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DASC NEWSLETTER



GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT DASC!

DASC is a not-for-profit business and social enterprise which serves nearly 200 people with intellectual disabilities annually! Our mission is to empower individuals with intellectual disabilities to become self-advocates through program and employment opportunities. We want to keep all of our community partners up to date on what's happening at DASC, and our goal is to share these newsletters with you several times a year. We also regularly share program and activity updates on our social media channels.

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THE HON. DARREN FISHER DROPS BY

Thank you to the Honourable Darren Fisher, Member of Parliament for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour and The Minister for Veterans Affairs, for visiting us last month! We appreciate your continued support of our programs!



A VISIT FROM THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

We were delighted to host Their Honours Mike Savage and Darlene Savage at our Dorey Avenue location in January. We appreciate the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia's interest in our inclusive programs and the DASC team!

LAUGHABILITY! A NIGHT OF COMEDY



Tickets are moving quickly, so be sure to get yours! LaughAbility! returns on March 20th at The Westin Nova Scotian! It's the only fundraising event of its kind: comedians with disabilities performing standup comedy in support of DASC's programs for persons with intellectual disabilities. This year's headline performer is Tina Friml – Tina is an award-winning standup comedian who uses animated optimism to talk about living with cerebral palsy. She made her late night debut on The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon. Several of DASC's own program participants will be telling jokes!

Tickets and event information: laughability-ns.ca

All proceeds support DASC's programs!

THANK YOU

A big thank you to the team from **East Coast Credit Union** for dropping by with news of their \$15,000 donation in support of our campaign to acquire a new accessible van! Our oldest vehicle is aging out, and the East Coast Credit Union's Compass Grant is a big boost to our effort to replace it. Our fleet of accessible vehicles enables us to accompany DASC participants to natural and cultural attractions in our community! We appreciate the generous support and partnership of the East Coast Credit Union! We're getting closer to our campaign goal of \$120,000 to purchase a new vehicle. Thank you to everyone who has supported our efforts, and if you'd like to make a donation, you can visit <https://www.dasc-ns.ca/donate/>



DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY AT DASC

What a fantastic night! Our February winter dance was a huge success, with more than 50 people coming to boogie the night away at DASC! It was the perfect way to shake off those winter blues. Thanks to everyone who came out and made it such a memorable evening, and a special shoutout to DJ ACE for the amazing music. Stay tuned for more fun events from DASC!

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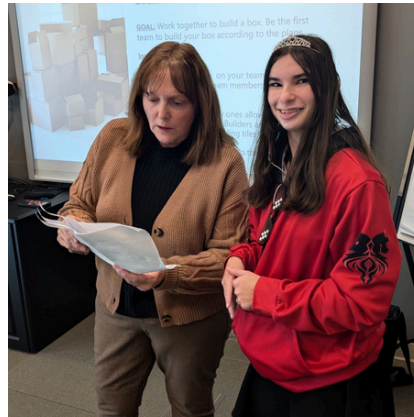
THE ACTION NEVER STOPS

THE SEVEN SACRED TEACHINGS

Mi'kmaq Elder Charlotte Bernard hosted a workshop on The Seven Sacred Teachings: honesty, respect, wisdom, love, humility, courage, and truth. These teachings told by Indigenous Peoples around the world remind us of the diversity and rich cultural heritage of Indigenous Communities.



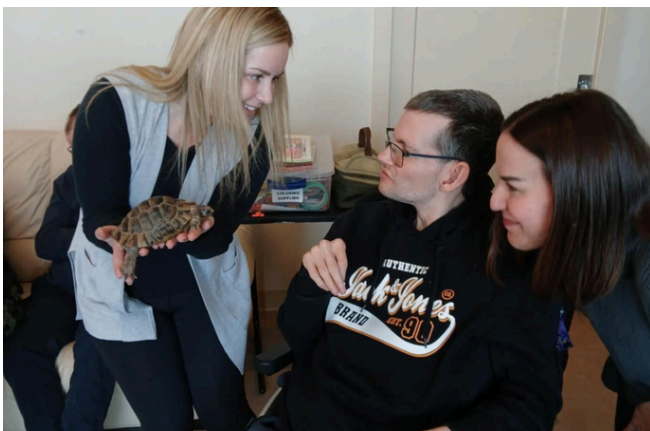
SKILLS CANADA



Big thanks to our friend Dominique from Skills Canada – Nova Scotia! Last month's "Skills for Success" workshop was a hit! We loved exploring the nine key skills and had a blast with the challenges!

A WILD VISIT!

Hope for Wildlife ended the month with an amazing visit! Reptiles, animals, and birds galore! It was truly inspiring to learn about the vital work they do to protect our precious wildlife.



YMCA Buttons shipped across Canada for their Gender-Based Violence Prevention Campaign!



THE BUTTONS ARE BOOMING

THE BUTTON PEOPLE

We made over 7,000 buttons during the month of February!





THE NOVA SCOTIA HUMAN RIGHTS REMEDY

It's 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.

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 priorities.

To keep up to date on Remedy news, updates, and progress



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REGISTER FOR THE PROVINCE'S REBUILDING HOPE CONFERENCE

The Province is hosting its Rebuilding Hope conference on Saturday, March 29th. All are invited to register and attend, to share insights and take part in conversations that will shape the future of Nova Scotia's disability community. To take part in the session at Pier 21 in Halifax, or join the session online: —————→

[Register Here](#)

REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS

The Province is also seeking First Voices and families to join its newly-created Disability Regional Advisory Councils. Council members will be asked to review the draft the council's terms of reference and innovation fund guidelines, propose ways to monitor the progress of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Remedy, and provide advice on ways to create inclusive communities.

Learn more about how you can help —————>

[Apply Here](#)

WELCOME ABBEY


Our New Manager of Business Development

Abbey brings a wealth of experience in business management and community engagement. As a former business owner and a previous Recreation Director, she has a strong background in marketing, partnerships, and fundraising. Passionate about creating opportunities that support inclusion and growth, Abbey looks forward to connecting with the community and expanding DASC's impact.



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