



## APRIL NEWSLETTER AUTISM CONNECTIONS FREDERICTON

Spring has sprung! April is going to be a very busy month at the Centre. There are a lot of upcoming events so check our [Facebook page](#) and [website](#) to stay updated.

We are excited to now have Holly MacLellan housed in our space. She is the provincial NB Autism Employment and Outreach Coordinator for the **Ready, Willing and Able program**. We also have three social work students from St Thomas joining us until the end of June (placements). Their work is exciting as it will focus on *services for adults, in particular respite*.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Programming is starting to pick up as well. We now have the **Youth/Teen Night** (in partnership with OPAL Family services) at the Centre every Wednesday evening from 6:00PM until 8:00PM. This program is wonderful and there are a number of youth involved but we encourage more. As well, we could use one or two volunteers to help with the evenings activities. **Tae Kwon Do** is back every Thursday from 6:00PM until 7:00PM. Still a few spots available.

We are trying to set up an **Adult Drop In** time starting in **May**. Once we finalize the date I will post the information. This is something we have been looking forward to for some time. As well planning is underway for a summer day camp the first two weeks of July. This is looking very promising and I am excited to see it happen. Stay tuned.

Planning is now underway for this years **Super Hero Walk/Fun Run on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Odell Park**. We have pledge sheets available for fundraising and this year we are encouraging more teams to participate. The event planning team could use a few more volunteers if you are available. There will be a few new things introduced this year, so stay tuned. If you have any questions, feel free to send us an e-mail.

We are excited to have comedian **Michael McCreary** performing in Fredericton on **May 12<sup>th</sup>**. This show will be at the Charlotte Street Arts Centre and tickets are still available on [Eventbrite](#) or contact us here at the Centre. Michael is an accomplished comedian who is also on the spectrum. This is a fundraiser for ACF.

And finally, **the Canada Revenue Agency** will be at the Centre on the evening of **April 25<sup>th</sup>** to deliver a presentation on the disability tax credit program. All are invited to attend.

## SCHEDULE FOR THIS MONTH:

Here is an easily accessible list of dates for the events we have for April as of now:

- April 11<sup>th</sup>: ACF & OPAL Youth Night (6PM – 8PM)
- April 12<sup>th</sup>: Tae Kwon Do (6PM – 7PM)
- April 18<sup>th</sup>: ACF & OPAL Youth Night (6PM – 8PM)
- April 19<sup>th</sup>: Tae Kwon Do (6PM – 7PM)
- April 25<sup>th</sup>: ACF & OPAL Youth Night (6PM – 8PM)
- April 25<sup>th</sup>: Disability Tax Credit Presentation (7PM – 9PM)
- April 26<sup>th</sup>: Tae Kwon Do (6PM – 7PM)

All of these programs are held here at the centre.

In closing, please share your ideas with us. The Centre is becoming more vital and active with many new activities planned. We need your ideas and of course we need volunteers. Drop in anytime for coffee and as our board member Louise says: “chill and chat” ...

Yours in support,

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