



# DASC NEWSLETTER

November 2025



**OUR HOLIDAY CLOSURE BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, AND WE WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

## **DASC NAMED A FINALIST FOR THE HALIFAX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AWARDS!**

We are honoured to be named a finalist for the Halifax Chamber of Commerce Business Awards, in the category of non-profit business of the year! This recognition is a celebration of our incredible participants, families, caregivers, staff, and business partners who make DASC such a vibrant community.

Thank you to everyone who supports DASC's mission of including persons with intellectual disabilities in our community work and living.

HALIFAX  
BUSINESS AWARDS 2026



**FINALIST  
DETECTED**



## COMMUNITY IMPACT: A LIFE-SAVING DONATION

We're incredibly grateful to St John Ambulance NS/PEI for its generous donation of an AED machine. This life-saving equipment helps ensure the safety and well-being of our participants, staff, and visitors every day. We're excited to welcome back St. John Ambulance on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19th, to deliver the Home Alone Course for 36 participants. The sessions are part of our Lunch and Learn program, designed to provide educational opportunities that support everyday life skills and personal growth.

## MADE AT DASC: SEASONAL SOAPS & CRAFTS

These handcrafted soaps are made right here at DASC and help raise funds to support participant programs. We're already looking forward to restocking our soaps for the holiday season – and we've also started experimenting with making clay jewelry



# HALLOWEEN DANCE BRINGS OUT THE BOO-TIFUL ENERGY!

The DASC community danced the night away at our Halloween Dance on Friday, October 25th! The evening was filled with spooky fun, creative costumes, and plenty of laughter as over 60 people hit the dance floor. From ghosts and goblins to superheroes and witches, everyone brought their Halloween spirit!



## TRICK-OR-TEA SENIORS SOCIAL



Our Trick-or-Tea Seniors Social was a wonderful morning filled with laughter, games, and connection! Guests enjoyed games of corn-hole, bingo, and guessing games, sparking smiles and conversation all around the room. A big thank-you to everyone who attended, helped organize, and made the morning so memorable. We can't wait to host our next social gathering!



# DASC AT THE DARTMOUTH HANDCRAFTERS GUILD MARKET

We're honoured to be part of the Dartmouth Handcrafters Guild Market at the Zatzman Sportsplex, November 14–16! Stop by our booth to explore Made-at-DASC products and learn more about our growing social enterprises. All the groups have been busy creating new handmade DASC products especially for this event. A portion of market proceeds will be donated back to DASC from the Dartmouth Handcrafters Guild.



## Meet our Charities!

**Stop by and check out our handmade creations! Beautiful soaps, ornaments, jewelry, and more!**

## OCTOBER WAS DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

We proudly celebrated Disability Employment Awareness Month alongside CASE – the Canadian Association for Supported Employment. At DASC, we see the impact of inclusive employment every day. Thank you to our business partners for continuing to create opportunities where everyone can contribute and succeed. Learn more about CASE here [www.supportedemployment.ca](http://www.supportedemployment.ca).



## GRATI-TOONS: STORIES OF GRATITUDE

The Grati-Toons project invited participants to share what they're grateful for through words and drawings. In this comic, Amy reflects on moments that bring them joy such as sitting on a park bench in England, working at Southwest Properties, baking cookies, and cheering on a loved one who won medals in rhythmic gymnastics.



## DASC AT THE DIRECTIONS COUNCIL CONFERENCE

This month, DASC was proud to be present at the Directions Council Conference, where professionals from across the province came together to connect, brainstorm, and shape what's next for our sector. Our very own Lauren Hearn served as a panelist, sharing insights about her experiences working at DASC and the impact of our programs. We're proud to have had DASC's voice included in this important provincial conversation on innovation, inclusion, and the future of community-based services.





# CHRISTMAS AT DASC

## SCHEDULE



DECEMBER  
1ST

**Tree Decorating**

DECEMBER  
5TH

**Stuff-A-Bus**

DECEMBER  
5TH

**Christmas Dinner**  
59 Dorey Ave



DECEMBER  
12TH

**Gift Exchange**

DECEMBER  
12TH

**Festive Sweater Day**

DECEMBER  
15TH

**Christmas Pageant**  
Saint Vincent De Paul, Cole Harbour



# Expressions

## Therapeutic Art Group



**Friday, November 14th 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Location: DASC (59 Dorey Ave, Dartmouth)**

**Spend the evening exploring your creativity and discovering new ways to express yourself. Together we'll make art, try new things, share conversation, and most importantly — have fun. No art experience is needed, just curiosity and an openness to the process.**

**Space is limited - preregistration required.**

**To register please contact:**

**Amanda Gee**

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**902-468-6606 ex 256**

**\$10.00/class**

# DASC PRESENTS *LAUGHABILITY!*

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26TH**

**The Westin Nova Scotian Halifax, NS**

# 2026

# STARRING

Barry Niemiller

# Ryan Niemiller



Ryan Niemiller is a comedian best known for his breakout performance on Season 14 of America's Got Talent, where he finished as a finalist. With his sharp wit, fearless humor, and unique perspective as the self-proclaimed "Cripple Threat of Comedy".



# DASC

# Dartmouth Adult Services Centre

**For more information about  
tickets & sponsorships  
Contact: Abbey Girard**

**sales@dasc-ns.ca  
902-468-6606 ext. 227  
www.lauqhability-ns.ca**

# An update from the NS Department of Opportunities and Social Development

## 6 Key Directions of the Remedy

The province of Nova Scotia is working to transform our systems by adopting the following 6 Key Directions:

**#1**

Working with individuals to create support plans that meet their specific needs

**#2**

Closing all large institutions and supporting people with disabilities to live in their community of choice

**#3**

Supporting service providers to create and deliver community-based supports that meet the needs of people with disabilities in communities across the province

**#4**

Working with healthcare and disability support professionals to ensure people with disabilities can access the care they need close to home

**#5**

Providing disability support funding to individuals and supporting them to make their own decisions about how that funding is used

**#6**

Thinking and working differently across the system to better support people with disabilities



Visit our website to learn more:

<https://www.dsp-transformation.ca/>

Or email:

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ODS Toll-free (within Nova Scotia):

**1-877-424-1177**

Department of Opportunities and Social Development

# Disability Support Program

## Human Rights Remedy Information

Everyone should have the **freedom to create the life they want to live, in a community where they are welcomed**, supported, and valued.

The Nova Scotia Human Rights Remedy is a **five-year, legally binding agreement that guides government's work to transform disability support.**

It outlines what government must do to **remedy the discrimination against people with disabilities** in Nova Scotia.

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We believe in a Nova Scotia  
where everyone belongs