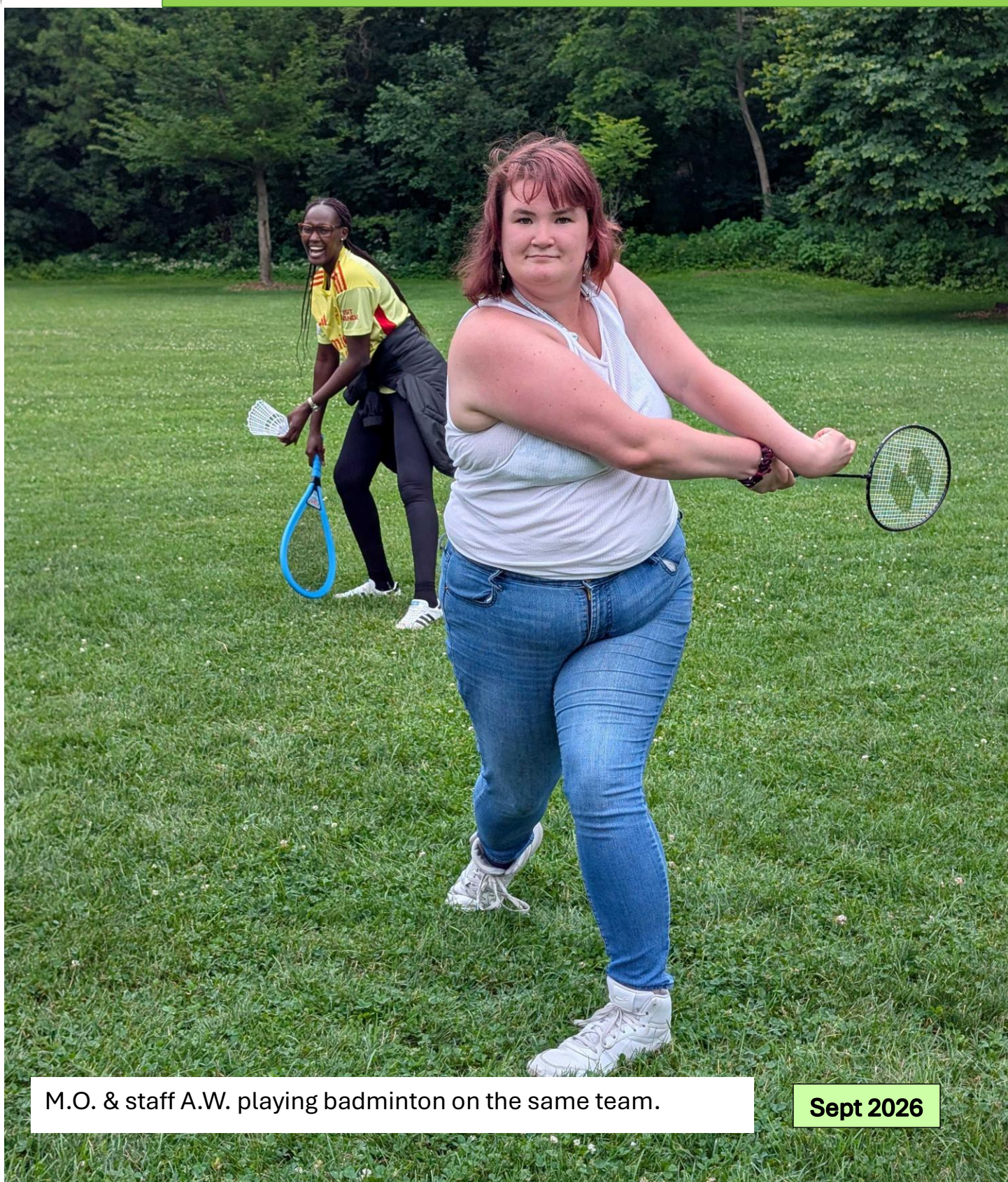




Beth Tikvah Foundation of Hamilton



M.O. & staff A.W. playing badminton on the same team.

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Executive Director's Message

As we move through another season at Beth Tikvah Foundation of Hamilton, I am reminded of how much meaning can be found in life's special moments. Some moments are big and memorable, while others may seem small to the outside world—but each one has the power to bring joy, create connection and remind us of what truly matters.

