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TODAY:  
SHOWERS,  
T-STORMS

HIGH OF 26  
LOW OF 16



TUESDAY:  
PERIODS OF  
RAIN

HIGH OF 22  
LOW OF 13



WEDNESDAY:  
60% CHANCE  
OF SHOWERS

HIGH OF 23  
LOW OF 12



THURSDAY:  
MIX OF SUN  
AND CLOUDS

HIGH OF 22  
LOW OF 13



FRIDAY:  
60% CHANCE  
OF SHOWERS

HIGH OF 22  
LOW OF 15

# A van for the Sunshine House, with your help it can happen!



## THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

The people of Potton and surrounding areas rarely turn their backs when a need arises in the community. In fact, a closer look at all of the things that have been made possible in the small community thanks to the hard work and generosity of its population can best be described as amazing. The Sunshine House, a home for four local intellectually challenged adults that the community helped to build is hoping for support with a new project.

"We once gain want to thank all who financially supported us in helping to make this fantastic home a reality," shared Stanley Lake (parent and member of the Sunshine House Committee). "We will be celebrating our 3rd year of existence in the fall and welcome this opportunity to share our accomplishments thus far as well as sharing our latest project."

"Our latest project, in the form of a financial campaign, is to purchase a van (costing anywhere from \$22,000 to \$24,000). The government will pay for the adaptation of the van for wheel chair accessibility (a cost approximately of an additional \$22,000)," explained Lake.

One look at the used adapted minivan that Sunshine House has presently been using makes it clear that with ages and deterioration, it should no longer be used; the safety of the clients and caregivers at the forefront. Living in a rural community with minimal public transport limits the activities for the challenged. To provide enriched living experiences that others may take for granted to destinations like, Granby Zoo,



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Sherbrooke swimming pools, Cowansville movie theatre are virtually impossible without adapted transportation.

"The caregiver, by law, is not allowed to lift the clients," explained Lake. "Therefore, a van with a ramp and wheelchair accessibility is essential for our objectives."

With thanks to the collaboration of the municipality of Potton, contributions are tax deductible and receipts will be issued. The goal is to raise \$20,000 by the end of July. Any donation should be made to the "Canton de Potton" and on the memo line specify: "A Van for Sunshine House." Please make sure that your address is on the cheque. If you wish to mail a donation, you can do so by sending it to: Stanley Lake, 107 Ruitier Brook, Mansonville, Quebec, JOE 1X0.

The guiding financial formula established for the Sunshine House has proven to be an excellent model to follow and the project has been operating within its means for the past 2 and years. Recently, the Sunshine House welcomed Ms. Diane Duquette from Sherbrooke (a homemaker for the elderly for 25 years) to serve as the caregiver for the home and her sister Danielle (formerly a pastry chef) who has taken on the cooking responsibilities. The two have done an amazing job thus far and each holiday or birthday finds

the Sunshine House festively decorated with balloons, ribbons, hearts and flowers, mixed with paintings and other crafts created by the clients. It is truly their home and the clients take pride in their creative expression and have even started seedlings on the windowsills for the coming garden season.

There has been landscaping provided by Eric Dechenes and Karen Tinker of Cultiv-Art Mansonville with the planning of bushes and trees. They also planted perennials that were donated by many kind people. There is more space for flowers and donations are warmly accepted and appreciated. Eric also built a fence to keep the clients secure with wood donated by committee member and parent, Colin Field.

Sunshine House has engaged both Janet Patch and Pascale Marquis to create activities to help the clients be implicated and motivated doing crafts, exercises and games as well as outings etc...

All support thus far made possible by the financial contributions and help given by the community and beyond has helped to enrich and stimulate those who reside at the Sunshine House.

"We are proud of what we have been able to put in place," shared Lake. "We are equally grateful and proud of the support given in making it all possible."

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