

Media Release

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Thousands attend 2010 Ruthven Apple Festival

The 31st Annual Ruthven Apple Festival was held on Saturday, September 25th and Sunday, September 26th at Colasanti's Tropical Gardens in Ruthven celebrating the annual apple harvest while raising money for Community Living Essex County.

Despite the cool temperatures, thousand attended the weekend festivities that began with breakfast early on Saturday morning served by the Ruthven Oddfellows and friends.

A farmer's market, over 100 craft and food vendors, non-stop musical entertainment and a spectacular car show on Sunday were all popular destinations for the thousands that attended.

Honorary Mayors Hector and Carabel Ringrose, original members of the Ruthven Apple Festival steering committee officially opened the festivities with greetings followed by the traditional apple peeling contest with local dignitaries won by Member of Parliament for Essex, Jeff Watson.

"We are extremely pleased by the turnout and support we received over the weekend and look forward to making an announcement soon on the amount of money raised in support of Community Living Essex County", stated Jackie Barraco, Co-Chair of the Ruthven Apple Festival Steering Committee. "Thank you to all of our hard working volunteers and to our generous sponsors and supporters".

Planning for the 32nd Annual Ruthven Apple Festival, to be held on September 24th and 25th, 2011 will begin early in February 2011.

If you are interested in volunteering, or finding out more about sponsorship opportunities please contact, Tony DeSantis, Manager of Community Relations and Resource Development with Community Living Essex County at 519-776-6483, ext 246.