

We provide lifelong support
for individuals with disabilities
and their families in the NWT.

CONTEST:

NAME OUR FOX!

by YKACL Staff

THE ARCTIC FOX is clever, adaptable, resilient, and resourceful – making her the perfect ambassador for our organization!

We are looking to our friends and supporters for name suggestions for our new Arctic fox mascot, whom we unveiled today!

Watch and listen for her in the Association's upcoming public

service announcements early in the new year.

The winner of the naming contest will receive a useful swag bag of prizes and a variety of Association Business Services gift certificates.

Please send your creative name suggestions to:

YKACL

PO Box 981

Yellowknife, NT

X1A 2N7

Contest ends Jan. 31st.



Send us your name suggestions
for our new Arctic fox mascot!

GIFT CERTIFICATES MAKE THE PERFECT STOCKING STUFFER!

Contact the Association today to order gift certificates in any denomination for any of our service teams, including:

- The Odd Job Squad: snow shoveling, small furniture delivery, firewood-stacking, cleaning, dump runs and more...
- Business Services Team: poster distribution, mail preparation, shredding, recycling pick-up, courier delivery and more...
- YES Group (Youth Employment Services): courier delivery, workplace cleaning, special projects...

*They're the perfect gift for seniors, parents,
small business owners and other busy folk!*

Call 920-2644 today!



BUSINESS SERVICES TEAM UPDATE

by YKACL staff

THE BUSINESS SERVICES TEAM completed 88 courier assignments and 74 recycling and shredding pick-ups last month. The team shredded eight boxes of documents for various customers.

The Business Services Team operates through the YKACL Skills Training and Community Inclusion Service for adults with intellectual disabilities (ST&CI).

The Business Services Team offers:

- Recycling pick-up
- Courier delivery
- Mail preparation
- Poster distribution
- Document shredding
- Special projects

Team revenue is paid in wage to the clients providing the service.



KELTON BROOME AND JUSTINE CUVELIER collect recycling from the Legislative Assembly as part of their role with the Business Services Team.

JASMINE POWDER makes courier deliveries every week for the City of Yellowknife, as part of her role as a member of YES Group.



YES Group UPDATE

by YKACL staff

YES GROUP (Youth Employment Services) distributed 688 posters and made 79 courier deliveries for customers that included the City of Yellowknife in November.

The eight-member group provided weekly cleaning services for:

- Bella Dance Academy
- Yellowknife Ski Club
- Ecology North
- Ptarmigan Ptheatrics

Yes Group supports young people with disabilities who have finished high school and/or post-secondary training who may be under-engaged in employment and volunteer work.

ODD JOB SQUAD UPDATE

by YKACL staff



THIRTY-EIGHT CUSTOMERS hired The Odd Job Squad in November, providing temporary work for 13 clients.

Employers included:

- YWCA Housing
- Dept. of Justice
- Allan the Painter
- LCP Health
- Trevor's Independent Grocer
- Black Knight Pub
- Anglican Diocese of Arctic

The variety of jobs included snow shoveling, stacking wood, pet waste removal, deliveries and dump runs.

The Odd Job Squad is designed to assist under-employed individuals who self-identify with a disability to derive a small income from one-time or short-term work while they search for permanent employment.

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We look forward to serving you in 2020!

- ***The Odd Job Squad***
- ***Business Services Team***
- ***YES Group (Youth Employment Services)***

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Tree delivery \$15

by YKACL Staff

FOR JUST \$15 The Odd Job Squad will deliver your Scouts Xmas tree to your home ASAP within 24 hours of purchase, and pick it up again from your curbside after January 2.

Call or text the Squad to arrange delivery at 867-445-6967.

On-hundred-percent of the fee is paid as wages to the clients who do the work.

The Squad is also available to hang Xmas lights, shovel snow, deliver furniture, clean garages, clean up work sites, stack firewood and other work.



Chat with experts and each other at our Parent/Caregiver group!

The monthly event offers an opportunity for parents and caregivers of individuals with disabilities to share casual conversation

OUR PARENT/CAREGIVER GROUP is planning a series of monthly mini-info talk-to-the-expert sessions followed by conversation from January to May. They will be held at 7pm on the second Tuesday of the month from January-March.

Topics will include:

- Ensuring good nutrition when dealing with food preferences or allergies
- What to consider when writing a will if you have a family member with a disability

For more information, contact 920-2644.

YKACL news

Youth Group Winter 2020 schedules

Young Adults

- Jan. 10: Swimming & hot chocolate at After 8
- Jan. 24: Karaoke Night & Baking| Workshop
- Feb. 14: Badminton & Boston Pizza
- Feb. 28: Basketball & Monkey Tree

YOUNG ADULTS is a free social group for youth aged 19 to 30, with or without a disability. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month.

Yay Fusion!

- Jan. 17: Aboriginal Games night
- Jan. 31: Basketball evening
- Feb. 7: Sliding and Snowshoeing
- Feb. 21: Ukrainian Egg Decorating

YAY FUSION! is a free social group for youth aged 13 to 18, with or without a disability. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.

RSVP to sil2@ykacl.ca.



ASSOCIATION OFFICES

Will be closed For the HOLLY days

FROM Dec. 23, 2019 - Jan. 1, 2020

Respite and Supported Living services continue 365/year

ICE CANDLES

\$30 for 3

\$60 for 8

LAST DAY TO ORDER:

DEC. 13th

for delivery by Dec 20th

Crafted by YES Group (Youth Employment Services)

Proceeds to support Association programming.

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In Memoriam



STEVE ELMS served on the Association Board from 2010-2012.

Remembering the late Steve Elms

ASSOCIATION clients, staff and board appreciate the contribution Steve Elms made to our organization as a past board member (2010-2012) and as a children's entertainer at our Gumboot Rallies.

His caring approach to others and his beloved sense of wonder made a difference in our community.

We are grateful for the time he shared with us and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones.



Be our 1,000th Facebook follower!

Like us and follow us @YKACL

as we speed toward this social media milestone!

facebook.com/ykacl/



COMPANY COMING?

Association offers equipment your guests may appreciate!

WHEELCHAIRS, walkers and crutches are available for loan from the Association for up to two weeks by donation.

Just contact our front desk staff to make a reservation at 920-2644.

Crutches adjustable for users up to 5'10". Wheelchair width is 16" with a maximum weight capacity of 250lbs.



YKACL news



KATIE MILLER met Santa at the 2018 Xmas Dinner.

Tickets going fast for Xmas Dinner & Dance

THE ASSOCIATION'S annual Christmas Dinner & Dance will be held at the Yellowknife Ski Club on Friday, Dec. 13. Doors open at 6pm with dinner at 6:45pm.

Tickets are \$30 each at the Abe Miller Building (4912 53rd St), on sale until Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Clients, staff, board members and their loved ones are invited. Tickets for children aged nine-years and under are \$10 each.

Job openings (casual & part-time)

THE ASSOCIATION is hiring this month!

We have openings for:

- Supported Living Workers
 - Respite Workers
 - Job Coaches
- (All positions are casual and part-time.)

Please apply ASAP with your resume and cover letter to: ed@ykacl.ca.