**Candidates for Election to CILT’s Board of Directors**

**Buvani Sivagnanasunderam**
Buvani is a health equity advocate with over six years of experience in research, community development, youth engagement and health promotion. She has worked for various Canadian institutions and non-profits in the areas of sexual health, LGBTQ+ health, and immigrant and refugee healthcare and currently is a Policy Analyst with the Ministry of Health. In addition to her work Buvani is passionate about promoting inclusivity and accessibility in our communities and has served on various boards and committees to advance this mission, including the City of Toronto's Advisory Committee on Accessibility. Buvani holds a BSc in Psychology and Health Studies from the University of Toronto and a Masters in Global Health from McMaster University. When she's not working you can find her drafting her next sewing project, experimenting in the kitchen, or discovering a new hiking trail. She is also an avid traveller who is hoping to soon publish her blog where she shares and documents her experiences of travelling with a disability!

**Jennifer Hines**

Jennifer is a mother of two daughters and just welcomed a grandson! After 23 years in a senior leadership role at a major Financial Institution, she recently retired and is interested in increasing her involvement in the not-for-profit realm, focusing on persons with disabilities and youth. As part of the CILT board she is excited to continue as an advocate and ally for individuals with disabilities by supporting CILT’s work facilitating independent living.

Always active in the community, her focus sharpened to the disabled community and activities to enable independent living, because of experiences encountered early on with her younger daughter who lives with a physical disability.

Jennifer has been involved with a variety of community organizations supporting persons with disabilities, including: working with a Holland Bloorview Kids Rehab on programs both to support children with disabilities in the public school system and for teens and their families as they develop a path to transition to independent living; fostering 10 puppies as a part of the Lions Foundations Dog Guides Foster Puppy program; establishing an AccessBoom sailing for the Disabled Program for kids with disabilities at a local yacht club; and supporting PowerHockey Toronto.

In the corporate environment, Jennifer actively searched for ways to contribute to strategies for persons with disabilities through Diversity Leadership Councils, particularly focussing on increasing hiring, accommodation and retention of employees with disabilities.

Jennifer brings to the Board corporate experience in strategic planning, change management, finance, operations and regulatory advocacy and consultation, combined with an MBA (Rotman) and B.Comm (Queens).

Jennifer looks forward to contributing to CILT and its community in support of CILT’s vision of social and economic equity for people living with disabilities.

**Karen Denton**

My name is Karen Denton and I am very excited to be joining the Board of Directors at CILT. I have lived in an independent living situation for the past 6 years. I work in the Toronto District School Board as an Educational Assistant. I have a helping nature and like to see the full potential in the people I surround myself with. I have a big passion for disability, and it is a huge portion of my life both professionally and in my personal life. I hope that while on the board I will be able to provide others with the opportunity and confidence to live independently like I did. I am excited to grow and learn while I am on the board. I can’t wait to meet you all soon.

**Deb Daniel**

*RDH, MHSc, PMP, CHE*

Deb has been a regulated health professional for over 15 years, and also holds a MHSc in Health Administration and a Project Management Professional (PMP) designation. In addition to clinical practice, Deb has worked in various aspects of the health care sector in project, quality and leadership roles including hospitals, laboratory services and community care. In her spare time, Deb teaches fitness classes and loves to run with her doggie, travel and read.