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### **2009 Jingle Bell Run a success from Start to Finish**

The Jingle Bell Run/Walk and Wheel Steering Committee were pleased to present a cheque in the amount of **\$8,600** to Community Living Essex County today representing proceeds raised from the 15<sup>th</sup> annual fund-raising event held back in November, 2009.

At a cheque presentation held prior to a Managers meeting at Community Living Essex County, Steering Committee Chair, Bob Blair congratulated the many supporters from across Essex County including, volunteers, sponsors and participants. The success of the Jingle Bell Run would not be possible without the community support, said Blair. “Despite a poor local economy we still had over 550 people participate in the event and show their support to Community Living”, added Blair.

“The true success of the Jingle Bell Run is measured by the many opportunities it creates through these funds raised on behalf of Community Living Essex County”, states Tony DeSantis, Manager of Community Relations and Resource Development.

Planning will be underway soon for the 2010 event to be held on **Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. “Through the hard work of many dedicated community volunteers and the support of Ken Knapp Ford, we hope to make our 2010 event the most successful and fun filled ever”, states DeSantis.

**If you are interested in getting involved, please contact:**

Tony DeSantis, Manager, Community Relations at 519- 776-6486, extension 246, or, go online to Events and Fundraising at [www.communitylivingessex.org](http://www.communitylivingessex.org).