

PCL Volunteer Spotlight

GARRY BOLAND

We are proud to spotlight Garry Boland —a father whose commitment exemplifies the spirit of volunteering.

After retiring, Garry made a heartfelt commitment to give back to Parents for Community Living (PCL), the organization that has supported his family for over 17 years. His son, Robbie, has been receiving support from PCL during this time, and Garry and his family deeply appreciate the vital services PCL provides.

Garry volunteers at the Evelyn Home, where he engages in yard work, painting, and minor repairs. Many people may not realize that homes like those operated by PCL are often established and managed by non-profit organizations that typically operate with limited funding. This is why Garry feels that donating one's time is so valuable. Jobs that require little expense and a bit of effort can significantly contribute to maintaining homes. Garry feels that keeping the home looking good helps everyone and demonstrates to the community that we are good neighbours.

Garry's time spent at the Evelyn home has cultivated a deep mutual respect between himself and the PCL staff team. Garry shares that helping makes him feel like he is doing something to contribute to the hard work that the staff do on a daily basis. *This partnership exemplifies how volunteers have the power to effect meaningful change when united with passionate professionals.*

Beyond physical tasks, Garry serves on PCL's Board of Directors, which has helped him understand the "big picture" of an organization like PCL. Garry says he has learned a great deal about the challenges that this sector faces in meeting the huge demand for its services. He feels that being a parent of a child with developmental disabilities, as well as his experience in education supporting students with learning challenges, helps him to always consider the person being supported in discussions and planning.

Garry's involvement at PCL also extends to our fund development committee, where he plays an important role in organizing the "Stand Up for PCL" comedy night and silent auction. Garry emphasizes the power of community networks, encouraging others to support PCL and demonstrating that collective efforts can lead to remarkable outcomes. Thank you, Garry, for all you do! Your commitment embodies the spirit of volunteerism, creating ripples of positive change and making our community a better place.



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