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Meaningful Connections

Volunteering, Educating and Being Valued

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As introduced in the first Meaningful Connections newsletter *(June 2004)* people who experience new connections are encouraged to share and celebrate. The Meaningful Connections newsletter is a one page letter, therefore insight is brief, but valuable.

(Sharon)

Eddie *and* ***Scott*** *share a love for animals. They both work at a private kennel. Eddie sweeps out the pens, throws the ball for Dakota to catch and offers treats to Ruffles.*

Scott *works with Rufles, the Beagle. "I assist with brushing Ruffles and providing him with treats. I thoroughly enjoy snuggling on the couch with Ruffles."*

Paid Work

My expressed interest to be paid for work in the janitorial area has proven successful. *"I assist in cleaning the bathrooms and emptying the garbage at 91 Millennium. I have enjoyed spending some of my pay cheque at a local Salon."* ***(Laurie)***

"I have a new job cutting grass in Belleville. I require some help from my support staff to push the lawn mower and empty the bag. I take some of my money to buy Pepsi, one of my favourite drinks." ***(Chuck)***

"I have been working at Mac's Milk in Foxboro for a couple of years now. My job includes pricing groceries and magazines and filling the pop cooler. I really enjoy my job and my boss told me I am doing a great job. I have made many new friends. I work Wednesday and Thursday mornings." Stop in and buy your morning coffee!! ***(Tim)***

"I have expressed interest in gardening work. I work in Belleville maintaining a lawn, picking up garbage, planting flowers and general clean up of the grounds. I enjoy my job." ***(Tim)***

"I have been working at Goodwill for the past five months. I work four days a week sorting, checking and stocking the inventory. I have made several new friends and love going to work each day." Come on in and visit me and check out all the neat stuff for sale!! ***(Julie)***

Russell and I continue to collect recycled newspapers and deliver them to the Humane Society. *"I enjoy taking out "Skeesix" the office pet. I will sometimes hold the leash and have recently felt comfortable enough to pet him."* ***(Arthur)***

"I visit Ingrid and Sean once a month at Mix 97.1. I bake treats which I leave beside the coffee pot for everyone to enjoy. I am looking forward to having Sean and Ingrid visit me at home so they can see where I listen to my favourite radio station." ***(Lisa)***

Music

Annie and ***John*** share their love for music. They are both seniors and, with their present health, they requested music to be brought into their home. They enjoy listening to the guitar and the singing of some very popular songs. "You Are My Sunshine" is a popular childhood memory for ***Annie***, and it is sung on each visit.

"I volunteer once a week at a day care." My support staff assist me in creating fun activities for the children. They love "Lucy, May I." *"The children sit with me and listen to wonderful stories read to us by my support staff."* The day care owner asked me to switch my day to accommodate her son's school schedule. I happily switched as I enjoy his company. I have met many new friends. ***(Lucy)***

Our aspirations are our possibilities.