

# Colborne Church extends a warm welcome

**P**rospect Community Church is located in the beautiful village of Colborne. The latest chapter of our story might be entitled 'The Little Church The Could.'

Scarcely six years ago this church was contemplating closure because attendance had dwindled. The question of existence centered on the church's usefulness to the citizens of Northumberland County for Jesus' sake.

We firmly believed Jesus' words in Matthew 25:40 which states, "... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and

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sisters of mine, you did for me."

The little church had already operated a 'Blessing Cup-board' for 35 years when, two years ago, it moved the cup-board upstairs into a newly renovated room. Twice a month the doors swing open to address our community's increasing need for food. Each Sunday, after church, the church hall (Prospect House)

serves a free beverage and a sweet.

Chef John and the Prospect crew create three or more varieties of homemade soups, yeasty buns and seven to eight different kinds of homemade pies every third Sunday of the month. This is a free lunch for the community. Prospect loves the folks who call Northumberland County home.

Prospect House has become a community kitchen, living room and clothes closet.

On Wednesday evenings Prospect Community Church hosts a lively Bible study. Members of many Christian denominations participate and

enjoy fellowship over a cup of coffee or tea and a sweet. Saturday mornings have turned into a drop in time for coffee and chatter when Chef John is baking.

Many people suffer from hurts, habits and hang-ups. Prospect joined hands with the 'Celebrate Recovery' program at Cobourg's Salvation Army Church which meets every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. A ladies group meets every Tuesday afternoon, at 1 p.m. at Prospect House as a support group for those who long for others to walk with them through difficult places. The little church has learned the

road of life is much easier to navigate if someone walks with you and loves you unconditionally. Solomon's words in the book of Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 embrace this principle.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If they fall down, they can help each other up. But pity those who fall and have no one to help them up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

Up to 14 boys and girls have been sent to camp free of charge by Prospect Community Church the past four years. Neighboring churches and service clubs are joining Prospect to reach out to youth and children. "The little church that could" is a great, ongoing blessing for the folks of Northumberland County.

Prospect Community Church extends a warm welcome for you!

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## ANNIVERSARY RUN: Man in Motion tour marks 25th anniversary

# Cramahe seeks nominations for Hansen Relay medal-bearer

**CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP** - Who is Cramahe Township is a Difference Maker?

That is the question being sent out to Cramahe residents by the Cramahe Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay Organizing Committee.

Nominations are now being accepted for the honorary medal-bearer who will carry the medal for the last leg of the relay team route that will pass through Colborne on Nov. 1 as part of the cross-Canada relay celebrating the 25th anniversary of Hansen's Man in Motion tour.

The Colborne relay team will consist of medal-bearers who have been selected via the national contest that was

launched this past spring.

"As well, the relay organizers have given each route community the opportunity to select one individual who has made a real difference in our community to be the final medal-bearer", Cramahe community development officer Rebecca Goddard-Sarria states.

Selection guidelines are described as follows:

- The Community Participants (medal-bearers) will be shining examples of ordinary people with extraordinary stories of determination, excellence and teamwork - people who make a difference in your community.

- Someone whose efforts

have removed barriers and contributed to making a community more accessible and inclusive.

- An individual who has overcome a disability
- A promising youth leader
- Someone who lives by the credo that anything is possible.

- Someone who is committed to making a difference in the lives of others.

- Is it a long serving volunteer?

- A person in the community who mirrors the values of determination, integrity, inspiration, human excellence, team work and putting others above one's self

- Or is it an unsung everyday

hero whose quiet efforts have made a significant impact in the lives of others?

More information on the contest, and how to register to be selected, is available at Hansen's website, [www.rick-hansen.com](http://www.rick-hansen.com).

Nominations are being accepted in person or by mail at Cramahe municipal hall at 1 Toronto Street, P.O. Box 357, Colborne, ON K0K 1S0 or can be faxed to 905-355-3430. Nomination forms are available at the hall or by downloading them from the Cramahe Township website at [www.visitcramahe.ca](http://www.visitcramahe.ca).

Nominations are being accepted until Wednesday, July 27.

## ART: Sculpture called Empathy

# Colborne streetscape gets new addition Thursday

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**COLBORNE** - The Colborne streetscape gets a new addition Thursday, when the Colborne Art Gallery unveils the installation of Claus Heinecke's sculpture, Empathy.

The permanent installation has won the approval of the Township of Cramahe, which has been quite supportive, gallery spokeswoman Barb Buntin said.

The sculpture is a donation to the gallery by member artist Heinecke.

"The concept and design were discussed by the membership, and welcomed as a way to showcase the contemporary nature of the work that is exhibited in the Historic Registry building," she said of the building at 51 King St. E. that became an art gallery when the provincial government closed down a number of rural land-registry offices.

Once the township accepted the gallery's proposal, she continued, Heinecke started

work on a piece designed to fit the space.

"We have also consulted with the direct neighbours and public-works department, as well as the Historical Society, in order to outline our intentions," Buntin added.

"We realize that it will have its supporters and detractors, as art always does.

"As with many other pieces of public art, we anticipate a period of adjustment, and trust that the community will grow to accept and embrace the piece as a bold commitment to the vitality of Colborne and the Colborne Art Gallery."

Heinecke describes Empathy as two interlocking cylinders, similar in size and shape, as a metaphor for the idea of empathy, "a quality to be fostered by society for the sake of peace and harmony."

The unveiling takes place Thursday at an Empathy sculpture party, which runs from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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