

FUNDRAISING PARTNERS

Dine on dollar delicacies – support Community Care

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A partnership has been formed between Community Care Haliburton County and Watercolours Lifestyle Condominiums, and to kick it off they're hosting a fundraiser called Dollar Delicacies.

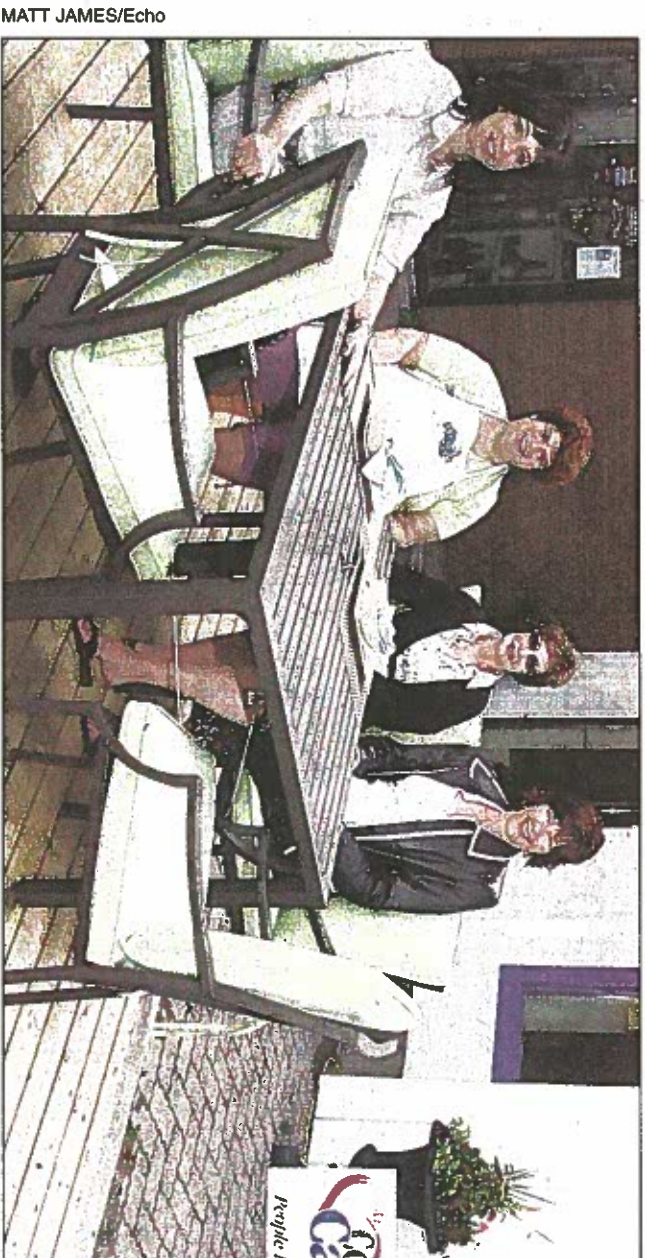
For \$1 Franka Andriano and her staff from Franka's Café will be cooking up food from around the world. The event will take place on Saturday, July 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the patio outside of the Watercolours presentation centre on Highland Street, below Moose FM.

How does this sound? Vietnamese-style cold rolls, French brie pecan tarts, Thai chicken satay with peanut sauce, Italian cranberry crostini, and red pepper goat cheese rounds. Dessert, however, is a surprise. Each portion will cost \$1.

"Franka's Café will be preparing all the food and donating dessert, Watercolours is sponsoring the entire event, and Community Care Haliburton County would be the beneficiary of any funds raised on the day," said Hilary Elia, Community Care's resource development co-ordinator.

Sharon Smitman, president of Symbol Communities, a business partner of Watercolours, would like to raise \$1,000 for Community Care.

Though the event is planned to run until 4 p.m. the organizers warn that when the food runs out, the event is over. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be served.



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Community Care Haliburton County and Watercolours Lifestyle Condominiums have teamed up to raise money for Community Care Haliburton County. From left are Sharon Smitman, president of Symbol Communities, Franka Andriano of Franka's Café, Community Care executive director Donna McDonald, and Community Care resource development co-ordinator Hilary Elia. There will be a community fundraiser in front of Watercolours presentation centre July 25 called Dollar Delicacies.

The partnership

Community Care and Watercolours have been developing a partnership for the past three years. The excitement of Community Care executive director Donna McDonald and Hilary Elia matches that of Sharon Smitman.

Essentially Watercolours residents will have access to all of Community Care's services such as meals on wheels, transportation, home help, visiting, social recreation, emergency response, and diner's club.

"Watercolours is very appreciative that they have the partnership because we know that's going to keep seniors living at home and living his community," she says.

McDonald and Elia reciprocate the sentiments.

"We're really please to be working with Watercolours," said McDonald. "It's been a positive working relationship to ensure people do get services as they do in the whole county."

"It makes sense," added Elia. "And as charity we are always appreciative of any funds that we can raise in the community."

Elia says the timing of the fundraiser is great too. Because it's happening on a Saturday in July they'll be exposed not only to residents but cottagers and visitors who just might be considering retiring in Haliburton. "We hope there'll be more, the first of many," said Smitman of the fundraiser. "Watercolours is in the community, we're partnering with Community Care, and we want to contribute. We feel that we're part of this community."

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