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Congratulations Newsletter Winner



We have a WINNER!!!

Congratulations to David Ryan, long time volunteer, who submitted the winning name for your newsletter; "Priorities for Life". What a wonderful name!!

David, on behalf of everyone at AIDS Saint John, the Board of Directors, and your fellow volunteers, we hope you enjoy your prize!! Have a coffee on us!!

National Volunteer Week 2010

April 18 to 24 marked Nation Volunteer Week across Canada. Volunteers are so very important to the work that we do here at AIDS Saint John. Volunteers sit on our Board of Directors and Committees, work at our Need Exchange, deliver posters around the community announcing special events, help set up our special events like Roasts, Auctions and the Walk, help out at community events and act as ambassadors of the organization.

Thank you for your dedication, skills and generosity.

Jim

Message from Minister Kenny

"There is no better way to make a difference in your community than by becoming a volunteer. It's a great opportunity to share your ideas, talent and experience, build relationships and develop caring communities for a stronger, more self-sufficient province. Volunteering also presents our youth with an opportunity to learn, network and build their resume for the future.

"New Brunswickers volunteer over 50 million hours a year. They work 24,000 full-time jobs without pay for causes they care about.

"National Volunteer Week pays tribute to these dedicated individuals who donate their time and energy toward helping others. Across Canada, some 12 million volunteers devote themselves to charitable work and non-profit organizations.

"I want to thank and congratulate the thousands of volunteers in our province who contribute to our quality of life in New Brunswick. We appreciate the unending work they perform to make New Brunswick a better place to be."

Organizational Up-Date

District 6 Guidance Counselor Training

On March 18, Nicole Bordage (former high school co-op student with AIDS Saint John and founder of St. Mac's Gay/Straight Alliance) and Julie Dingwell provided an educational session, *Supporting LGBTTQ Youth and Strengthening Their Ability to Live, Learn and Love Safely* to District 6 guidance counselors. This presentation was part of a day long session provided by the Red Cross as part of their *beyond the Hurt* anti-bullying workshops.

Regional Atlantic AIDS Network (RAAN)

RAAN is the partnership of Atlantic AIDS organizations in conjunction with CATIE (Canadian AIDS Information Treatment Exchange). The goals of RAAN are: the greater involvement of Atlantic PLWHIV, provision of networking opportunities for Atlantic ASOs and joint work for Atlantic organizations. The next meeting will be the first week of August on Prince Edward Island.

Swaziland Project:

Together with AIDS Moncton, we have paid this years school fees for 50 children.

Foster Parents Training

On March 10th, in partnership with Public Health and the Department of Social Development, HIV and Universal Precautions training took place. 30 people took part and evaluations indicate it was a terrific learning experience.

Volunteers Give A lot of Their Time to Help

When you look at the number of hours that volunteers donate to AIDS Saint John each year, it's no wonder we depend on them so much.

From April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010, volunteers put in over 1980 hours!! WOW!!!



"In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing. The worst thing you can do is nothing."
~ Theodore Roosevelt

Up-Coming Events!!

Monday, May 17th, 6:00 pm

Rainbow Peach March - Saint John observes the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia. March from behind the HMCS Brunswicker (under Harbour Bridge) to Centenary-Queen Square United Church, 215 Wentworth Street, where there will be a service of prayer and hope. Dress warmly.

Wednesday, May 26th, 6:30 pm

Please join us for our 2010 Annual General Meeting at Centenary-Queen Square United Church, 215 Wentworth Street.. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, May 30th, 6:30 pm

AIDS Saint John hosts the annual International Candlelight Memorial at St. Vincent's Convent Chapel, Cliff Street. This year's theme is 'Many Lights For Human Rights'. The Honourable Graydon Nicolas, Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick and Honourary Patron of the New Brunswick Community-Based AIDS Organizations, will be our Special Guest Speaker.

Sunday, September 19th, 11:00 am

Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life and the Red Ribbon Run.
 Rockwood Park, Fisher Lakes' A-Frame
 Prizes, Entertainment and BBQ
 What can you or your organization do to help? Walk, Run, Nordic Walk, Skateboard, Pledge... what else can you think of? Participate as an individual, team up with colleagues, family, friends, social club or athletic group. If you like, bring along a banner.

Give us a call or email to pre-register or obtain more information or assistance with planning.

"A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties."
 ~ Harry Truman



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Save the date! • Réservez cette date!

Sunday, September 19th, 2010
Rockwood Park, Fisher Lakes
11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Prizes, Entertainment and Food

Pre-register today by calling 506-652-2437
Walk, Run, Nordic Walk or even Skateboard!!



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MISSION STATEMENT

AIDS Saint John Inc. is a non-profit community-based organization aimed at:

- Improving the quality of life of those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, and
- Striving to reduce the spread of HIV by promoting healthy choices in the community at large. This will be accomplished through education and public awareness, support and advocacy.