



# On the Home Front

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## 2016 Scholarship Program Deadline Fast Approaching

Don't delay! The deadline for applications for NLHC's 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](http://www.nlhc.nl.ca) to determine if you are eligible to apply and for more information. P

Let's Talk Housing

### HAVE YOUR SAY

NLHC is seeking your input as we help create a new National Housing Strategy.

Please visit <https://http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CY7FWSJ> to complete a short survey and have your say in improving housing conditions across Canada and right here at home. P

*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, November 7, 2016. Please submit your photos and consent forms to use photos and stories to Danette at [drfox@nlhc.nl.ca](mailto:drfox@nlhc.nl.ca).*



## Vine Place Community Centre in full swing

We've already welcomed Michael Kearley, newly appointed Executive Director for Vine Place Community Centre, Corner Brook, to his new position which began May 30th. Now it's time to extend a warm welcome to the newly established Board of Directors:

- ◆ Kayla Matchum, Tenant/Tenant Association
- ◆ Varrick Hammond, Tenant/Co-Chair
- ◆ Catherine Frost, Tenant
- ◆ Paula Wilton, Tenant
- ◆ Constable Shawna Park, RNC Liaison Officer/Resource Person
- ◆ Adam Baker, Lawyer
- ◆ Scott Hann, Investors Group
- ◆ John Sparkes, NLHC Regional Supervisor/Secretary-Treasurer

Vine Place Community Centre is getting ready for Fall and will begin the Homework Haven/After School Program around the second week of September. The centre is also planning to have a focus group in place towards the end of August that will provide input into the types of programs and activities to be offered to area seniors. The Employment Preparation and Poverty Reduction Facilitator positions are starting up again in September which will also include more programming.

Things have been busy over the summer. One activity included a field trip to Coleman's (pictured above) to see the Watermelon Queen where the children received information around healthy eating. P

## Breakaway Inc. Women Against Violence Donation Centre and Thrift Store



Breakaway Inc. is a donation center and thrift store that recently opened in support of Women Against Violence. They offer goods for sale at fabulous prices and information for victims of violence and their families. The center is located on 45 Blackmarsh Road, St. John's. For more information and to check out sales being offered, visit their facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Breakaway-Inc-Women-against-violence-donation-center-1600194406968494/>. P

## Seniors Resource Centre

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

Telephone: 737-2333

Toll-Free: 1-800-563-5599

## Buckmasters Circle Community Centre Holds 50/50 Draw

Amanda Doyle was the lucky winner of the Buckmasters Circle Community Centre (BMC) 50/50 draw held June 30th. Tickets sold totalled \$1,415 and Amanda's winnings totalled \$707.50. Bonnie James, Executive Director, BMC, said the 50/50 draw was in aid of programming costs at the Centre, and it turned out to be very successful. "We are very thankful to everyone who supported the Centre by purchasing tickets," said Bonnie. "We are hoping to have another 50/50 draw in the coming months, as this is an initiative to help support the wonderful work that is done at BMC to support the community."

## Making your Home Accessible

Have you been an NLHC tenant for a number of years and find that with age comes a need for accessibility modifications to your home? NLHC may be able to assist you if your home meets eligibility requirements. Following is a list of typical accessibility modifications and how to go about requesting them:

- 1) **Grab bars, handheld showers and dehumidifiers** — please contact your maintenance department. There is no need for a medical note for these items and tenants will not be referred back to their Housing Officer.
- 2) **Flooring, higher toilette seats, lever handles on doors and taps and special hand rails** — please contact your Housing Officer and be prepared to provide a medical note. Your Housing Officer will deal with the Maintenance Department regarding your request.
- 3) **Full showers/bathroom modifications, ramps, or other complicated requests** — please contact your Housing Officer who will forward these requests on for Social Work Assessment and follow up.

Please note that not all homes are eligible to be made accessible. NLHC will not provide ramps or extensively modify bathrooms/kitchens in units that cannot be made fully accessible even with modifications. P

## 5K Family Fun Run/Walk for Literacy

The Community Centre Alliance held its 6th Annual Youth Achieve 5K Family Run/Walk on August 14, 2016, at Quidi Vidi Lake in St. John's. The event was a huge success. The Alliance was able to raise approximately \$10,000 with 283 participants! This fundraiser contributes to the provision of literacy tutoring to youth ages 12 to 16 who are still in school and require intensive literacy support in order to graduate. P



## 'Corona in the Community'

Corona College, Grand Falls-Windsor, is very proud to continue their 'Corona in the Community' initiatives, and they want your input! Corona College offers the Adult Basic Education Program in Grand Falls-Windsor and Norris Arm and believes that giving back to the community is one way to make it stronger and help it grow.

As a leader in the community since 1987, they welcome opportunities that will allow them to bring a positive change to peoples' lives. Either through the donations to the local Food Banks, the Heart and Stroke Foundation or through their continued support of The Exploits Community Coalition and Youth 2000 Centre (YC), Corona College hopes to lead by example and challenges more local businesses to do the same.

Please feel free to contact Corona College at 709-489-7825 or go to [www.coronacollege.com](http://www.coronacollege.com) with your ideas and become a part of

'Corona in the Community'.

Also, if you are a graduate of the Adult Basic Education Program and registered at a post-secondary institution in the Fall, check out NLHC's 2016 Scholarship Program. P



→L-R: Gail Thorne, Executive Director of Exploits Community Coalition; Scott Penney, Corona College; and Peggy Hamilton, Central Regional Director with NLHC, attend the National Volunteer Week event at the Exploits Community Centre in Grand Falls-Windsor on May 19th.