



JUNE NEWSLETTER AUTISM CONNECTIONS FREDERICTON

Firstly, we would like to thank all of the families and individuals who participated in this year's **Super Hero Walk/Run**. It was a huge success with over 300 participants and \$15,000 raised to support the Centre our programs and services. We are looking forward to next year!

UPCOMING EVENTS (June):

On Monday, June 18th we will be hosting a Town Hall presentation and discussion on the issue of "**Adult Respite Services**" at our centre (1666 Lincoln Rd.). It will be held from 7-9PM. Three Saint Thomas students have been working on interviews to capture the stories of families and care givers. This should be a meaningful discussion to follow.

On June 20th we will be hosting another of our music series fundraisers. This one is "**Celebrating the music of John Prine**", and the event will go from 7-11PM. Tickets are available at the centre, Reads Newsstand & Café, or online at [Eventbrite](#). Still a few seats left.

On June 24th there will be a **Ball Hockey Tournament** held in support of ACF! It will start at 9AM and end at 5PM. It will be held at MFAC (the old YMCA building) and there will be pizza. The winner will get their team on the tourney trophy! Don't miss out on a ton of fun.

Finally, on June 26th, don't forget that **No Limits Soccer** will be starting! This soccer league is a great chance for fun and exercise for your kids. Every week on Tuesday until August 27th, the league will be held at the College Field (Queen's Square Park) from 5:30-6:30PM. The cost is 40\$, which includes a t-shirt and a medal. Children from **ages 3-12** are all welcome! E-mail autism.sports.group@gmail.com for more information or to register.

UPCOMING EVENTS (July):

Lots of exciting news for July. We will be hosting, in partnership with OPAL Family Services, our first **Summer Camp**! This will be over the whole month of July here at the Centre. We are excited to be having a camp model that maintains a one to one ratio and a wonderful team of summer students to help make the best possible experience for the campers. [Check out our website \(autismconnectionsfredericton.com\)](#) for more information or contact us directly via phone number: [\(506\) 450-6025](tel:5064506025); or by e-mail: acfsummercamp@gmail.com. There are still a few seats left but it is filling up quickly.

One of our summer staff Meara Lansburg will be organizing an **Autism Art Gallery** called the '**Art as a Spectrum Gallery**' that will be *housed permanently* in our multi purpose room. We are looking for art submissions! For more information, contact us directly via e-mail:

acf@nb.aibn.com or by phone: [\(506\) 450-6025](tel:5064506025) This project will have a launch date in late July (To be announced!)

We are continuing to build on our resource guide for families, as well as updating our library and posting its contents on our website to help families find the books and resources they could use to help them from home.

As always **we are looking for volunteers** to support our programming and activities. With the summer programming, we have 8 additional staff along with Dylan and myself, it is a very active and busy place. One last ask of our membership we are looking for a **fridge and freezer** for the Centre. If you know of where to find one, that would be helpful! Just call us at [450-6025](tel:4506025).

Have a wonderful summer.

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