

YKACL NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY LIVING



Gumboot Rally teams equipped with Super new tool for lightning fast fundraising!

by YKACL staff

THE 2018 GUMBOOT RALLY fundraising season kicked off this month. This year's theme is BE OUR HERO!

Residents are encouraged to register their teams of five Super Friends online at WWW.YKACL.CA!

And YKACL is excited to announce an amazing new charitable recycling donation system at the Bottle Shop Recycling Depot that will help you and your Super Friends raise funds fast!



Vee Faria

Developed by the NWT Waste Reduction and Recovery Program team at the GNWT Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the new pilot project allows organizations to issue a charitable tax receipt to residents once they have dropped off at least \$25 worth of refundable bottles and cans.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Residents bring bags of refundable recyclables to the bottle depot and register their own Drop-and-Go account with a depot staff member. After the one-time registration is complete (including name and email), residents enter the code for the Association, which is the same as our phone number

(9202644), and the number of bags being donated. The computer prints one bar code sticker for each bag. That's it!

Immediately after the donation is made, Association staff will receive an automated email with the donor's name and contact information. Staff will contact the donor once to obtain the donor's complete mailing address to

issue a tax receipt.

"The NWT Waste Reduction and Recovery Program staff created a wonderful system to help our Gumboot Rally teams collect donations," said Association board fundraising chair Vee Faria. "The whole process takes less than two minutes – in and out, no muss, no fuss."

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BE OUR HERO!

REGISTER YOUR TEAM OF FIVE SUPER FRIENDS ONLINE TODAY

YEAH!

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Saturday, May 5

10am-12noon

NWT STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK TABLED IN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

YKACL part of Advisory Panel

by YKACL staff

THE HON. GLEN ABERNETHY, Minister of Health and Social Services, tabled the NWT Disability Strategic Framework in the Legislative Assembly on Feb. 20.

Our Association was part of the Advisory Panel of organizations supporting people with disabilities who gave feedback and input into the Framework development.

YKACL clients Kineta Michel and Jaimee-Lynn Clouston joined Association Job Coach Nadine Ingram, Executive Director Lynn Elkin and board member Ben Russo to observe the announcement from the visitors' gallery.

We look forward to working with government to ensure the needs of individuals with disabilities and their families are met.



Glen Abernethy

FASD Awareness campaign serves up mocktails at Aurora College

by YKACL staff

THE YELLOWKNIFE ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING partnered with Aurora College to deliver an FASD Awareness message on Valentine's Day. The event was organized as part of the school's Spirit Week.

Kassandra Spoelder, YKACL Family and Children's Services Facilitator, served up sundaes and mock-tails during the noon event.

"People were really happy to see an alternative to alcohol and one student took a recipe card specifically for her pregnant friend to enjoy," said Kassandra. "The crowd was receptive to the positive messaging around FASD awareness and prevention. Overall it was a great success and everyone enjoyed the two mock-tails – a Cherry Bomb or a Roy Rodgers – and learned a little more about preventing FASD."



KIRA WILLIAMS, LEFT, AND KASSANDRA SPOELDER delivered an FASD Awareness message on Valentine's Day. Kari is the Student Life and Wellness Coordinator and Kassandra is a YKACL Family and Children's Services Facilitator.



Thursday, March 8

Young Adult and YaY Fusion meet at the Fieldhouse at 5:45pm for the City of Yellowknife Family Fun Night followed by basketball St. Joseph School! (Pick up time is 8pm @ the school) RSVP to Michael: inclusion2@ykacl.ca

YKACL news

Sponsor these Gumboot Teams!



The Tai Chi Tigers raise funds for YKACL annually during the Gumboot Rally!

As of Feb. 26, three Gumboot Rally teams have registered to collect online donations.

- **The Superhero Team** registered for the second year in a row with the goal of raising \$250.
- **The Tai Chi Tigers** are perennial fundraisers and have set their goal at \$500.
- **CBC North** is another longtime Gumboot Rally supporter and this year the broadcasters are aiming to raise \$2,000.

To support any of these three teams, or to register your own team, visit the Association's website at: WWW.YKACL.CA

Peer Support Group coming events

The YKACL Peer Support Group meets every Tuesday from 5:15pm-7:15pm at the Abe Miller Building (4912 53rd Street).

Coming events:

- Feb 26: Walking Track
- March 6: Spa Night
- March 13: Meal Budget
- March 20: Cooking Night
- March 27: Walking Track