



# DASC NEWSLETTER



## 2026 LAUGHABILITY



LaughAbility 2026 was our most successful event yet, raising an incredible \$66,000! We are so grateful to everyone who made the evening possible. Thank you to our generous sponsors, dedicated volunteers, talented performers, and every guest who joined us for a night of laughter and community. Your support helps strengthen the work we do at DASC and ensures we can continue providing meaningful opportunities, programs, and support for the individuals we serve. A special thank you to Stevens Group for joining us this year as our presenting sponsor.



## 2026 LAUGHABILITY VIDEO



Watch the segment here:  
[youtu.be/Z\\_uBaeBUSqs](https://youtu.be/Z_uBaeBUSqs)



NEW VIDEO  
Laughability



## NEW DASC VIDEO: SCOTT'S STORY



Watch the segment here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhonMlmgTsA>



NEW VIDEO  
Scott's Story

and Community Employment:



# THANK YOU Stevens Group PROPERTIES

Participants from DASC stopped by Stevens Group to deliver flowers and personally thank them for being the presenting sponsor of LaughAbility. They were warmly welcomed by Stevens Group staff and had a great visit.



## HALIFAX BOAT SHOW

Our group visited the Halifax Boat Show and had a great time checking out the boats, displays, and all the activity at the show. It was a wonderful day spent exploring and enjoying the community together.



## DASC'S WINTER DANCE

Our Winter Dance was a blast! Thanks to everyone who came out and helped make it such a success!



## A KIND GESTURE FROM VELVET

Last month, Velvet found some money and decided to put it toward a good cause. She chose to use it to buy cat food and treats for the kitties at the SPCA. Thanks to her thoughtful idea, everyone also had the chance to visit the kittens, which made the experience even more special.



## SUPPORTIVE EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS STORY

Rhonda has been a valued member of the Sobeys team for five years, and we are proud to celebrate this incredible milestone with her. Her dedication, hard work, and positive attitude make a real difference every day. Rhonda's success is a wonderful example of what inclusive employment looks like in action.





March 4, 2026

Dear friends of DASC:

We wanted to let you know that the Province of Nova Scotia (Department of Opportunities and Social Development) recently notified DASC (Dartmouth Adult Services Centre) of a budget cut to our core funding of at least 10 per cent.

DASC has hosted life-changing programs for persons with intellectual disabilities for 60 years. Each year we serve about 200 people through our social enterprise and production centre, and in our recreation, life enhancement, active lifestyles, individual support, community employment, and youth programs. This commitment continues.

Our priority is to ensure that any funding reduction from government does not impair our ability to meet the needs of persons with disabilities in our community. Our vital work goes on, and we will certainly keep participants and families informed if there any changes to our programs or operations.

DASC's mission is to be a destination of choice for persons with disabilities today and tomorrow. We are determined to help deliver on the promise and potential of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Remedy, and we will work closely with the Province to align with Remedy priorities.

Thank you,

Henk van Leeuwen,  
Executive Director, DASC