

PARENTS OF ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month. 741 Wallace Rd North Bay ON

June, 2019

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Exploring Employment Series

This month we will be completing our 3 part Series **Exploring Employment**! Our guest presenters were **March of Dimes**, **YES**—Your Employment Services, and we will close with **Community Living 'Employment First' on** Wednesday, June 12th, 7-9pm, 741 Community Living building, North Bay. We have learned a lot and appreciate their hard work and dedication!

Tackling Unemployment Series

For July join us in **Tackling Housing!** We will have guest speakers in to share with us how they provide this service! First up (July) will be Community Living—Supported Independent Living, then (August) Tracy Love the Housing Coordinator for the North from the DSO – Developmental Services Ontario and more to follow.

P.A.D.D. walks with L'Arche



Saturday, May 4, 10 am, Denis Ouellette and I walked with L'arche to support their Annual Spring Walk and to say thanks for their help in getting our Beach Access Mat for the Marathon Beach at the Waterfront.

Working together!

M & M's a tasty candy treat yes but also a reminder for us that Membership Matters and to get More Members!

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Caption describing picture or graphic.https://www. nugget.ca/news/local-news/we-can-show-othersthey-are-not-alone?

WED, MAY 29, "Connecting to your Community" Community Living North Bay

P.A.D.D. joined many other presenters at the busy event. We met many parents who had adult children with developmental disabilities and many service providers.

Thank you Community Living North Bay for this opportunity!

Pop Can—Fundraiser!

Our Pop-Can - Fundraiser is progressing well!

Keeping Denis and I busy!

Contact us if you would like to participate.

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"Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." ~Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Upcoming Elections! Please vote!

With the upcoming elections we would like to urge everyone to vote! In particular I am thinking about families with adults who have the right to vote but may be physically or intellectually incapable of voting.

Here is an excerpt from Elections Ontario that verifies we can vote for them:

https://www.elections.on.ca/en/voting-in-ontario/accessible-voting.html#accordionElectionDay

We provide the following accessible services at all our voting locations:

Election officials can bring the ballot outside the voting location to make the process more accessible. Voters can request a transfer to another voting location that better meets their accessibility needs. The request must be made before election day at the returning office.

Voters may bring a friend or support person to assist with marking their ballot.

Voters may use their mobile phones as an accessibility device.

We provide magnifiers.

We provide ballot templates with Braille numbering and cut outs.

Voters may book an American Sign Language interpreter or intervenor through the Canadian Hearing Society or the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Elections Ontario will cover the cost."

Service animals are permitted in returning offices, satellite offices and in voting locations, unless excluded by law. All our voting locations meet our Site Accessibility Standards.

Voters may bring a friend or support person to assist with marking their ballot-do not waste a vote! Vote with and for your loved one!



Our son Christopher voted for the first time last year. Our family ran a small campaign to raise awareness! **WE MATTER!** VOTE!

STAY TUNED!

The City of North Bay has announced that a Beach Access Mat will be installed this month! Marathon Beach at the Waterfront will be the test site.

