



MAY NEWSLETTER

AUTISM CONNECTIONS FREDERICTON

May is a busy month and we are about to get busier. ACF hosted comedian Michal McCreary last week and the event was well attended. He was very entertaining and all of us had a great time. Our youth nights are going very well (Every Wednesday at 6PM to 8PM) and our partnership with OPAL is bringing in great numbers of participants. Our summer students have now started (we have six so far) and they are working hard to help get ready for summer programming.

IMPORTANT: We are very excited. Our **Summer Camp** will be starting the first week of July. If you are interested in having your kids / youth attend, please contact us for more details and registration information. Just send us an e-mail at acf@nb.aibn.com, or give us a call at 450-6025. The camper ratio will be one participant to one counsellor and there are lots of fun activities and outings being planned. The camp is a partnership with OPAL Family Services. Each camp is one week long.

A few important dates to remember include:

JUNE 2nd: Super Hero Walk / Run: Information and details on the event are on our [webpage](#) or you can give us a call @ 450-6025. If you have not already, please pick up a team **Registration and Pledge Sheets** (we can also e-mail them to you!) Our e-mail address is : acf@nb.aibn.com. We appreciate the family support and expect a big turnout this year. Once again we will be at Odell Park. Those interested in the run will need to register through the Running Room. **We still need more volunteers. Send us an e-mail if you're interested in Volunteering!**

JUNE 15th: We are hosting a *town hall discussion* on the issue of "**Respite Services for Adults**". We have three Social Work students from Saint Thomas University who are gathering stories and will be acting as facilitators, as well as presenting what they have found so far. More info will be on both our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

JUNE 20th: "Celebrating the music of John Prine". The event will be held at Dolans Pub and will feature four local bands performing many of John Prines classics. This will be another important fundraiser for ACF and an incredible show. We will have tickets available soon on Eventbrite online or physical tickets through our centre. Tickets are \$20.

DURING JUNE: "Learning to Ride". This was a very successful program last summer, with Lisa Monteith as instructor. In these sessions children learn how to ride a bicycle. Please contact us for dates and times.

Please follow us on [Facebook](#) and watch our webpage (autismconnectionsfredericton.com) as there are many other activities happening over the summer months. Our profile series was a huge success (on face book) and there were many great stories of families, professionals and individuals. A big Thank you to Louise Tardif and Kayla Wilcox for putting this together.

As always you are welcome to drop by the centre and to share any of your ideas with us.

Yours in support,

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