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Transportation: We offer a low cost door-to-door transportation service to locations throughout Chatham-Kent and the surrounding area. CHAP has wheelchair accessible vehicles to accommodate all people.

Frozen Meals: With an affordable menu of over 65 entrees, soups, and desserts, the CHAP Frozen Meals Program makes it easy to enjoy nutritious, home-style meals at your convenience. Free delivery is offered throughout Chatham-Kent, and many specialized diets can be accommodated.

Caregiver Counselling: Our Caregiver Program is dedicated to providing emotional support and counselling to those who are caring for others. This is a confidential, professional service that is available free of charge.

Crisis Intervention & Assistance: This program assists seniors and persons with disabilities resolve problems or address issues in pursuit of their needs, rights, and interests. A wide variety of services are offered free of charge.

Home Helper: This program is dedicated to allowing older adults to stay at home for as long as possible. We hope to improve their quality of life by assisting with household chores, yard maintenance, and much more.

If any of these services interest you, please contact the CHAP office at (519) 354-6221. If you are looking for a **great way to give back to your community, volunteers are always welcome!**

CHAP



- ▶ Frozen Meals
- ▶ Transportation
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- ▶ Client Intervention & Assistance
- ▶ Home Helper
- ▶ Volunteer Opportunities

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The candles still glow in the windows of the family homestead, but Mary is glad the holidays are over. She doesn't much care for the festive season. It is a reminder to her of all the joyful Christmas days and New Years past and of all the lonely ones she must now endure.

She will soon mark her 87th birthday, is in failing health, and no longer drives. She is keenly aware of life going on around and without her. At times she feels that she would be better off... Her husband passed on when Mary was in her 50s and their only child, a son, died as a result of a motor vehicle accident eight years ago. Mary looks forward to a once a week phone call each Sunday from her daughter-in-law Carol, and her children David, 26 and Mandy, 24 who live in Vancouver. The last time they were able to visit Ontario was four years ago during summer vacation.

Mary is the last surviving member of her family and still keeps in touch with a cousin on "the holidays." She was once an active member of her church and its women's group but with the decline in her mobility, she can no longer attend meetings or Sunday Services. She has also outlived most of her friends but the Ministry Team continues to drop by once a month and brings her special meals at Christmas and Easter. A Personal Support Worker comes to help her once each week but the rest of the time she is alone with her old cat, Mr. Tubbs.

Mary's story is not unique. Her loneliness and isolation is a plight shared by many seniors across our own municipality. The Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) has helped others in Mary's situation through their Volunteer Visiting and Telephone Assurance Safety Checks Programs. These fortunate seniors know, firsthand, the joy and sense of wellbeing that comes with an afternoon visit or a cheery phone call. Some of the seniors on the waiting list for a Volunteer Visitor tell the coordinator that they "would just enjoy someone dropping by to chat." Others have asked for someone to help them with basic computer skills so they can email their grandkids! Some have asked for assistance with baking or the occasional outing to a doctor's appointment or grocery store. Seniors with vision problems would love to just have a volunteer come to read the newspaper or their Bible to them. More than one senior has shown interested in having a VON Volunteer assist them to leave a legacy for their children and grandchildren in the form of their life story. (VON has a trained Story Telling volunteers to assist with this). Seniors in our community often recognize the need to remain active and would simply benefit from going for a short walk or by joining our seniors exercise program (SMART Program). This senior exercise program is offered in the home as well as community in a group setting. Occasionally we get requests to provide a volunteer to assist a person to learn a new skill, to learn to play an instrument, to rekindle a lost skill, or even to provide that "push" to get started.



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If you or someone you know has a need for Community Support Services, VON Chatham-Kent offers: Security Checks (Volunteer Visiting and Telephone Assurance, In-Home SMART), Supportive Care, SMART Seniors Exercise, Kids' Circle, Bereavement Support, and Look Good-Feel Better.

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Tuesdays, April - June

- Carpet Bowling 9am-Noon
- Exercise Group 1pm-3pm
- Footcare (app. only) 8:30-Noon

Wednesdays, April - June

- Riverbank Walking Club 12:30pm (members only)
- Tai Chi 9am-10am
- Crafts 10am-1:30pm
- Yoga 1:30pm-3pm
- Duplicate Bridge 1pm
- Carpet Bowling 6:00pm-8:30pm

Thursdays, April - June

- Square and Round Dance 10am
- Beginner Bridge Lessons 7pm
- Pepper 7pm

Friday, April - June

- Shuffleboard 9am
- Investment Club 1pm
(every other week)
- Exercise Group 1pm-2pm

Trips (open to members and non-members)

- Jersey Boys March 31
- Stars on Ice May 02
- Legends May 05
- 1000 Island June 10
- Kiss Me Kate June 24



-Widely regarded as the local authority on issues regarding dentures, Ted G. Dalios has been a practising denturist for 11 years. Ted prides himself on customer service, he does house calls and nursing home visits, and keeps his practice open five days a week. So we asked Ted to explain why denture upkeep is so important and to explain why so many people are now going to implant-supported dentures.

