

## Media Release

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### **Ruthven Apple Festival raises record total in support of Community Living Essex County**

The Ruthven Apple Festival Steering Committee presented Community Living Essex County with a cheque in the amount of \$45,000 at a luncheon held on Dec 7th at Colasanti's Tropical Gardens to honor local corporate sponsors and supporters of the 2010 Ruthven Apple Festival. Since 1980 the sole beneficiary of the proceeds of the Ruthven Apple Festival has been Community Living Essex County, a non-profit organization which supports over 600 people with an intellectual disability and their families throughout Essex County. Thanks to the support of the local community, the festival has now raised a total of \$645,000 to date for Community Living Essex County.

"We truly appreciate all the support we receive each year from our corporate sponsors, local business and in particular our dedicated volunteers", stated Tony DeSantis, Manager of Community Relations and Resource Development with Community Living Essex County.

Planning for the 32nd annual Ruthven Apple Festival to be held on September 24-25, 2011 will begin early in the new year.

If you are interested in volunteering, or finding out more about the festival, please call 519-776-6483, extension 246, or visit [www.communitylivingessex.org](http://www.communitylivingessex.org).