beautiful summer weather. Helping participants arrive prepared will ensure everyone can stay safe, comfortable, and hydrated while making the most of their summer adventures.

Thank you for your support and cooperation



A big thank you to Mambo Pizza for helping make our monthly staff training sessions a little tastier! We appreciate your support!

THANK YOU

FROM THE BOARD TABLE

Thank you to those who were able to join us for our May 14, 2026, "Meet the Board" night. It was great to have the chance for another engaging and open dialogue. Some highlights of our discussion included:

- Prioritize the exterior façade of Clay Tree through landscaping clean-up and painting, as well as roof repairs;
- Staffing levels and rotation of staff between rooms as well as who to report problems to in certain situations;
- The use of the old woodwork shop;
- A caregiver Facebook page; and
- Digital suggestion box.

Please join us at our next Meet the Board night on August 26 at 6:30 p.m. for updates on the above as well as to hear more about how we are working to make Clay Tree a wonderful place to be.

Travis Sippel, Board Chair



SAGE participants enjoyed a visit to the Cranberry Fire Hall in Chase River. Thank you to the firefighters for the station tour & for showing us the ladder truck!