Ted G. Dalios of Chatham Denture Specialists explains, "Conventional complete (upper and lower) dentures can only restore 10 to 20 percent of what natural chewing ability can accomplish. Dentures secured with implants can get much closer to what natural teeth can do, whether it's complete or partial dentures."

"Ill-fitting dentures can come loose and cause embarrassing moments when sneezing or eating. Food can also fall under the dentures causing irritation and sore spots in the mouth. There is no substitute for securing dentures in the mouth. You will smile better, chew better, and your self confidence will be increased. It is important to remember that there are different types of dentures, from value to precision and on to secured. It depends on the denture wearer's goals and needs. This is a personal decision and we work with our patients to determine the optimum level of treatment."

If you are not ready for implant supported dentures be sure to regularly check the state of your current dentures. The bite deteriorates which can have negative effects on the jaw joints. This may be prevented through proper care and replacement. Dentures should be replaced at an average of 5-7 years with yearly check-ups and relines every 2-3 years for optimum health of the gums and performance of the dentures. "It is common to see dentures 10-15 years old," says Dalios, "but over time, the mouth changes as do the dentures themselves. Often times you can notice the "sunken in" appearance of a denture wearer that has had the dentures too long. It is a plastic so it will wear out and wear down and we need to keep on top of it. The longer someone goes without replacement, the more drastic the process will be to correct the problem."

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If you can't remember receiving service that made you feel like you matter, come visit us at Holland Optical, we'll remind you. 200 King St. West Downtown Chatham. Former home to Bingham Optical.

Al hasn't forgotten the importance of quality customer care; something that Sam Bingham regarded as a very important aspect of his own dispensary. Often going beyond what any typical optical dispensary will do, it's amazing the difference to the whole experience the little extras will bring. The best thing, of course, is you can feel how important you are to the staff at Holland Optical. You feel confident in their advice and ultimately in their ability to help you choose a style that is comfortable and suited to you. Honestly, you'll think you've bumped into an old friend. Step back in time; it's a rare experience indeed!



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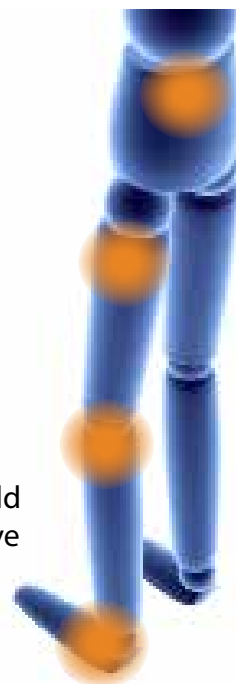
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"We have always prided ourselves on our gold standard equipment and now have the office space to match. We could not be more excited!" says Dr. Mark Tomen. He and his wife and partner, Kim continue to provide cosmetic laser services and skin enhancements to many women, men and teens from all over Ontario and Michigan.

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The Porsche of all lasers is the Sciton-erbium laser, used for Intense Pulsed Light treatments and laser peels. The Sciton treats redness, pigment, fine lines and wrinkles. Medical Aesthetics' upgraded Sciton includes profractional laser to treat aging skin with the very best results. The erbium laser is about 85% as effective as a CO2 laser but without the prolonged down time. Instead of being red and irritated for two to six weeks, clients experience only two to six days.

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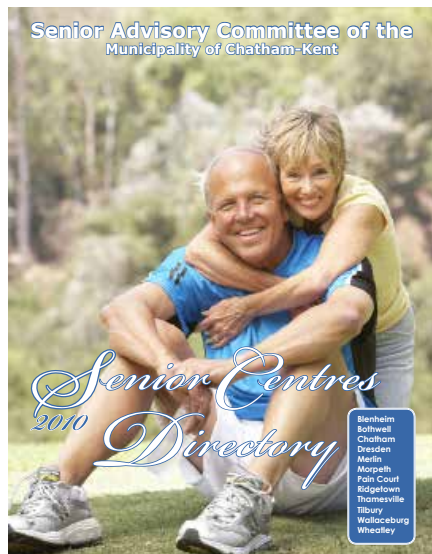
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MEADOW PARK

The newest addition to Meadow Park is the PT Health group. The PT Health team at Meadow Park consists of a Physiotherapist, Kinesiotherapist, and Restorative Care Aid.