At Beth Tikvah, we have the privilege of witnessing these moments every day. We celebrate birthdays, holidays, achievements, milestones and special occasions, but we also celebrate the everyday successes that make each person's life unique. A favorite meal shared with friends, an afternoon enjoying music, a visit from a loved one, participating in a community event, learning a new skill or simply sharing a laugh with someone special can become a treasured memory.

To the residents we support, I want you to know how proud we are of you. Your individuality, accomplishments, friendships and contributions are at the heart of everything we do. Every milestone you reach and every new experience you embrace is worth celebrating. Your happiness and sense of belonging are what make our Beth Tikvah community so special.

To our dedicated staff, thank you for helping make these moments possible. Your compassion, patience and commitment extend far beyond the responsibilities of your roles. You are there to encourage, support and celebrate the people we serve. Whether you are helping someone achieve a personal goal, planning a special celebration or simply being there when someone needs a friend, you make a meaningful difference every day.

To our families and loved ones, thank you for being such an important part of the Beth Tikvah community. Your involvement, encouragement and support help create a strong network around the individuals we serve. The connections between residents, families, staff and friends remind us that no one should have to experience life's important moments alone.

And to our board members, donors, and community partners, thank you for believing in Beth Tikvah and for helping us create opportunities for meaningful experiences. Your generosity allows us to provide programs, activities, celebrations and supports that enrich the lives of the adults we serve. Every contribution, whether large or small, helps us build a community where people are valued, included and given the opportunity to thrive.

As Executive Director, I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of an organization where there are so many reasons to celebrate. Beth Tikvah is more than a collection of homes and services—it is a community built on relationships, respect, compassion and shared experiences.

Let us continue to celebrate not only the major milestones, but also the simple moments that bring us together. Let us recognize achievements, cherish friendships, welcome new experiences and appreciate the people who make each day meaningful.

Life is made up of countless special moments. At Beth Tikvah, we are committed to ensuring that every person has the opportunity to experience, share and celebrate as many of those moments as possible.

With gratitude and warmest wishes,

Chris Barone, Executive Director, Beth Tikvah Foundation of Hamilton



J.Y. and Chris enjoying some lunch at Dundas Driving Park.

