



Giving Hope Today



September 23, 2016

Dear Parents:

Once again we are planning to offer Sibling Workshops for children and youth ages 6 - 8 years and 9 - 12 years. These workshops are designed specifically for children who have a sibling with special needs. They provide an opportunity to meet other brothers and sisters in a casual atmosphere and to participate in recreational and therapeutic activities. Sibshops also provide an opportunity to share stories, feelings, concerns and experiences with peers who truly understand the ups and downs of life with a sibling with developmental or physical challenges.

All Sibling Workshops will be held at The Salvation Army London Village located at 1340 Dundas Street East (on NE corner of Highbury and Dundas). Sibshops will begin at **10:00 a.m. and go until 3:00 p.m.** We ask that parents remember to send their children with indoor gym shoes. In nicer weather we may ask you to send clothing for the outdoors if there will be some physical activity/outside time involved.

Upcoming dates for 2016-2017 Sibshops are as follows:

Friday, November 18th, 2016

Friday, March 31st, 2017

Friday, January 13th, 2017

If your son/daughter is planning to attend these workshops the enclosed registration and family background **forms MUST BE COMPLETED and sent to CLL or received on the day of Sibshop or your child will not be able to attend.** Vital information and consents will ensure your child is able to participate and the background information will assist us in preparing for discussions and therapeutic activities for each workshop.

Please send these forms with your child or by mail to:

Family Support Program
Community Living London
190 Adelaide Street South
London, ON N5Z 3L1

We will send invitations with more detailed information to your family by email or post prior to each workshop. **If your son/daughter is not interested in participating in these workshops and you do not wish to remain on our mailing list please let us know.** If you have any questions, or would like further information, please contact any of the Sibshop facilitators.

Sincerely,

Your Sibling Workshop Facilitators