PT Health Team - Curtis Klassen, Mariane Myers, Denise Campbell

This ultra positive and energetic group always tries to provide the optimal amount of mobilization for residents at the Meadow Park home.

"Our treatments are focused not just on a patient's current condition, but are designed to guide each patient toward their personal maximum functionality and a better quality of life," says Curtis Klassen, physiotherapist at Meadow Park. "Hip fractures and broken bones are two of the most common injuries we address but our approach to care is always individualized and highly patient focused."

Marianne Myers and Denise Campbell say, "We have seen firsthand what a difference treatment can make in the lives of our patients. Some who were not thriving at home or in hospital, and did not want to be in a nursing home, are now so grateful they have come." Restorative Care Aid Denise Campbell is actually an employee of Meadow Park who provides care in conjunction with PT Health group.



Mariane Myers leads an exercise program.

"We are very happy with the care the PT Health team is providing," says Anne-Marie Rumble, Administrator at Meadow Park, "I believe it is just one more reason on a long list, that truly defines the outstanding level of care provided at Meadow Park."

For additional information on Meadow Park long term care home call 519.351.1330 or visit www.jarlette.com.

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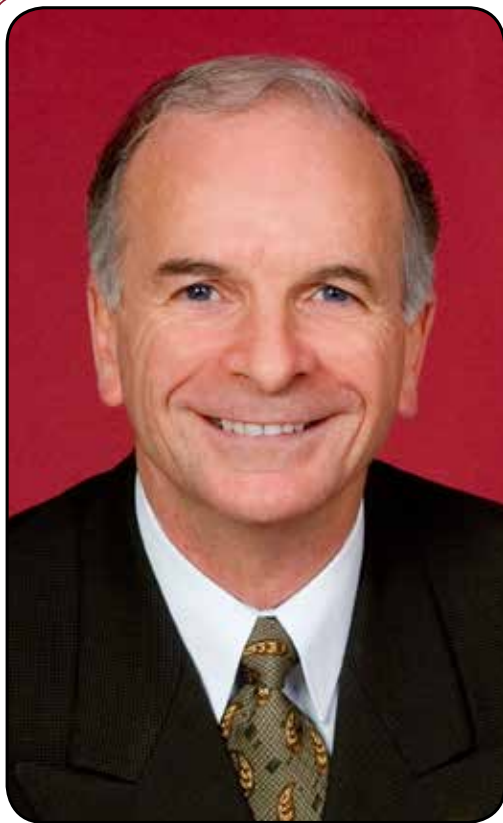
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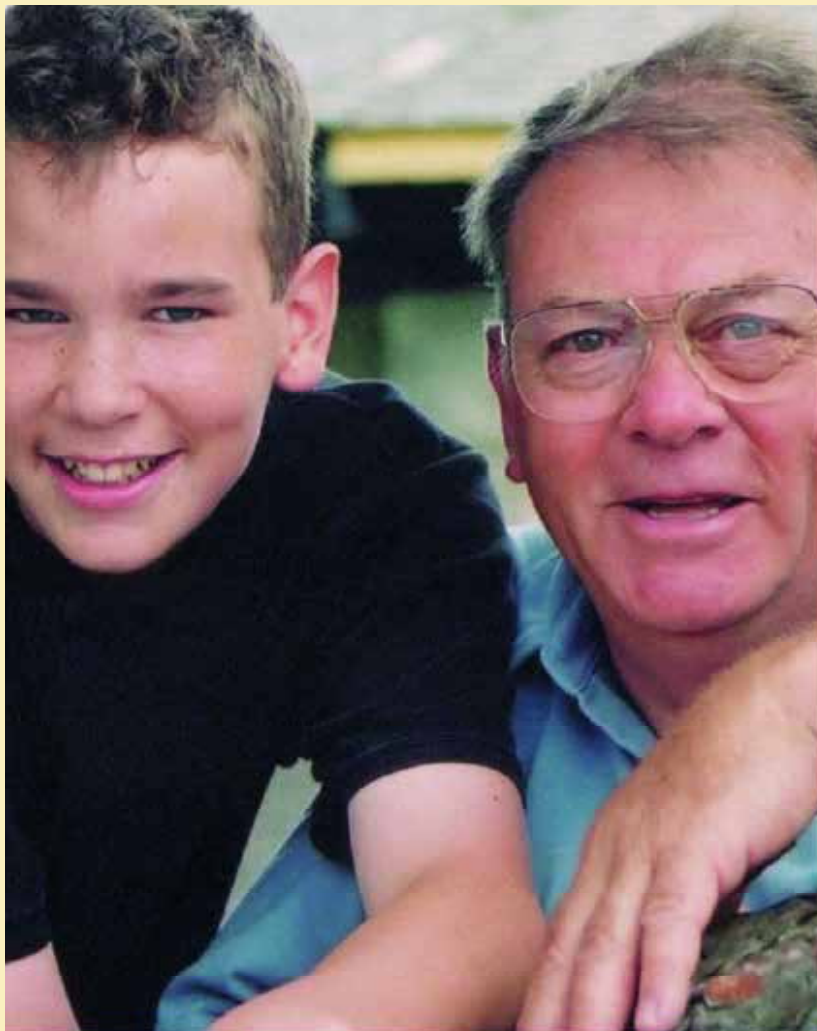