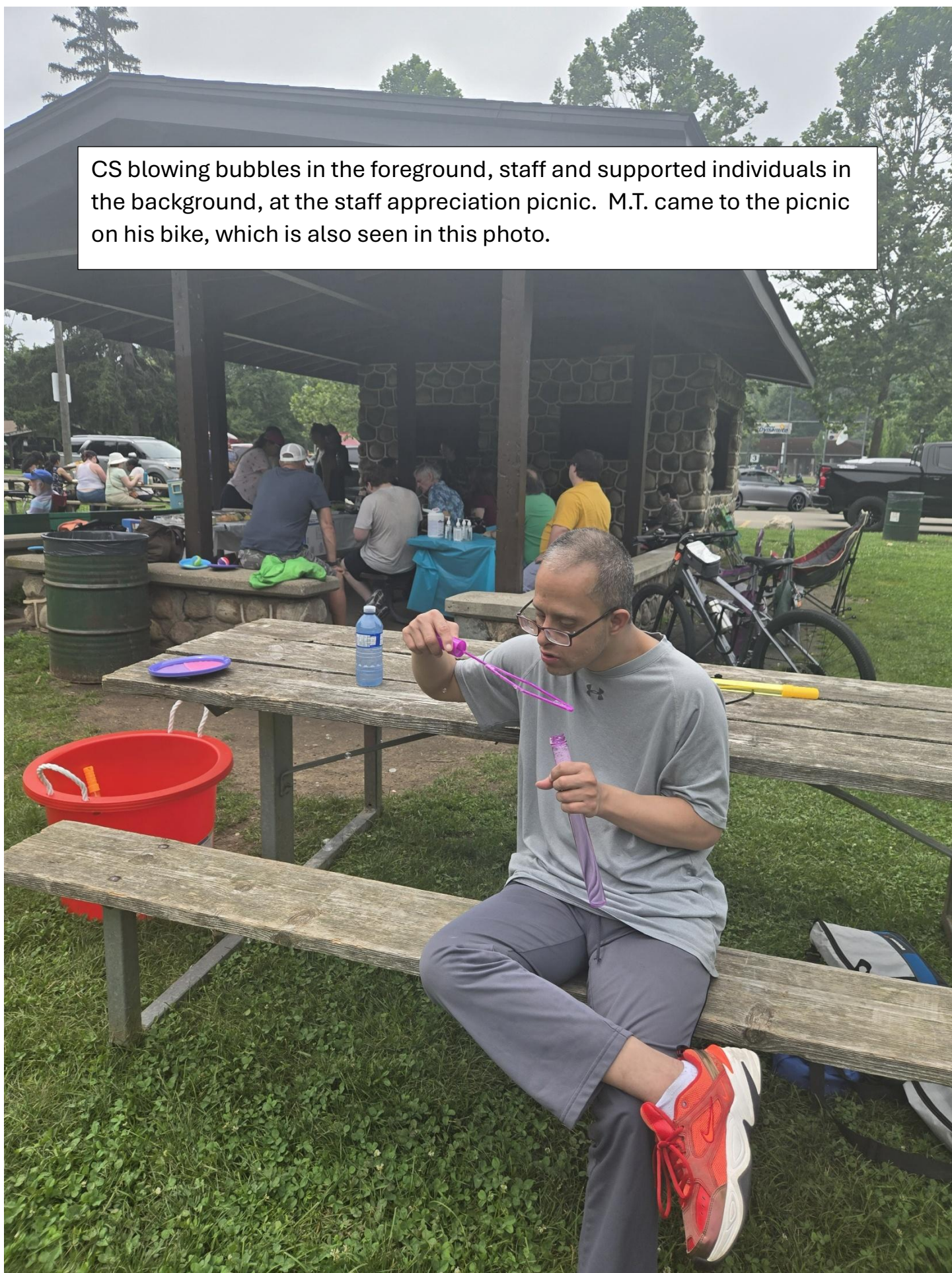


C.L. and the Mayor at
Mayor Horwath's breakfast.



S.S. listening to some of her favourite records in the comfort of her own home.

CS blowing bubbles in the foreground, staff and supported individuals in the background, at the staff appreciation picnic. M.T. came to the picnic on his bike, which is also seen in this photo.



J.W. enjoying himself at an aquarium with staff this summer.





Some of our wonderful staff, and supported individuals D.D. and C.S. playing badminton at the company picnic. At the picnic, we awarded staff prizes for Core Competency champions and attendance raffle winners.

Please join us in giving a round of applause to our **2026 Core Competency Award Winners!** 🏆

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| 1. Advocacy – C.S. 🌟 | 6. Facilitating Growth and Development – J.M. 🌱 |
| 2. Building Relationships – F.O. 🤝 | 7. Problem Solving – K.S. 🧠 |
| 3. Resilience – S.M. 💪 | 8. Championing Change and Innovation – T.S. 🚀 |
| 4. Resource Management – S.N. 📊 | 9. Inclusive Leadership – M.C. 👑 |
| 5. Valuing EDI – S.R. ❤️ | 10. Strategic Thinking – M.H. 🎯 |

MO also assisted with our attendance raffles to recognize staff who consistently demonstrate incredible dedication and reliability (thanks MO!).

Congratulations to our raffle winners! 🎉

- **Full-Time Attendance Raffle Winner:** S.R.
- **Part-Time Attendance Raffle Winner:** O.W.



Two of our board members, Nadia and Sandy came to the picnic, and so did our accountant, Ron & his wife.



W.Q. has been in Supported Independent Living supports with Beth Tikvah since 1997! Warren is seventy three years old and lives at Shalom Village. Warren has always been very independent and enjoys watching sports! He also likes going out for car rides, and to stop for an iced coffee and snack! Warren is friends with J.Y. from Arkell (they used to work at JSS together) and they try to meet up for lunch a few times a year.



From left to right: J.M., S.S., S.S.'s foster mom, staff member J.M., and supported individual M.O., and C.L. at C.L.'s birthday party. C.L. plans his birthday many months in advance and thoroughly enjoys it. This year he wanted to have something to eat at the Mandarin with a few friends. He also held a get together back at his apartment building for a larger crowd of people to join in the celebrations. It was well attended and C.L. had a blast.



Supported individuals J.Y., D.G., D.D., S.S., and C.S. and staff E.O. & K.K. at the African Lion's Safari. Everyone that went had a great time!