

# ALTERNATIVES

## COMMUNITY PROGRAM SERVICES

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### “Featured Story”

#### A Season of Gratitude and Giving

As the holiday season approaches, we are reminded of the importance of giving back, showing kindness, and taking time to be thankful for all that we have. This special time of year encourages us to reflect on the moments, people, and experiences that make our community so meaningful.

At Alternatives Community Program Services, we are deeply grateful for another wonderful year filled with connection, growth, and shared accomplishments. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible individuals we support. Your determination, creativity, and spirit continue to inspire us every day.

We also want to express our sincere appreciation to our dedicated staff, whose compassion, hard work, and commitment make a lasting difference in the lives of others. And to our families, partners, and community supporters—thank you for standing beside us and helping us create opportunities where everyone can thrive.

This holiday season, may we all take a moment to celebrate the joys in our lives, to give back in ways big and small, and to carry the spirit of gratitude into the year ahead. From all of us at Alternatives Community Program Services, we wish you a wonderful holiday season filled with warmth and appreciation.

### OFFICE CLOSURE

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24TH - FRIDAY JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> - OPENING MONDAY JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> 2026**

[www.alternativescommunityprogramservices.ca](http://www.alternativescommunityprogramservices.ca)



Charitable Gaming aims to provide stable, consistent, and direct fundraising opportunities for organizations that support programs and services in communities across the province.



# NOVEMBER CONCERT



On November 17<sup>th</sup>, the Community hub was filled with singing, laughter and dancing when the AbZoluting Choir stopped by to put on an amazing show! It was their first time coming to Alternatives, and I don't think it'll be their last 😊 Be sure to check out their website

<https://abzolutelychoir.ca/>  
**"A choir community for every women"**



Our sincere Thanks to Duane, Catherine, and the entire team at Nisbett Funeral Home for their generous donation of \$2000.00. We are truly grateful for your support and for choosing to contribute to Alternatives Community Program Services. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference-Thank you! Nisbett Funeral Home



*Another successful haul for the Kawartha Food Share program was completed. There was a bin kept in the lobby for the month of October, and it was filled twice. Thank you to everyone who made donations throughout the month, and for the Halloween Party! It's wonderful to see our community support the bigger community!*





# HALLOWEEN PARTY

Thank you to the Advanced Skills Program for making a successful Halloween party for the Alternatives Community! There was dancing, singing, and lots of candy eaten! There was a pumpkin contest, best costume awards and scaring happening around the building!



## Decembers “Feel Good Story”

Everyone, meet Phil! In Sept 2025, he was recognized for being on the Council for Persons with Disabilities for **10 years**.

At Council for Persons with Disabilities (CPD), we're here to break barriers and push for real change. Since 1989, we've been advocating for equal rights and better access for people with disabilities in Peterborough/Nogojiwanong.

Recognized by the City of Peterborough as a leading voice on accessibility, we work with businesses, schools, and local governments to create a more inclusive community.

For more information, please check out their website

<https://www.pcpd.ca/about-cpd>



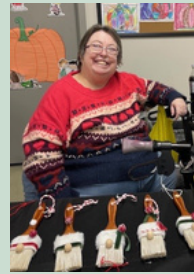
# COMMUNITY MARKET



Thank you to everyone who stopped by our 3rd Annual Community Market on November 8<sup>th</sup> 2025.

There was a total of 30 vendors that participated in making the Market a big success. Some of the vendors included Painted Pine, Copper and Craft Co, The Nature in us, and Hard Rain Creations. We are already looking forward to next year!

LOCAL MARKET



Want the perfect gift to give to someone this holiday season?

Once again, we are selling Alternatives calendars for \$20.

Stop by the office or call 705-742-0806 to reserve yours.

Payment options: Cash, Cheque, or E-transfer

FinanceDepartment@AlternativesPtbo.ca

(Please make sure you indicate in the comment section that the money's for the calendar)

*Alternatives Community Program Services*

"A welcoming space where everyone is recognized for their achievements and supported in their journey of growth and belonging"



2026



Many spirit days were had at Alternatives while the Toronto Blue Jays made it all the way to the World Series, making it to game 7 on November 1st. Though it wasn't the outcome we were looking for, it was still exciting to follow them along and make it further along than we have in a VERY long time.

We are excited to see what the Jays have in store for 2026!





FREE ADMISSION!

# Winter CONCERT

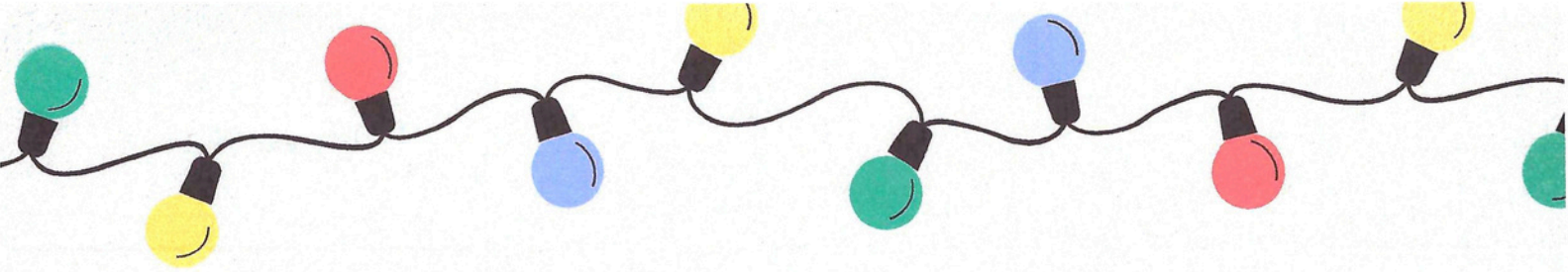
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PETERBOROUGH  
NEW  
HORIZONS BAND  
DYNAMICS!

SHOWTIME  
1:30-2:30

ALTERNATIVES  
COMMUNITY HUB





# From the Alternatives Team HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Jolynn Bikes  
- Passport Coordination

Abhi: FSDP

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Maddy - happy holidays ☺  
Office coordinator

Laurie Rabjohn ☺

- Ricki-anne



Laura Rayson ☺  
- Finance Department

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Lori Bell

Ricki Cavill  
- Advanced Skills

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Morgan ☺  
- FSDP

happy holidays  
Steph Northan  
- ISS/SIL

Happy Holidays  
Lori McKee  
- Executive Director

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Kristy W ☺  
- FSDP

Ricki Cavill  
Advanced Skills

- Keith  
Advanced Skills

Monique - ISS/SIL

Merry Christmas  
Jackie ★

Mylee  
- Building Bridge

Karthik  
FSDP

Denise!!  
FSDP ☺

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Jackie

Angie - DROP

Kristie  
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