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When planning for retirement, the wealth of options available today can be quite overwhelming. Would a retirement home or adult lifestyle community best meet your needs? Are you looking for independent or assisted living? Should you choose a facility that is non-profit, private ownership, or government funded? What type of location, suite options, and amenities are most important to you? Would you prefer a facility that is accredited by the Ontario Retirement Communities Association (ORCA)? What does all of this mean?

At St. Andrew's Community we understand that navigating the many choices available in Senior's Housing can be challenging and we are here to help you find the best choice for yourself and your loved ones.

Located on the outskirts of historic downtown Chatham, St. Andrew's Community has grown over the years to include St. Andrew's Residence and Terrace as well as the community based programs, Meals on Wheels Chatham and Senior's Day Out.

St. Andrew's Residence was built in 1970 and remains the only non-profit retirement home in Chatham-Kent. Our competitive rates on one and two room suites include nursing care, meals, housekeeping, and laundry services, as well as a full calendar of activities. Our accreditation with ORCA ensures that the residence meets the highest professional industry standards in Ontario. A retirement home like St. Andrew's Residence is ideal for seniors who are looking for assistance with daily living while remaining independent.

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If you are planning your retirement or considering your options for senior housing in Chatham-Kent, the most important advice we can give is to start your research today. Make an informed decision now while you can still enjoy all that senior living has to offer!

For more information or to "Experience the Difference" at St. Andrew's Community, please visit our website at www.standrewsresidence.com or call Jessica at 519-354-8103 to book your personal tour today!

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Ask Dr. Button...



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Roberta L. of Chatham asks - "I recently have noticed that my mother is having a harder time getting around in general. Is there anything I can do to help her overall mobility?"

For the elderly, maintaining mobility is one of the greatest challenges. When you think about it, mobility is about independence and self-sufficiency. The loss of mobility can lead to more serious health deterioration. Therefore, interventions that target mobility have a great impact on overall health and the maintenance of quality and quantity of life.

Key to maintaining and increasing mobility is the treatment of those medical conditions which prevent or impede it. Illnesses such as heart or lung disease, arthritis, depression, Parkinson's disease, as well as many others can significantly interfere with mobility and need to be addressed.

Exercise is the best way to maintain or increase mobility. A programme that promotes endurance, strength, and balance training will enhance mobility. Exercise preserves and improves muscle performance and reduces the risk of falls. The programme needs to be carefully tailored to each person's capabilities. Remember, many enjoyable daily tasks, such as

gardening or walking the dog, are good ways to get exercise. Many seniors' centers and health departments offer good fitness programmes. They can also be found on video. However before you start, consult your doctor.

The safety of the living space is also key to the maintenance of mobility in the home. The furniture may need to be rearranged to allow clear passage from room to room. Rugs need to be secured. Electrical and telephone cords need to be out of the way.

Finally, there are three principles to follow in maintaining and increasing mobility:

1. Don't give up on mobility even if it is harder than it used to be.
2. Your willingness to try new things (canes, walkers, lifts, grab bars etc.) is crucial to remaining mobile.
3. Ask for help when you need it. *Pride does come before the fall.*

- Dr. John Button has been practising family medicine in Ridgetown, Ontario for the past 30 years. He is very involved within the community as a member of the board of directors for the CKHA Foundation, and a past president and current Ridgetown Kiwanian. To submit a health-related question for our next issue please email info@athielmarketing.com.

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