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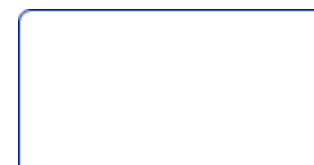
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Children's Aid Society of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry workers and union representatives Raquel Beauvais-Godard and Melanie Bakker sold raffle tickets Monday to raise money for Boys & Girls Club of Cornwall/SD&G, a way of protesting the lack of provincial government funding for local children's agencies.

CORNWALL -- While Children's Aid Society workers sold lemonade, hot dogs and hamburgers in other communities to raise money for provincial agencies in need of more funding, local child protection workers sold raffle tickets to win passes to a hot air balloon festival.

Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) Local 458 president Melanie Bakker and secretary Raquel Beauvais-Godard didn't have a barbecue cranked up or jugs of lemonade on ice as promised by senior union officials in Kitchener-Waterloo, London, Brockville and Sudbury, but they did have Kinsmen Cornwall Lift-Off tickets to raffle off.

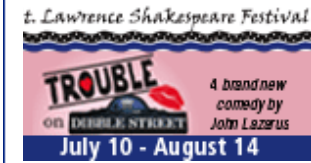
The money they raise from the ticket sales will go to the Boys & Girls Club of Cornwall/SD&G.

"We're hoping to raise awareness of the cuts to government support of children's programs and the importance of keeping them around," Bakker said.

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While OPSEU officials say some CAS offices in Ontario are at risk of going bankrupt or running a deficit, Bakker said CAS of SD&G is okay, then explained why the money they raise will go to the local Boys & Girls Club.

"We don't want to self-advocate," she said. "This is not about our staff or our salaries. We want to give back to the community."

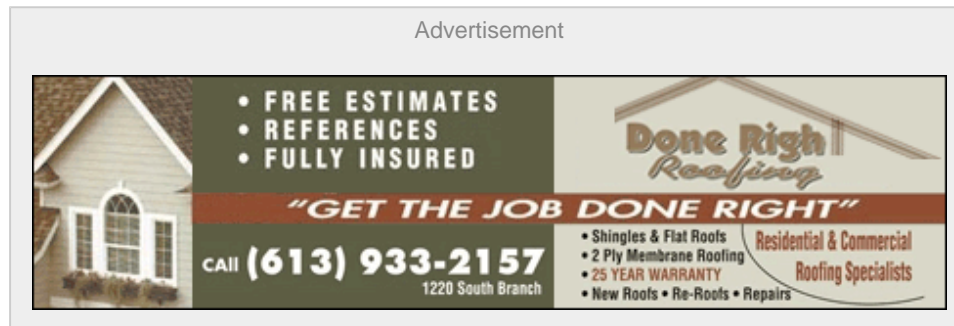
That's not to say they don't share the frustrations felt by CAS offices in other communities.

"Absolutely, there are lots of new directives from the Ministry (of Child and Family Services) we can't keep up with," Baker said. "We're being asked to do more with a fairly tight budget."

Many of those new directives came out of the Child Welfare Transformation Agenda announced by the province in 2006 as changes to the Child and Family Services Act, but OPSEU claims the directives did not come with additional funding.

Beauvais-Godard said a program aimed at helping kids stay with families or close family friends instead of foster or adoptive parents hasn't received much support, particularly in the form of financial backing for kin and kith to take the children in.

"We're moving forward with this philosophy, but it's frustrating that the funding is not coming forward," Beauvais-Godard said.



She said there is also no financial support to bring children native to the area back from foster homes outside of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

"It's come to this," said Warren (Smokey) Thomas, president of OPSEU, which represents staff at many of the cash-strapped agencies, "that fundraising of this sort has to take place in Ontario -one of the wealthiest jurisdictions in the world -is shameful."

According to OPSEU, any of the programs delivered by the CAS are legislatively mandated, but CAS offices have laid off workers, cut programs and forced some employees to pay out-of-pocket to cover expenses.

