



Seeing is believing

By Alexya Heelis

Earlier this month, we were able to bring back our Seeing is Believing Trolley Tour, bringing donors along on a ride to different funded partners to see and hear from the people that their generosity supports.



And I have to tell you, it was such a heartwarming experience.

While this is usually a once-every-other-year event, the pandemic has prevented us from holding it over the last several years.

So this one proved extra special. But don't just take it from me.

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Dale's story: Life-changing support

Tom Clarkson will never forget Charlotte Dial-A-Ride.

His mother, Dale MacCoubrey, has multiple sclerosis and uses a motorized wheelchair. Although she lived most of her life in New Brunswick, she had moved to Nova Scotia but she eventually moved back to live at Lincourt Manor in St. Stephen.

She wanted to move to Shannex in Quispamsis to be closer to her family. Her opportunity came suddenly – she was told on a Saturday evening that she needed to be at Shannex by Tuesday.

Tom called Charlotte Dial-A-Ride on Monday, knowing that it had a van that allows for wheelchair access and was relieved that the people there could help.

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Khloe's story: With Joy comes laughter

Young Khloe met her Big Sister Joy a year ago. It didn't take long before they became fast friends – baking, playing Barbies together, picnicking and sharing dreams of the future.

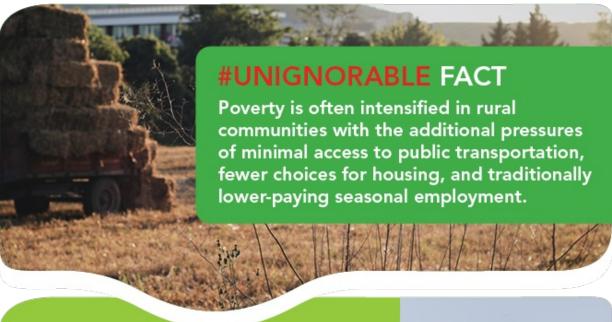
When they are together, laughter abounds.

To promote social inclusion and empowerment, the pair love to bake treats to share with Khloe's classmates.



Their focus on being kind and grateful positively impacts mental wellness, especially their Happy Thoughts Jar.

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Since 2020, United Way has supported more than 10,700 rides or deliveries to people in Charlotte County to help them attend work, educational programs, medical and health appointments, as well as access basic necessities such as food and medications.





Local Love for AREA 506

At United Way, we are so grateful for our partnership with AREA 506.

In 2018, people behind AREA 506 were looking to give back to the community. They also needed volunteer power.

A perfect match was born – United Way provides and coordinates all the volunteers for the bar service and 100 per cent of the tips collected are donated to United Way.

We then re-invest those dollars through our social impact model to help ensure a strong network of social supports in our community.

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Join us for our AGM!

We are holding our annual general meeting in person this year.

It will be held June 22, 2023 at 5 p.m. at our offices at 28 Richmond St. in Saint John.



The meeting will include approval of our 2023 financial statements, nomination of directors and officers, and an update to the organization's bylaws to, among other items, modify membership qualifications.

An agenda, proposed slate of officers and full text of the proposed bylaw amendments can be <u>on our website</u>.

RSVP by June 20.



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