



On the Home Front

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2016 Scholarship Program

If you are a youth graduating from grade 12 this June and attending a Post-Secondary school in September; or if you are an adult (or young adult) attending a Post-Secondary school in September, consider applying for Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation's (NLHC) 2016 Scholarship Program. This year NLHC will award a total of twelve scholarships valued at \$1000 each. This will include six Youth Scholarships (two in each of the following regions: Avalon/ East, Central, Western/ Labrador), and six Adult Scholarships (two in each of the three regions). The deadline for applications for the Youth Scholarship program is August 31, 2016. For the Adult Scholarship Program, the deadline is September 30, 2016. Check out our website at www.nlhc.nl.ca for more information. ■

We want to hear all about what's happening in your neighborhood. The deadline for submissions for the next On The Home Front newsletter is Monday, August 1, 2016. Please submit your photos and consent forms to use photos and stories to Danette at drfox@nlhc.nl.ca.



Community Centre Alliance Linkages Program

One of the programs offered through the Community Centre Alliance (CCA) is a youth employment program for youth ages 18-30 called 'Linkages'. It is a program designed to help youth pursue their employment and career goals. At this year's CCA Annual General Meeting held at NL Housing and Homelessness Network in St. John's on May 25th, a young girl, Leslie Ann Ryan, gave her account of how the Linkages Program under the direction of Lindsey Hynes with Froude Avenue Community Centre helped her achieve her goals. This is what she said:

"Over the course of my childhood, I have come to know Lindsey Hynes well. Through the Froude Avenue Community Centre, Lindsey has been one of my biggest supporters. In 2014, I approached Lindsey for advice on career planning. She had helped me apply to Memorial University the year before, however, I came to realize fairly quickly that university was not for me. Through conversation, she had mentioned the program

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West Heights Tenant Association

West Heights Tenant Association has been very busy since the reopening of their Neighbourhood Centre on April 21st, where they were joined by NLHC representatives Charlene Taylor and Jennifer Tarrant; the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of St. John's; along with many people from the community.



They celebrated Mother's day on May 4th, and it was a wonderful event with 23 Moms in attendance. A Magician was on hand for entertainment while they enjoyed Mary Browns, lots of sweets, tea, coffee and sodas. To make them feel even more special, every mom left with a bag full of goodies.



West Heights now offers tutoring on Thursday afternoons, thanks to Stephen Ross, Community Outreach worker. So far they have an average of five children in attendance.

The tenant association is now planning family movie events, clean up day with Clean St. John's, a Canada Day event and NL Day. West Heights is looking forward to new

ideas and events to go along with their beautiful newly renovated building. Wow, busy, busy! ■

Seniors Resource Centre

Have a question?
Need a Service?
Don't know where to turn
for help?

Telephone: 737-2333

Miss the Tax Deadline?

If you missed the tax deadline, you may still be eligible for free income tax preparation! The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program offers service by-appointment on a case-by-case basis. Call 1-855-516-4405 today to see if there is a volunteer in your area.

Notice regarding Smoke Detectors

Just a reminder to NLHC tenants to regularly check your smoke detector. Please note that tenants are responsible for checking the battery and changing the battery when it needs to be changed.

Crisis Phone

Mental Health Crisis Line
Telephone: 1-888-737-4668
Toll-Free: 1-877-753-8550
Website: www.cmhanl.ca/

Kids Help Line
Telephone: 1-800-668-6868

**Financial Information
Help Line**
Telephone: 855-723-8140
Monday to Thursday
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Island time
Website:
www.creditanddebtsolutions.ca

Community Sector Council
Website:
www.communitysector.nl.ca

**Office of the Citizens
Representative**
Telephone: 1-800 559-0079
Email: citrep@gov.nl.ca

Vine Place Community Centre has new Executive Director

A warm welcome to Michael Kearley, newly appointed Executive Director for Vine Place Community Centre, Corner Brook. Michael began his new position on May 30th.

Vine Place and NLHC extend a sincere thank you to the following Community Centre Executive Directors for helping to get Vine Place Community Centre up and running:

- Gail Thorne, Exploits Community Centre, Grand Falls-Windsor
- Jim Crockwell, MacMorran Community Centre, St. John's
- Bob Dawson, Froude Avenue Community Centre, St. John's

5K Family Fun Run/Walk for Literacy

The Community Centre Alliance is holding its 5th Annual Youth Achieve 5K Family Run/Walk on August 14, 2016, at Quidi Vidi Lake in St. John's. Early Bird registration is \$25 when you register by June 14th

or \$30 after June 14th. You can also register online on The Running Room website. For more information call Community Centre Alliance at 753-5670 or email contact@ccanl.ca.



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Linkages. She explained how it involves career exploration, and she would be there to help make decisions about my future. I applied for the program that day and was so excited when I heard back that I was able to be part of it. Making decisions about your future and education as a 19 year old is very stressful. I felt as though I would never know what I wanted to do. Through the course of Linkages, I came to the decision that I would apply to the Child and Youth Care with Addictions Support program at Eastern College. Lindsey helped me apply for school and funding for school. I am currently nine months into my 18-month program while being funded through AES, and I have never been happier. Although school can be stressful, I know in the end it will all be worth it. I also know I have Lindsey to count on whenever I need support. In the last two years through the help of Lindsey and the Linkages Program, I have grown so much as a person. My confidence has boosted, and I have never been more proud of myself for striving towards my

goals. Today is the start of my first work term as a Child and Youth Care student, and I would just like to say thank you to Lindsey for getting me here, and to the Linkages Program for the many opportunities to be here.”

The CCA is a not-for-profit organization that fosters the development of its community centre members and their residents through programming and partnerships with other community centres, community leaders and stakeholders. While plans are underway to include all Community Centres province-wide, at this time there are five member community centres, all of which are located in St. John's (Buckmasters Circle, Froude Avenue, MacMorran, Rabbitown and Virginia Park).

The purpose of the CCA is to improve social economic conditions of individuals living on low income through the delivery of holistic programming focusing on employment, economic development, education and literacy through partnership and policy development that supports poverty reduction. ■