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YOUR TEAM
TODAY



Gumboot RALLY

BIRDS OF A FEATHER... Saturday, May 9th, 2020

Birds of
a feather
stick
together!

by Inclusion NWT Staff

GUMBOOT RALLY 2020 will take place from 10am-noon on Saturday, May 9, next to the Abe Miller Building (4912 53 St).

This year's theme is: Birds of a Feather.

To register your flock of five fine-feathered fundraisers, contact 920-2644 or drop by our office to pick up your Captain's Kit.

Online fundraising has already taken flight! Find the Gumboot Rally 2020 online fundraising page link on our website at InclusionNWT.ca or on our Facebook page.

This year's fundraising goal aims to soar above \$25,000.

Need fundraising help? Contact us for some simple ideas: 920-2644.

since 1962
**Inclusion
NWT**



We provide lifelong support for individuals with disabilities and their families in the NWT, since 1962.

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TEAMS ARE encouraged
to come dressed in colourful
plumage on May 9.

A BIG THANK YOU TO NORTHLAND UTILITIES!

INCLUSION NWT clients and staff express our gratitude to Northland Utilities staff and management for working so hard to raise \$12,730 for our association!

Staff organized bake sales and hosted barbecues to help generate donations, which were matched by the company.

Presenting the cheque were Northland Utilities staff Darin Smith (Manager), back-row left; Jenna Linloff (Stockkeeper); Chase Cooke (Powerline Technician); and Christina Chorostkowski (Supervisor/Customer Service & Administration), front row. Accepting the cheque on behalf of Inclusion NWT were Terry Kuliktana, left, Joey Oogaq, Chantelle Beauchamp and Katie Miller – wearing their blue Business Services Team vests.



RICHARD TARDIFF displays a feat of strength during a lighthearted moment with Job Coach Anthony Wallang, while shoveling a customers driveway as a member of the Odd Job Squad.

ODD JOB SQUAD UPDATE

by Inclusion NWT Staff

FORTY-TWO CUSTOMERS hired The Odd Job Squad in February, providing temporary work for 17 clients.

Employers included:

- Yellowknifemut Inuit Kattujigatiit
- Anglican Church of Canada
- NWT Montessori Society
- Solar Apartments
- Northwestel
- YWCA

The variety of jobs included snow-shoveling, furniture moves, pet waste removal, courier 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.

BUSINESS SERVICES TEAM UPDATE

by Inclusion NWT Staff

IN FEBRUARY, the Business Services Team completed 86 courier assignments and 76 recycling and shredding pick-ups. The team shredded 63 boxes of documents for various customers.

The Team also completed a special project for organizers of the NAKA Festival.

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

The Business Services Team services include:

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

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



EVA CHARLO collects recycling from several downtown offices, as part of her role with the Inclusion NWT Business Services Team.

JAIMEE-LYNN CLOUSTON cleans the Yellowknife Ski Club alongside her colleagues in YES Group (Youth Employment Services).



YES Group UPDATE

by Inclusion NWT Staff

YES GROUP (Youth Employment Services) distributed 670 posters and made 81 courier deliveries in February, for customers that included Snowking's Winter Festival and the YK Farmers Market. 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.

INCLUSION NWT board and supporters Gena Florio, left, Anita Griffore, Esther Rowe, Tony Florio and president Ben Russo.



PANCAKES FOR ALL!

Inclusion NWT board members serve breakfast to clients, staff and their families for Valentine's

by Inclusion NWT Staff

MORE THAN one-dozen children and their parents and caregivers came out for the latest annual Inclusion NWT Valentine's Pancake Breakfast on Feb. 15.

The Inclusion NWT board served food all morning as the families visited together and children played puzzles and games.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this event!



Gumboot Rally news



The Wild Birds Team Gumboot fundraiser

THE WILD BIRDS Gumboot Rally Team is collecting refundable recyclables from curbsides and businesses on Saturdays up to May 2, to raise funds for Inclusion NWT.

The team is made up of students from JH Sissons, NJ Macpherson and William McDonald schools.

