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### **2010 Jingle Bell Run a Success from Start to Finish**

Representatives of the Jingle Bell Run/Walk and Wheel Steering Committee were pleased to present a cheque in the amount of \$10,000 to Community Living Essex County representing proceeds raised from the 16<sup>th</sup> annual fund-raising event held back in November 2010.

At the cheque presentation to Community Living Essex County, long time Steering Committee Chair, Bob Blair of Ken Knapp Ford the host sponsor, thanked committee members for their hard work and dedication to the annual event. As well, he congratulated the many supporters from across Essex County including businesses, sponsors and participants. The success of the Jingle Bell Run would not be possible without support from our many communities, said Blair.

In accepting the cheque, Nancy Wallace-Gero, Executive Director of Community Living Essex County stated, "On behalf of everyone at Community Living Essex County we are so grateful to our many dedicated volunteers and community partners who work so hard each year in making this a premiere event in Essex County. Thank you for your support"

All proceeds from the annual Jingle Bell Run hosted by Ken Knapp Ford in Essex are donated to Community Living Essex County which supports over 600 people with an intellectual disability and their families throughout Essex County.

Plans will be underway soon for the 2011 Jingle Bell Run/Walk and Wheel scheduled for November 2011 in Essex. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Tony DeSantis, Manager, Community Relations at 519-776-6483, extension 246, or go online at [www.communitylivingessex.org](http://www.communitylivingessex.org)