



## MARCH NEWSLETTER AUTISM CONNECTIONS FREDERICTON

I cannot believe it is March already! Things at the Centre are really picking up and we are getting ready for a very busy summer. Programming has already increased (see our calendar on our [website](#) for details). There is now **Gymnastics, Tae Kwon Do, Cooking Classes** and **Youth Night** all on a *weekly basis*- and a few others about to begin, including an **Adult “Chat and Chill” drop in**. Stay tuned!

NOTE: **Youth Night** will be starting up again on April 4<sup>th</sup>. From then on, it will be a weekly program.

With the increase in activity we are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, *please* contact us via e-mail or telephone. We have specific needs, as well as general. Volunteers are also needed for a very busy upcoming summer programming schedule.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tomorrow (March 26<sup>th</sup>), our **Adult Speaker Series** will have **Jason Oldford** presenting his talk: ***Eccentric but Exceptional***. The presentation begins at 7:00PM and ends at 9:00PM.

On April 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be celebrating **“Light it UP Blue”** with a gathering in front of the Provincial Legislature Building (set up is at 7:00PM, gathering will begin at 8:00PM and clean up will begin at 9:00PM) There will be refreshments and entertainment. We hope to see many families out in support of this wonderful event. (for more info check our [website](#))

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have three Social Work students from ST Thomas joining us to work on the specific area of adult services, challenges and opportunities. A major focus will be on respite care. These students will be with us until late June. We will also now be hosting the provincial co-coordinator for the **“Ready, Willing and Able” employment program**. This is exciting, and another key resource for the Centre.

We are starting to gear up for the **Super Hero Walk / Fun Run** on June 2<sup>nd</sup> (mark the date!) at Odell Park. We are launching a team challenge, and beginning registration and fundraising now. We have pledge sheets available, and we encourage any ideas to support the event. The Walk is both an awareness and celebration event and an *important fundraiser* for ACF. (we also need volunteers for this event!)

Our Bob Dylan fundraiser was a *huge* success and we have booked a follow up: **“Celebrating the music of John Prime”** on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more info! As always we welcome all of you to drop by the Centre and share your ideas for programming and services.

## RESOURCES

Check out our **New Resource Guide** on the [website](#)! It has been updated with a tremendous amount of new materials, web links and suggestions for service providers. We have also done some work on the library and will be introducing a **Digital Inventory** soon so members can check via the website to see what books or resources they may be interested in and what we're carrying here at the centre.

Yours in support,

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