If you have a bag or more of refundable recyclables to contribute, please contact The Wild Birds at: superykteam@gmail.com

Your Gumboot Team fundraising opportunities

CONTACT Inclusion NWT to reserve your Gumboot Rally Team's fundraising table at Yellowknife Co-op or Trevor's Independent Grocer: 920-2644

Co-op

- **March 22**
- **April 4**
- **April 5**
- **April 19**

Independent Grocer (Old Airport Rd)

- **April 11**
- **April 12**
- **April 18**

Parent/Caregiver Night presents:



with an expert series!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

7pm TUESDAY, MARCH 10 “Preparing a will”

Lawyer Thomas Wallwork will talk about what to think about before doing your will, particularly when you have a family member with a disability that may need ongoing support.



Thomas Wallwork B.Sc., J.D.
Barrister and Solicitor

Join other parents and caregivers of loved ones with a disability for these casual gatherings at the Abe Miller Building (4912 53rd Street) held on the third Tuesday of the month. Experts in various fields will present a five-to-10-minute introduction to a new topic monthly, followed by the opportunity to ask questions as a group or individually.

If you require on-site respite care, or to RSVP, contact 920-2644



Inclusion NWT news



**Order your own
Inclusion NWT hoodie**

INCLUSION NWT hoodies are available for order for staff and client families!

Choose from seven colours (three shades of blue, charcoal, orange, black and grey) and select any size from small to 2XL. Features Inclusion NWT logo. Two styles available.

These quality hoodies cost \$30 each, shipping fees included.

Order before April 1.

(867) 920-2644

info@inclusionnwt.ca

**Job openings
(casual & part-time)**

INCLUSION NWT is hiring!

We have openings for:

- Supported Living Workers P/T
 - Respite Workers P/T
 - Family & Children's Services Facilitator P/T
- (For complete job descriptions, please visit: InclusionNWT.ca)

Apply with resume and cover letter to:

ed@InclusionNWT.ca

More teens wanted!

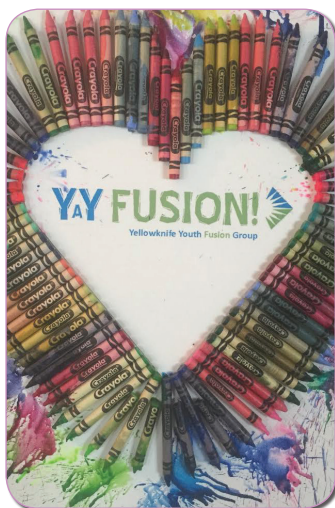
by Inclusion NWT Staff

OUR TEEN GROUP co-ordinators have created a consistent schedule of fun and unique activities for teens this spring!

Teens are invited to gather from 6:30pm-8:30pm on the first and third Friday evenings of each month starting in April.

Recent activities have ranged from court sports and karaoke to movie nights and group swims at the pool.

We look forward to hearing from you when our



schedule resumes next month! In the meantime, we seek fresh feedback to help increase participation this spring.

Please email us your responses to our survey:

- What events would your teen like to participate in this spring?
- Does the current schedule work for your family?
- What do you enjoy most about participating in the teen group?
- What are some things you would change?
- What is your all-time favourite teen group activity?

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facilitator@inclusionnwt.ca

NEW ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE

YAY FUSION! Teen Group participants and staff Aaradhana Bhattarai (clockwise from top left), Randy Porter, Dawson Craig and Sydney Peer decorate Ukrainian eggs during a Feb. 21 workshop at Frisky Kistky studio, led by Azure DeGrow.



Youth Group news



**United Way
NWT**

*Thank you to
United Way NWT*

UNITED WAY NWT has committed to support the Inclusion NWT Yay Fusion! Teen Group for another year.

The United Way NWT's Community Investment Fund will create opportunities for teens to participate in a wide range of activities throughout 2020.

*Youth Groups
on hiatus in March*

Our YAY FUSION Teen Group and Young Adults Group are on hiatus for spring break this month. Regular schedules will resume in April.

- **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.
- **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.

For info, or to register for any events, shoot us a text at 867-444-7833.