

YKACL NEWSLETTER

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Improve your Access 2 Entertainment™

*Free movie admission for support persons
accompanying an individual with a disability
at Capitol Theatre in Yellowknife and beyond!*



by YKACL staff

BLOCKBUSTER MOVIES such as the upcoming *Spiderman: Homecoming* are one of the joys of summer for many families, but some film-goers may be unaware of the Access 2 Entertainment™ Card. The card can make the cinematic experience much

more affordable.

Managed by Easter Seals Canada, the card provides free admission for support persons accompanying a person with a disability at participating movie theatres and attractions across Canada, including Capitol Theatre in Yellowknife.

The person with the disability pays the regular admission price.

People with a permanent disability who require a support person when attending a movie theatre or attraction are eligible for the card.

The applicant must agree to follow certain terms and conditions for use of the card.

For full terms and conditions visit www.access2.ca.

Who is a support person?

A "support person" is a person who goes with a person with a disability to provide supports that are not provided by the movie theatre or attraction employees. This may include help with such things as eating, administering medication, communication, and use of the washroom.

Is there a cost for the Access 2 Entertainment™ Card?

The card costs \$20. It is valid for five years and can be used at all Access 2 Entertainment™ Partners.

How do I apply for the Access 2 Entertainment™ Card?

Download an application from www.access2.ca.

There are two ways to apply for the card:

1. If the applicant has a CNIB client ID card or a Disability Travel

Card™, complete Section B of the application form. Send the application, a photocopy of the CNIB card or Disability Travel Card™ card, a \$20 cheque or money order (made payable to Easter Seals Canada), and a self-addressed, stamped business-sized envelope to the address below.

2. If the applicant does not have a CNIB client ID card or a Disability Travel Card™, complete Section B and have your health care provider complete Section C.

Send both sections and a cheque or money order (made payable to Easter Seals Canada), and a self-addressed, stamped business-sized envelope to the address below:

**Access 2 Entertainment
c/o Easter Seals Canada
40 Holly Street, Suite 401
Toronto Ontario
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YKACL CLIENTS Clara Tutcho, left, Terry Kuliktana and Joey Oogaaq enjoyed the National Aboriginal Day concert in Somba K'e Civic Plaza on June 21. YKACL clients participated in the recent Canada Day festivities and took part in many other special community events in recent weeks alongside family, friends and neighbours.

Jose Carlos Esteban/YKACL photo

YKACL STAFF PROFILE

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PHILIPPE DI PIZZO joined YKACL as a supported living worker in December 2013.

An avid outdoors-person, Phillippe ensures YKACL clients experience the year-round recreational pursuits the sub-Arctic has to offer – from canoing and biking to snowshoeing and ice skating.

"I believe in the healing properties of physical activities in a natural setting. The highlight of a day outdoors with your clients is to see them smiling and wanting to go back outside again," Phillippe said. "The best way to beat the winter blues in a place like Yellowknife where winters are long, dark and cold is to go out as often as possible and experience the beauty of nature, even at -40 C."

HEALTHY BALANCE

Phillippe embraces the Latin motto: mens sana in corpore sano (a healthy mind in a healthy body).

"I believe it is important to maintain a healthy balance between our mind and body, to empower people around me

and give them the tools to take control of their life, so as to foster independence and autonomy, in a nurturing, respectful, and caring environment. Working with our clients within the community is also the best way to change societal attitudes toward persons with disabilities, where we focus on the abilities rather than the disability, so that our clients are active and productive members of our society," he said. "The philosophy at YKACL is very much aligned with my core principles."

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST

While Phillippe does not have formal training in the social service sector, his volunteer background has given him useful life skills that prepared him for his role at YKACL.

He has worked as an environmental scientist throughout the Canadian Arctic (Nunavik, Nunavut and the NWT) for several decades but has always maintained an active involvement in the non-profit sector as a volunteer and board member for many community groups, agencies,



PHILIPPE DI PIZZO

and associations involved in diverse fields, such as home daycare, food security, aboriginal associations and friendship centres, and suicide prevention and action.

Born in North Africa, Phillippe grew up in Southern France before moving to Canada as a youth. In the 1980s he moved to the Canadian North for work and has never looked back.

He speaks English, French and a few other Latin languages.

He has four grown children of aboriginal descent who were raised in Yellowknife and other parts of the Arctic.

"Although our family is now dispersed throughout Canada, the North will always be my home," he said.



SUMMER YOUTH Program participants head out on a canoe adventure tomorrow.

Summer program on

The YKACL Summer Youth Program starts today and continues weekdays from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. until Aug. 25.

Teens and young adults are encouraged to register anytime before Aug. 25. Registration is free!

The participants are scheduled to get active this afternoon by playing a game of Breakaway Frisbee. Tomorrow offers a canoe adventure, Thursday is a trail hike and the first week winds up with a cookout at Yellowknife River on Friday.

To register, or for more information, contact Michael at 920-2644 • inclusion2@ykacl.ca

A thoughtful gift

Juno-winning Dene songwriter Leela Gilday gave complimentary tickets to her June 17 NACC concert to several of the Association's clients.



LEELA GILDAY

Annie, Clara and Julie and one YKACL staff member attended Gho-Bah/Gombaa, a concert that featured Leela alongside many other Northern performers.