And yet, Beauvais-Godard said focusing on the Child Welfare Transformation Agenda has contributed to the relative success of the local CAS.

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In 2010, there are many social programs being affected by the McGuinty Liberal budget. The proposed corporate tax cuts are not going to help. You choose what type of Society you want to live in! One where only the rich prosper and receive governmental support or one where we assist and empower all our citizens to better their lives.

Remember that these cuts are not just about the average worker in the community but the cost savings by the governmental wage freezes and "corporate giveaways" are on the back of our future; our children.

Let's hope my children never need any commuinity supports because McGuinty knows that "I'm so flush; I can afford to work for free!"

Stop this insanity! Let your Liberal member of provincial parliament know that this budget is not fair and is NOT ACCEPTABLE!

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When the Govt of Ont assigns oversight of the CAS to the Ombudsman, then perhaps support can go to CAS. CAS answer to no one, they advocate for their own workers and wages - they take children from good parents so they can bill the govt to pay their wages and the cottage industry of Foster care where children are abused, molested and killed. Children belong with their families - and support should be provided to the family with parenting skills if need be. Children should not be ripped from the arms of loving parents and grandparents based on assumed "concerns" of CAS workers before

or without any validation. Investigate first to determine facts before taking children when there is no need. The screams of children ripped from their mothers arms still ring in Cornwall - the children were returned, as there was no wrong done by the mother - but the children suffer the trauma. Come to the group on Facebook Stop the Children's Aid Society from taking Children from Good Parents and learn what has transpired across Cornwall. Attend the peaceful rally scheduled for August 23 to request oversight of CAS to the Ombudsman. It is YOUR tax dollars that pays CAS salaries when children are best served with loving parents, not with strangers. I hope this paper does not censor my comment, as I can back up with proof all I have posted. The CAS also is not truthful with the courts and again, documents will prove this. Please, it is time to see both sides of the picture, not just the pretty story CAS tells. In your 3 counties, there are 216 CAS workers - how many children in your area are in foster homes and not with their families. Do you see the issue here? Right now CAS can do and say what they want and report to no one, and

can walk into any one of the citizens of Cornwall home and take your children if they have concerns and there is nothing you can do without months of court dates and cost of lawyers. Think about that

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Come out and support the rally at the court house aug.23, too many babies here are in the hands of C.A.S,we need to take control and fight for our children, TAKE THE CONTROL, POWER AND MONEY OUT OF THEIR HANDS

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Blah...Blah...Blah...free publicity...

The issue of this article is the lack of funding available to the community for all services for the families in the community. This isn't a matter of CAS and accountability so please comment appropriately to an article not to impose your self serving rhetoric.

That being said, I do not obviously agree with all your statements and for every case you may find "abusive" (which I am sure exist as my mother was a survivor of the old child welfare system of the

50's in Toronto) there are 10 cases of abusive and neglectful parents that obviously need intervention in order to protect their children. remeber there are two sides to every "coin".

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Sudbury Children's Aid did the same thing on Sunday then on Monday the same CAS used our taxes to send their lawyers to protect the identity of a convicted pedophile!!!! CAS was fighting a 16 year old foster child in court to prevent her from naming a sexual predator. Is that what you people want done with your money are you going to support child abuse?

Cornwall CAS is no stranger to protecting pedophiles as well and when are we going to stop these non-government organizations and force government oversight?

A Cornwall rally for oversight is scheduled Monday, August 23, 2010 from 12pm - 2pm at the Cornwall Family Court House on Second Street West.

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Happy-Go-Lucky, I think your coin has the same picture on both sides. lol

Your stats are way off. less than 47% of case are substantiated according to CAS themselves if you wish to believe their favourable fudged data. Of those substantiated cases are the Dr Charles Randal Smith cases, perjured testimony by CAS workers. I would bet a lot of money that legitimate cases fall much closer to 20~30% if there was ever criminal investigation or Ombudsman oversight over these NGO's with so many of it's workers on the Sunshine list.

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