

Executive Directors Update for October

It has been a busy month at the Centre with lots of new opportunities coming up and programs going forward. Our "Parents and Tots" sessions have gone well on Wednesday afternoons and our Speaker series extremely well attended and supported. On October 25th Louise Tardif delivered her session on her diagnosis at 30 years of age and her journey forward. Our speaker for November will be introduced shortly. Our major fall fund raiser "Spare and Strikes for Autism" is ready to be delivered on November 5th @ Kingswood. For more information on the event contact Rick @ 450-6025. We are still looking for supporters, bowlers and volunteers to help out on the day of the event.

Unfortunately, we have had to suspend our teen night Thursdays due to a lack of participants and volunteers to help support the program. If there are any parents interested in helping out this would be greatly appreciated. Teen nights run from 7.00 until 9.00 on Thursdays @ the Centre. WE would be happy to start them up again if there is interest. We are also hoping to introduce programming for young adults and an adult support group over the next few months. Again, we need volunteers to get more programming up and running.

We are starting to plan for our annual Christmas party and for fund raising activities over the holidays. We will be having tables at Kings Place and Brookside Mall to sell puzzle pieces (for Christmas) and to create awareness about the Centre and its programs. We will be needing volunteers to help out and work shifts. A schedule will be out shortly.

It is our plan to be back up to full opening hours by early November. This would be from 10.00 until 4.00 daily Monday through Friday. Once again, we would welcome any volunteers who could work a shift. The Centre relies on the support of families to insure our ability to stay open for longer hours of operation.

I look forward to meeting many of you as we begin to plan for more programs and activities in the New Year. It is our goal to be as vital as possible. We cannot accomplish this without your support.

Rick Hutchins
Executive Director