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To Northumberland County,

May is Community Living Month, a province-wide annual awareness campaign created to promote authentic inclusion with people who have an intellectual disability and their families. Community Living & Respite Northumberland supports children, youth, and adults with disabilities, and their families to live inclusive and fulfilling lives in their community. We offer many services, ranging from children and youth services helping families navigate various services and plan, community supports, supported living and employment support throughout the county.

This year, Toronto's CN Tower will help promote Community Living Month by lighting up in blue and green (the official colours of the Community Living movement) on Thursday, May 1st as part of Community Living Ontario's Shine a Light on Community Living initiative.

Community Living Ontario is calling on other communities to join in and invite their local landmarks to participate. As a member of Northumberland County, who believes strongly in the Community Living movement, **Community Living and Respite Northumberland** is inviting **Northumberland County** to shine a light, raise awareness, and celebrate with us. Join us on May 1st — or another date in May — and change your exterior lights to blue and green in support of Community Living Month. Together, we can create a powerful example of inclusion that will shine not only in our community, but throughout many others across the province.

Will you join us this year? We are hoping to "kick off" Community Living Month this May by shining a light!

We thank you in advance for your time and consideration. If you have any questions about this unique campaign, please let me know!

Thank you,

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