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THE SCOOPS

Summer has flown by and it's fun to reflect on all the great programs the staff facilitated. Our ever popular Kick Off and End of Summer BBQ's, Annual Houseboat Cruise, Vernon Waterslides and the Armstrong IPE were just some of the many fun activities we offered.

WELCOMES:

Please join us in welcoming **Elizabeth Thomson, Jarod Sicotte, Joshua Wlodarczyk and Madisyn (Madi) Joyal** in Community Support

REMINDERS:

- The weather is beginning to change, so just a reminder to please dress accordingly. Remember that the mornings may be cooler but the afternoons will warm up, so dress in layers when you can.
- ***Feeling Under the Weather?***
We all know what happens when school starts back.....the dreaded cold and flu bug starts making its rounds. We ask all

service recipients to please stay home when they are sick to reduce the spread of illness. If you are showing signs and symptoms such as: fever, cough, runny nose, vomiting, upset stomach or diarrhea etc. please stay home. If you arrive to supports or programs displaying these symptoms, we will contact your family or Home Share Provider to come pick you up. We want everyone to be healthy and safe.

- **Lost & Found!** We're starting to see a few extra, unlabeled water bottles, hats, and lunch kits floating around the office. If you're missing something, please ask your direct support worker to take a look around for it with you. We want to reunite these items with their rightful owners.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

"And the sun
took a step
back, the leaves
lulled
themselves to
sleep and
autumn was
awakened"

Raquel Franco

Here are some important upcoming dates:

- **Monday September 9th - Special Olympics Registration** 5-7 p.m. @ the Sandman Inn
- **Monday September 9th to December 6th. PRC Fall Programs**
- **Wednesday September 18th - Home Share Appreciation BBQ** @ Access from 5-7 p.m.
- **Monday September 30th - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation**- Access is Closed
- **Sunday September 22nd - First day of Autumn**
- **Monday October 14th Thanksgiving - Access is Closed**
- **Monday November 11th - Remembrance Day - Access is Closed**
- **Tuesday November 26th - PRC Winter 2025 Guide** available online
- **Thursday December 5th - Annual Holiday Open House** from 11:30- 1:30 p.m.
- **Friday December 6th- PRC Winter 2025 Registration** @ 10:00 a.m.
- **Friday December 20th. - Access is closed @ 5:00 pm. for Holiday closure**
- **Thursday January 2nd, 2025 - Access reopens** after Holiday Closure



UPDATES:

Delray Residence

We'd like to congratulate **Alia Nicholson** and **Stuart Lindsey** as the new Residential Coordinators at **Delray Residence**. Both Alia and Stuart have a wealth of experience within that home and the Agency, so the opportunity to divide the position between them both allows us to still have Alia part time in Community Support and Stuart to further his Post Secondary Education. Congratulations to you both!

Christmas Holiday Closure

Please note that our annual **Holiday Closure** dates will be from:

Monday, December 23rd, 2024 - Wednesday January 1st, 2025 inclusive.

Our final day open will be **Friday, December 20th** and we will reopen for supports and services on **Thursday January 2nd, 2025.**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

There are some things that just need to be recognized and acknowledged and this is one of them.

Please join us as we say Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to Sonja Alse-mgeest. Sonja has been with Access Resources since 2005, that's 19 years! Some might think we should have waited until her 20th anniversary, but this is long overdue.

Sonja is a loyal and long-term employee to Access Resources. To know Sonja is to LOVE her, and she brings so much to the agency.

Sonja is "the glass is half full" kinda gal and the one who can put a positive spin on ANYTHING. She is so accommodating and bends over backwards for individuals, families and staff that we wonder how she doesn't throw her back out sometimes. LOL!

From scheduling and putting out fires, hiring and onboarding new staff, facilitating intakes and meetings, jumping in to do front line whenever necessary, singing karaoke, to planning and facilitating amazing trips with the Access Adventurers, this gal can do it all, and then some!

The kindness, loyalty, generosity, flexibility and ingenuity demonstrated by Sonja is beyond expectation. It is a pleasure to work alongside her everyday and she deserves a round of applause.

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THIS & THAT

DISNEYLAND TRIP

The travelers are all set to go on **September 20th - 25th** to the Magical Kingdom. Thank you to **Sonja** for taking care of all the organizing and bookings. Thank you to **Sarah Stewart, Jeremy Edwards** and **Haley deKroon** for attending the trip. We know everyone will have a blast and we look forward to pictures when they return.

HOMESHARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION BBQ

The second Annual Home Share Appreciation BBQ will be held here @ Access on **Wednesday September 18th**, from **5-7 p.m.**

The Home Share Team will cooking up some delicious home cooking to show their appreciation to all of our amazing Home Share Providers.

PRC WINTER 2025 PROGRAM REGISTRATION

We know how popular the PRC Adaptive Programs are. Just a reminder that the Winter 2025 Guide will be available online by **Tuesday November 26th** and the online or in person registration will be on **Friday December 6th @ 10:00 a.m.**







