



HELPING hands

◉ Egzi Ulkeseven, Sunnyside Seniors' Services Volunteer, and Marguerite Stebl, Resident of Sunnyside Home enjoying each other's company.



◉ Bernice, Jessica, Janeen and Kathrin Nippard pose for a photo during the Heels for Hope fundraiser at the Kitchener-Waterloo Holiday Inn on January 31.



◉ Janet Greener, Harley Kaufman-Facrey and Shawn Turner pose for a photo during Track Three's 22 Annual Fun Day at Chicopee Ski Club on February 15.

◉ Aaren Hopkins (left) and Janessa Good pose with bling bags during the Heels for Hope fundraiser at the Kitchener-Waterloo Holiday Inn on January 31.



◉ Rebecca Wiersma, Mark Kaleta and Nancy Zajac pose for a photo at the Teens for Jeans collection site at the Waterloo Recreation Complex on February 8.



◉ Firecracker the clown paints Lilly Wittig's face, 5, during Track Three's 22 Annual Fun Day at Chicopee Ski Club on February 15.



◉ Nick Cook and Marzena Rachwal pose for a photo at the Marzena's Cakes tent during the Downtown Love Skating Party at Kitchener Civic Square on February 14.

◉ Drew Ripley poses with his balloon creation during the Downtown Love Skating Party at Kitchener Civic Square on February 14.



◉ Rick VanBuskirk, Ethan Warren, 9, and Linda Crispin pose for a photo during Track Three's 22 Annual Fun Day at Chicopee Ski Club on February 15.



◉ 13,278 people visited Conestoga Mall to celebrate the 16th Annual Family Literacy Day. Families attending the event enjoyed music with Eric Traplin among other activities.



◉ Niki McLean, Melissa Wells, Pino Cherubino, Katie Marsh and Jordan Witt pose for a photo during the Heels for Hope fundraiser at the Kitchener-Waterloo Holiday Inn on January 31.

◉ The Wonders of Winter light display would not be possible without many helping hands from members of the community. Rotary Club of Waterloo members Graham Westmacott and Harald Braun are pictured here hanging lights during the first snowfall of the season.



◉ Volunteering students of Donnia Mak Piano Studio who eagerly performed a Valentine's Day-themed recital at a local retirement home, to the warm appreciation and love of the residents and staff.

giving back



"I have felt a personal connection to Langs since the age of twelve when I became a program participant. I began volunteering through the LIT program, and continued volunteering through early adulthood in children's programs. After taking a break from volunteering to start my family, I returned to Langs as it is a place where I know I will always find a friendly face and share some laughs."

Dianne Anderson
Volunteer
Langs



"I enjoy being around older folk in a comfortable home setting such as Sunnyside. I engage the residents I visit in discussion of current events and also talk about the "good old days". Volunteering at Sunnyside is both fulfilling and satisfying for me."

Chris Sheppard
Volunteer
Sunnyside Home



"I like volunteering at Sunnyside mainly because of the positive atmosphere that always seems to be present. The staff and residents are always friendly, and there is a strong sense of community. I have made many friends in my time there already."

Egzi Ulkeseven
Volunteer
Sunnyside Home



DO YOU DECLARE PART OF YOUR HOME/AUTO EXPENSES AS A TAX WRITE-OFF?

It's tax season, and all across the country, Canadians are searching for additional deductions. But be careful. If you're claiming a tax deduction for business use of your vehicle or your home, make sure that you've also advised your insurance company about that business use. Head over to www.erb-erb.com to read our latest blog entry to find out why you should tell your insurance company of your business use! Have a question, let us know in the comments section.

"WHERE'S THE BROKER?" FACEBOOK CONTEST!

It's that time Again. Log onto Facebook and head over to www.facebook.com/ErbandErb. Take a look at the picture, like the picture, our page and then guess where the broker is. This month's winner to receive a \$50 Bon Appetite gift card. Good Luck.

LOCAL CHARITIES FOR LOCAL NEEDS

There are many great charities in our area. Here are some you may want to help through volunteering, donations or taking part in their events:

THE STRONG START CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Strong Start helps ensure all our children learn to read. For more information visit www.strongstart.ca

BIG BROTHERS OF KITCHENER-WATERLOO & AREA

Children and Volunteers experience the magic of everyday moments with a friend. Visit www.bbskw.org

KITCHENER-WATERLOO COUNSELLING SERVICES

KW Counselling Services holds that all people are worthy of respect and dignity. For more information visit kwcounselling.com

To learn more about our organization visit www.erb-erb.com

TALKING ABOUT...

Erb and Erb Insurance Brokers Ltd. and Waterloo Region Record are proud to share the Helping Hands community pages. You will find people in your neighbourhood working together to build a strong community and reaching out to support people in need. We hope that you will share your charitable stories with us by sending us photos for the next edition. It is our hope that these pages will give us an opportunity to shine the spotlight on our local heroes.



SEND US YOUR PHOTOS! We are looking for everyday moments in the charitable community! Submit your photo and a brief caption to communitypages@therecord.com Please put **HELPING HANDS** in the subject line of your email.

In addition to our Helping Hands community page, we also feature a monthly community page for moments in the sports community, arts community and local business.

Look for the next Erb and Erb "Helping Hands" feature March 22, 2014!
Deadline for photo submissions is March 17, 2014!

