# 2023-24 Communication Plan

# **Strategy Overview**

Communication Objective: Building Connections-Improve awareness and visibility.

- 1. Gain more online interaction (comments, questions, shares)
- 2. Become more engaged in virtual community events (support or participate) to increase interaction with general public
- now that in-person events are limited have restarted.
- 3. Create more content for the media (sending in photos & press releases to local media outlets)
- 4. Improve intake for Employment & Literacy programs
- 5. Improve Brand awareness of both Home Support and Employment & Literacy Services and identity in the community

## **Target Audiences**

- 1. Tri-counties (Tillsonburg & surrounding area) residents. To increase awareness of our services to all ages
- 2. MSC Employment & Literacy programs Intake for our Employment Ontario programs for all ages in the surrounding communities.

#### **Positioning Statement**

Building a community of inclusiveness, innovation, and independence together.

# **Communication Platforms**

**Communication Channels, Target Audience & Message Frequency** 

#### 1. Facebook

• Consistent and regular posting schedule that aligns with the objectives of our focus areas: Employment & Literacy Programming, Home Support services, Volunteers (recruitment & recognition), HR recruitment and Fundraising

- Focused on creating brand awareness in the community
- Link to Website to create traffic
- Some promoted posts related to upcoming events
- Target audience: all Tillsonburg & surrounding areas

# 2. Website

- Updated calendar with our programming and events listed
- Blog that will promote our programming, recruitment and community partnership priorities accordingly,
- appreciate that these fluctuate based on many socio-economic, demographic and other factors
  - Target audience: Clients (program-specific), families of clients, volunteers, and the community at large

# 3. Email Marketing

- Periodic email blasts around key events/announcements
- Scheduled email promotion for programs to achieve marketing goals
- Scheduled Newsletters: Program-specific and scheduled as appropriate to meet needs
- Target audiences: Clients, former clients, families of clients and volunteers

#### 4. Instagram

- Multiple posts per week
- Employment & Literacy focused. Creating highlights for each program
- Target audiences: Tillsonburg & surrounding communities' workforce of all ages and employers.

# Messaging

#### **Messaging Topics for Social Media Calendar**

# Topic 1 (60%) – Program Information

• Upcoming workshops, programs & training

• Promote all services available through MSC for seniors, with an emphasis on services that are not wait listed such as housekeeping and foot care.

- Promote all services/classes available through Stonebridge-eligibility is not restricted.
- Share meaningful statistics of interest to the community

## Topic 2 (25%) –Community Impact and Volunteer Appreciation

- Sharing client stories
- Volunteer appreciation
- Sharing partner and community stories, events etc.

• Employment workshop or YJC photos and success stories

# Topic 3 (10%) – News and Information

- Celebrating public holidays
- MSC/Stonebridge news or special events
  Volunteer recognition events (National Volunteer Week in April & as appropriate)
  Sharing staff photos

# Topic 5 (5%) – Job Postings

MSC/Stonebridge human resources and volunteer recruitment (including Board of Directors)

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