

# YKACL NEWSLETTER

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Dance camp July 2016



Art workshop Jan 2017



SPCA tour March 2017

**MEMBERS OF THE YKACL YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** share in a wide range of creative activities and special events. All Young Adult Group and Yay Fusion Teen Group events are free for all participants. YKACL photos

## Youth groups offer fun and friendship

by YKACL staff

**DO YOU KNOW** a young person who might enjoy sharing new social experiences alongside his or her peers?

Two YKACL youth groups offer fun and challenging social activities for teens and young adults twice each month from September through June.

The Yay Fusion! Teen Group is an inclusive youth group designed for teens aged 13 to 18 with or without special needs.

The YKACL Young Adults Group is designed for youth aged 19-30 with or without special needs.

Working with facilitator Michael Ramirez, group members discuss what activities to schedule each month.



**THE YKACL YOUNG ADULTS** gather twice per month to share social activities such as karaoke nights, above.

Past activities have included visits to the Snowcastle, dogsledding, bowling, nature hikes, art workshops, rock climbing, game nights, pizza parties and skating at the Multiplex.

On April 20th, Yay Fusion! members meet at 6 p.m. for a D.I.Y. homemade play-dough art event.

On April 21st, the Young Adults Group meets at 6:30 p.m. for a movie night at Capitol Theatre.

Yay Fusion! has a movie night scheduled on April 27, as well.

On April 28, the Young Adults Group is planning to share hot chocolate and a chat at Javaroma followed by a stroll down the hill to Old Town.

Every youth group includes a snack and participation is free.

For more information, call Michael at 920-2644 or email him at [inclusion3@ykacl.ca](mailto:inclusion3@ykacl.ca).



Michael  
Ramirez





YKACL clients Jonathan Proulx, left, and Bertha Pokiak Taylor planted sunflowers with skills training facilitator Edwin Dela Cruz, yesterday.

### Spring has sprung at YKACL

Staff and clients are working side-by-side to establish another whimsical garden our community can be proud of this spring.

Members of the Business Services Team began planting sunflower seedlings in the Abe Miller Building yesterday in anticipation of garden-ready weather.

Very soon, YKACL client Jon Proulx and others are scheduled to head to the dump with skills training facilitator Edwin Dela Cruz to salvage wood needed for some home-built planter boxes similar to the ones constructed last summer.

### Literacy means fun for all ages

Families with children up to age five are encouraged to drop in to the Literacy Outreach Centre's Family Literacy Program.

The program runs every Monday from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. now through May.

For info, contact:

Xiaoyi Yan at 920-3016.

# Gumboot RALLY

update!

by YKACL staff

**THE 25TH ANNUAL** Gumboot Rally is 16 days away and teams throughout the city are busy gathering sponsorships using a variety of fun fundraising strategies.

The École St. Joseph School Huskies Gumboot Team has been busy fundraising this spring.

Last week the team registered on the Canada Helps website and can now also accept donations online for the final two weeks before the rally.

Other teams wishing to gather donations online through social media still have plenty of time to register at Canada Helps. It's easy and effective! Visit [ykacl.ca](http://ykacl.ca) for the link and complete instructions.

Top fundraising prizes include a round-trip Canadian North flight to Edmonton and a \$500 gift certificate from Quality Furniture.

The rally begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 29.



**YKACL CLIENTS** Samson Ugruk Pameogorak, counter-clockwise from left, and Judy Watsko shared a smile with finance officer Cinderella Uy-Bartolome during their lunch break, yesterday.

photo by YKACL client Bertha Pokiak Taylor

## YKACL STAFF PROFILE

by YKACL staff

**GLENN MALAQUE** joined YKACL as a Supported Living Worker in May 2015. He was made a Team Leader shortly after.

"My role is to ensure the well-being of clients in all aspects of daily living including residential services. I assist clients in their physical, social, emotional and life skill development," he said.

"As a Team Leader I work with all the staff to ensure the consistent application of philosophy that supports the independence of each client by not doing for them but doing with them."

Glenn came to YKACL with

experience working with people with disabilities in hospital and school settings.

He earned his bachelor of science in nursing in Angeles City in central Luzon in the Philippines, where he grew up, and practiced there as a nurse before moving to Canada.

At YKACL, Glenn is well respected for his professionalism and his calm, gentle approach with clients and colleagues.

He says he enjoys "seeing clients improving with their everyday life because of the support that we give them to learn how to be independent, make decisions by themselves and especially know how to



**GLENN MALAQUE**

respect people like staff, their co-workers at work, friends and their families."

Glenn's brothers Shervin Malaque and Lawrence Malaque also work with YKACL.

Glenn and wife Ruby Mae Malaque welcomed their first son Marcus Ethan Malaque last summer.