



April 2025

DASC NEWSLETTER



LAUGHABILITY! A NIGHT OF COMEDY

Our third annual Laughability fundraiser was a night to remember! Held on the International Day of Happiness, the timing couldn't have been more perfect to celebrate community and connection. With a sold-out crowd at The Westin Nova Scotian, we welcomed the hilarious Curran Dobbs and the brilliant Tina Friml to the LaughAbility stage. The night was a huge success and we are thrilled to announce that thanks to your incredible generosity we raised a remarkable \$54,900.00 for DASC programs! And well done Jessie Langille, a DASC participant, who emceed the event and performed standup for the first time!



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Our Comedians had the audience in stitches!



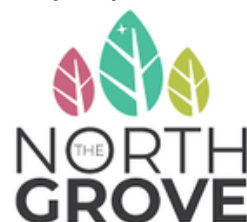
A VISIT FROM THE HON. TIM HALMAN

A big thank you to the Honourable Tim Halman, MLA for Dartmouth East, and Minister of Environment and Climate Change, for taking the time to visit us! We truly value your ongoing support of our programs!



MEET LUKE: FROM OUR RLC PROGRAM

Our Recreation and Leisure team has built a meaningful partnership with The North Grove, taking on the responsibility of maintaining their beautiful plant wall. Keep up the amazing work, Luke!



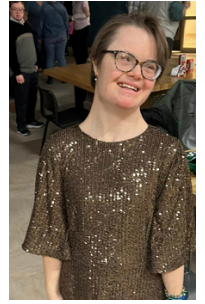
A NEW VAN IS COMING – THANK YOU!

We're thrilled to announce that we'll soon be purchasing a new accessible van! We thank all of our generous community supporters and donors for making this possible. We especially thank DASC participants and their families for devoting their time and energy last fall by raising \$30,000 in our Walkathon fundraiser – this money will go towards the van, and your leadership inspired others to contribute to the project. This new vehicle will replace our oldest vehicle, which because of its age can no longer be serviced or used. The new van, modified to safely secure passengers who are wheelchair users, will ensure DASC participants can continue to access community attractions such as parks, beaches, trails, and cultural sites. Thank you to everyone who made this possible!



SPRING DANCE

APRIL 25, 2025 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Mark your calendars! DASC is hosting a fun-filled Spring Dance! Dust off your dancing shoes and join us for a night of music and good times. The canteen will be open, and we'll have a 50/50 draw to add to the excitement! **RSVP AT 902-468-6606 EXT 221 ADMISSION \$10**



WE ARE HIRING: PROGRAM ASSISTANTS

DASC is hiring a Program Assistant (ages 15-30) for 8 weeks through Canada Summer Jobs! If you are looking for a unique opportunity that will provide valuable insight into what a career in the field of Human Services would look like – then this is the opportunity for you!



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DASC is proud to be a charity partner in the 2025 Blue Nose Marathon!



We're excited to be participating in the Bluenose Marathon and we want YOU to be part of the action! You can help raise funds for DASC's programs and support our amazing community.

2025 FUNDRAISING GOAL \$3,000.00

JOIN OUR TEAM

To donate or register scan the QR code.

Register for event , enter email & create password, fill out personal info., select "yes" add to existing team & search DASC

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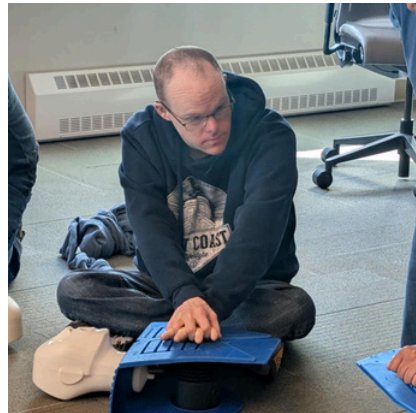
ALWAYS ON THE MOVE

MUSIC WORKSHOPS

Our Music Series Workshops hit a high note as participants explored a different iconic artist each day. They finished off in a celebration of the legendary Celine Dion! These workshops focused on creating art, singing, dancing, and embracing their inner superstars.



PRE-EMPLOYMENT

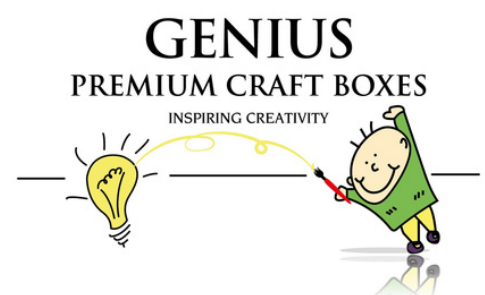


Our Pre-Employment Workshops recently hosted a First Aid & CPR training session in partnership with our friends from Easter Seals. Participants gained valuable life-saving skills while building confidence for the workplace



CRAFT KITS

Participants had a great time this month working on contracts! One highlight was assembling over 750 craft kits for Genius Crafts. It was a fun and rewarding project that showcased both teamwork and attention to detail. We continue to work with the business community to identify more opportunities to create employment at DASC.





THE NOVA SCOTIA HUMAN RIGHTS REMEDY

Keep up to date on the Nova Scotia Human Rights Remedy!

The Remedy is one of the biggest developments to ever impact persons with disabilities and the province's disability support sector: The Nova Scotia Human Rights Remedy is a five-year, legally binding agreement that guides government's work to transform the disability support system in Nova Scotia. It's called "the Remedy" because it is what government must do to remedy the historic discrimination against people with disabilities in Nova Scotia.

DASC is aligning its priorities and mission to meet Remedy timelines and objectives (recent examples of this include our change to paid employment within our social enterprise and ensuring program participants have choice and voice in their DASC experience).

Key recommendations of the Remedy include closing all large institutions and supporting people with disabilities to live in their community of choice and developing a new system of individualized funding for people with disabilities. The Nova Scotia Department of Opportunities and Social Development is keeping DASC informed of progress and timelines associated with the Remedy, and we look forward to being involved with Remedy-related change and activities.

To keep up to date on Remedy news, updates, and progress visit this Province of Nova Scotia site.

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