

Community Respite Connector

Fall – Winter 2009

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CRN would like to encourage families to bring forward any ideas they would like us to try in regards to future respite options. We are always open to suggestions that will help families.

Program Updates

As most of you know, CRN's website is now up and running. The website is intended to be a resource for CRN families, as well as the respite providers in our program and will hopefully add an extra level of support to those that need it.

The main focus of the website is the online "Provider Registry", which allows families to view profiles of respite providers and explore potential matches.

Also on the website is a "Fun Things To Do" section which includes an event calendar that is updated on a monthly basis, with lots of fun things to do in and around Calgary, that are usually free or low cost.

In addition, we have added a "Training Calendar" with courses that are offered by DDRC and various outside agencies.

This is mainly for our respite providers, but families are welcome to sign up for any course that might interest them as well.

Other areas of the website include a "Special Events" page where we will post pictures from our Family Fun Days, or any other events we hold; our "Newsletter Archive" and our "Contact Information".

Feedback from our website survey was very positive so we have decided to continue running the website. We encourage everyone to visit the website and have a browse. As always, your feedback and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

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Back To School

With the beginning of the school year here, the CRN Coordinators would just like to remind you to let us know if your respite needs have changed now that school is back in session. Thank you!



Nominate a Provider!



Do you have a respite provider that you would like to give an extra “Thanks” to? Do they provide a fun environment for your child and give you that much needed break?

CRN is asking families to **Nominate a Provider** for a small prize as a token of our appreciation. If you have a provider that you would like to nominate, please let your CRN Coordinator know their name – and why you are nominating them.

CRN Coordinators will choose a winner and present them with a prize along with our thanks for being such a wonderful support for families.

Please have your nominations in by October 31st, 2009. Thank you! We are looking forward to hearing how wonderful some of our providers are.



Kids Up Front

CRN’s partnership with Kids Up Front has been a great success so far. To date, we have handed out over 150 tickets to families in the CRN program!!

We would just like to remind everyone that if you request tickets, you must bring at least one child with you. The tickets can be used for both adult and child admissions. Also, tickets will most likely need to be picked up at the CRN office due to the short turn around time we usually experience.

Lastly, Kids Up Front likes to hear how your child enjoyed the event so they can pass along your thanks to the donor of the tickets. So please send those comments to your Coordinator and we will forward them to Kids Up Front.



DDRC Inclusion Awards

DDRC’s Inclusion Awards are quickly approaching. The Inclusion Awards (formerly the Awards of Distinction) were established to recognize people and organizations for increasing opportunities for Calgarians with developmental disabilities to participate in the community in real and meaningful ways.

When: Wednesday, October 7th

Where: Boyce Theatre, Stampede Grounds

Cost: Free

RSVP: By Sept.25th to Olympia Wong

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