



## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER AUTISM CONNECTIONS FREDERICTON

It has been a busy summer, but now we are shifting gears into Fall and new programming. We have completed our needs for the kitchen and are now fully operational with a new fridge and stove. **The facility is now ready to rent for community groups and functions.**

Of course, we had the wonderful Summer Camp this July in partnership with Opal Family Services and we hope to *have more camps* next year possibly for both July and August. The youth really enjoyed the programming and support of our summer staff who were amazing.

We are now working closely with the University of New Brunswick on some new and exciting programming opportunities. An announcement will be coming shortly but it is an exciting partnership. As part of this program we now hope to have a **March Break Camp** and **After School programming** announced soon.

**The “Art is a Spectrum” Art Gallery Project** is in full swing. We now have the New Brunswick College of Craft and Design as a partner and will be further developing this opportunity over the next few months. It is exciting. We have had so many awesome submissions, with more needed.

The fundraiser *“Women of Influence in Music”* is on for October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM to 10PM! It's sure to be a great show featuring music from the likes of Aretha Franklin, Janis Joplin, Tina Turner, Dolly Parton, Linda Ronstadt, Emmylou Harris, and others; played by members of Sugarbomb, Mad Mary, Sissy and the Hobos and more!

Pick up your ticket now online here at [Eventbrite](#), or physical tickets at Autism Connection Fredericton's Centre (1666 Lincoln Rd., E3B 8J6), as well as Tony's Music Box. *Tickets can also be purchased at the day of the event at the door.*

Our Playhouse tickets program is back with a number of tickets available for families and individuals to access. The list of shows will be posted shortly. The Centre continues to develop new and exciting opportunities. One such opportunity is a new partnership with the New Brunswick Libraries to develop a searchable data base that can further help our families looking for resources. This is in its development stages but should be a great addition.

I am looking for volunteers to help with some daytime staffing at the centre. For a short period, this Fall I will be the only staff. It is my hope that with volunteers we can keep the centre open five days a week with regular hours. If interested, please contact me directly. Volunteers are the backbone of any successful not for profit and it is now that we could use some additional help.

## Upcoming Programming

We have a lot of good programming coming up, starting with the **Storytime with Kim, the Library Lady**, from a partnership with the New Brunswick Public Library. Every Wednesday in the month of October, she will be holding reading sessions from 2:30 to 3:00PM. This program is for everyone that enjoys a good picture book and to be just a bit silly.

**Youth/Teen Night** is every month here at the centre, with our partnership with OPAL. On October 10<sup>th</sup>, from 6PM to 8PM, stop by for a night of Karaoke and fun! All youth 12 and up are welcome!

There will be an **Adult Chat & Chill** on October 15<sup>th</sup>, from 7PM to 9PM! It will be an *art-themed* night this time. Don't miss out on the chance to hang out with other young adults and adults on the spectrum! We also have the next edition of the **Speaker Series** coming up on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 7PM to 9PM as well. Stay tuned for more information!

We also have **Tumble through Fall** starting up on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM to 5:45PM, and continuing every week until December 13<sup>th</sup>. Join Kaela for some classes full of energetic tumblers, body awareness games, and laughs. Aimed to improve the ABC's of movement (agility, balance, and coordination) through dance and gymnastics. Kaela has experience working with children with autism and creates a safe space for your child to learn and discover their potential. The recommended age range is from 5 – 8.

Finally, we have a **Halloween Party** coming up on October 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6 – 9PM. We will be hosting the party here, and it is being organized by Kym Morgan, a member here at ACF, as well as other members of our community. This event welcomes everyone, from children to youth, as well as individuals with ASD that want to go trick or treating but seem too adult. We hope to see you there, as there are a lot of fun games planned along with treat bags! We will have more information in the coming weeks, on Facebook and on our Mailing List.

Have a beautiful autumn.

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