

APRIL 26 2018 Yellowknife Association for COMMUNITY LIVING

Since 1962



## MedicAlert Autism Program available across the North

*Bracelets and shoe tags communicate with emergency responders*

adapted from Autism Canada

**AUTISM CANADA** has partnered with MedicAlert Foundation Canada to create a unique program designed specifically to support Canadians on the autism spectrum and provide peace of mind to families and caregivers.

The MedicAlert Autism Program launched across Canada on April 10.

Autism isn't always recognizable to those who don't know the signs, and this can make those on the spectrum particularly vulnerable in an emergency situation.

### HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

The program is available to all Canadians on the autism spectrum.

Subscribers provide MedicAlert with the relevant personal information (routines, triggers and de-escalation techniques) and medical information (allergies, medications) emergency responders need in an emergency.



*If an individual with autism is unable to effectively communicate, MedicAlert tells emergency responders what they need to know.*

The program costs \$60 for new subscribers.

### BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM

**Voice in an emergency:** if an individual with autism is unable to effectively communicate, MedicAlert tells emergency responders what they need to know

and empowers them to make informed decisions.

**Designed to medical standards:** MedicAlert's medically-trained specialists ensure that all information on the MedicAlert ID adheres to globally accepted medical standards that are critically relied on by emergency responders.

**Critical assistance in seconds:** MedicAlert's 24/7 Emergency Hotline relays key medical and personal information to emergency responders within an average of five seconds of a call, in 140 languages.

**Family notification:** MedicAlert will notify family of the situation and whereabouts of the subscriber at the time of an emergency.

**Educates emergency responders:** MedicAlert specifically trains emergency responders including police and paramedics to look for the authentic emblem, read the information and call the 24/7 Emergency Hotline.



# The right workers for the job!

## YKACL EmployABILITY service matches clients with employers

by YKACL staff

**STAFF WITH YKACL** EmployABILITY services matched two clients with a local plumbing, heating and electrical supply company earlier this month and it was a perfect fit!

Bartle and Gibson hired Clement Koe and Charles Tonka for eight days of work.

"Boy was that ever a smart move," said branch manager Wade Makaro. "Charles Tonka and Clement Koe are excellent workers for the jobs I needed them to do. They were pleasant to work with and once I got them going on a task, they worked without supervision."

The pair built shelves, arranged stock,

swept and helped move product as the company moved into its new uptown location at 324 Old Airport Road.

If similar jobs come up in the future, Wade said he would "without a doubt" hire Charles and Clement again.

"This is one of many successful employment relationships we have nurtured this spring," said job coach Emily Lawson.

### What is EmployABILITY?

EmployABILITY strives to connect employers with workers who happen to have a disability. We provide a full range of employment services to individuals with any self-identified disability. Services include assessment, assistance with accessing training and education, resume writing, job search skills, interviewing skills, career development assistance and job coaching.



John Balamaga (YKACL job coach), left; Charles Tonka (YKACL client); Clement Koe (YKACL client); and Wade Makaro (bartle & gibson branch manager)

**YoungADULTS**  
GROUP

**YY FUSION!**  
Yellowknife Youth Fusion Group

RSVP to Michael:  
inclusion2@ykacl.ca

**Friday, April 27**  
**New Avengers Movie!**  
6pm @ Abe Miller Building

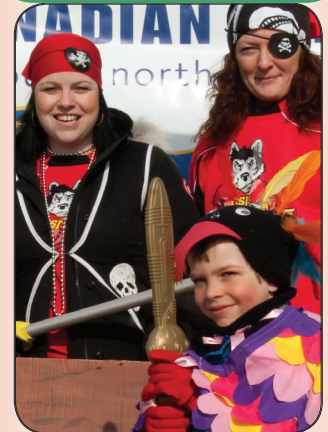
**Friday, May 11**  
**Climbing wall**  
6pm @ Field House

**Thursday, May 24**  
**Baking (Yay Fusion)**  
6pm @ Abe Miller Building

**Friday, May 25**  
**Baking (Young Adults)**  
6:30pm @ Abe Miller Building

## YKACL news

**Sponsor a team today  
and Be Our Hero!**



**Ecole St. Joseph staff  
support YKACL annually!**

**THE 26TH ANNUAL** Gumboot Rally will be held from 10am-noon on Saturday, May 5.

**Sponsor these teams online at YKACL.CA:**

**The Superhero Team**  
**Team Super Awesome**  
**ESJS Super Teachers**  
**ESPHS Best Buddies**  
**Seuss Mania Two**  
**Dervish & Banges**  
**100.1 The Moose**  
**CBC North**  
**Tai Chi Tigers**  
**Gumboot Nurses**  
**Beyond a Reasonable Trout**

Donations by cash and cheque also accepted by board volunteers at the Independent Grocer on Old Airport Road from 11am-1pm on Sat., April 28, and Sun., April 29.

### 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:

- May 1: Walking Track
- May 8: Baking night
- May 15: Craft night
- May 22: Scavenger hunt
- May 29: Games night