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Ruthven Apple Festival Selected Top 100 in Ontario

For the second year in a row, the Ruthven Apple Festival was named to the prestigious Top 100 list of Festivals in Ontario for 2010 by Festival and Events Ontario at their annual conference held over the weekend in Ottawa. The Top 100 Festivals and Events in Ontario designation is presented to a select few of more than 2,000 festival and events that occur annually in the province.

“Being selected as one of the Top 100 festivals in Ontario is quite a significant accomplishment for the festival and is a true testament to the hard work and dedication of countless community volunteers,” states Jackie Barraco, event Steering Committee Co-chair.

The Ruthven Apple Festival has been a significant fundraising event for Community Living Essex County since it’s beginning 31 years ago raising a total of **\$600,000** to date in support of people with an intellectual disability and their families across Essex County. “We are very grateful for the support we receive each year from the community”, states Nancy Wallace-Gero, Executive Director of Community Living Essex County. “It is so wonderful to have such a fabulous community event recognized for its excellence”.

Plans are now well underway for the 31st annual Ruthven Apple Festival to be held on **September 25th and 26th, 2010** at Colasanti’s Tropical Gardens in Ruthven.

For more information on the 2010 Ruthven Apple Festival call 519-776-6483, ext 246 or visit us online at www.communitylivingessex.org.