

## Jillian Holmes, Bright's Grove Community Hub Champion



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Being born a “Baby Boomer” in 1946 Art was not a subject that was taught in schools so I was a “Late Bloomer” not being able to draw a stick person until I was in my late 50’s when I signed up for art lessons in 2004. The past 10 years has been a wonderful ride with being given the opportunity to have had two exhibitions at Gallery in the Grove. The climb up the stairs for aging people has been tough & not accessible for others.

The dedicated volunteers started looking into getting an elevator 10++ years ago. 5 years ago I started an “Elevator” fund with \$500 that I had just received from JNAAG “Look & See” exhibition & have been hoping to see that come to fruition in my life time.

The new Bright’s Grove Community Hub project will do that including all the benefits, Ian McLean, Paul Kearney & St. Clair Child & Youth Services have stated in their “Champion” letters.

My motto is “Art is better than Drugs” not just for the aging population but for all ages. The VALS program & scholarship awards enable, encourage & enrich the lives of young people.

Please support this much needed new facility that provides more space & new technology to everyone in the Library/HUB space as well. This will be a “gem” for all ages in Lambton County!

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