

SUPPORTED LIVING



FRIGHTFUL FUN!

Supported Living households host Halloween Costume Parade on Zoom!

by Inclusion NWT Staff

SUPPORTED LIVING CLIENTS and staff enjoyed Covid-cautious Halloween events on Oct. 30 and Oct. 31.

Clients join with each other and the community to celebrate special occasions year-round, even amid the strict safety precautions during this pandemic.

Plans are afoot for more safe special events and virtual gatherings for the upcoming holiday season!



SPOOKY STROLL!

LOIC BURNS
walked the
length of
Pumpkin Lane
in the first week
of November,
alongside
Supported Living
Worker Piyush
Gosain.



EMPLOYMENT



JUSTINE CUVELIER.

left, has worked at Rebecca's Flowers, Too for three months; Adam LePrieur has worked at Arctic Response since 2018; and Annie Strus has worked as a barrista at Javaroma since 2019.

Currently, 14 individuals are finding work through Inclusion NWT's Employ-ABILITY Service.

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Yellowknife businesses make room for workers with disabilities CBC____

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- Lynn Elkin

by Sara Minogue / CBC North

IT'S BEEN A TOUGH SLOG for Inclusion NWT.

The small non-profit, based in Yel-

lowknife, aims to find work and volunteer opportunities for people with disabilities. At the start of the pandemic, the work dried up.

"It disappeared completely in mid-March, and much of it has never come back," said executive director Lynn Elkin.

Right now, they have about 22 clients looking for things to do.

COVID-19 restrictions

The organization issued a press release [last month] thanking a number of businesses who've managed to include an Inclusion NWT client in their workplace — not easy, given physical distancing and other COVID-19 restrictions.

"We are just so thankful for the

small businesses because they help people move on from sort of odd job work into moving into a job of their own," Elkin said.

Luthfun Nahar owns Rebecca's

Flowers. Inclusion NWT client Justine Cuvelier has been coming to her shop for the past 10 weeks, cutting stems, changing water and greeting customers.

"She's wonderful," said Nahar. "She takes my direction and she knows what to do for her whole day and she gets it done."

Other clients have done everything from lawn care to shoveling snow to cleaning and sanitizing. A new program has people doing paper shredding.

'A great contribution'

"The goal is not to have people just sitting at home," Elkin said. "These are people who are great workers, they make a great contribution, work hard at the work they do and they have a right to be out working."

Even working half an hour once a week can be a contribution, Elkin said.

"It doesn't have to be a full time job... to really make a contribution and to allow someone to show what they can do," Elkin said.

"Ideally what we want is for people to be employed just like everybody else."

14 people finding work with EmployABILITY

Right now 14 people are finding work through the program.

The businesses thanked in the press release include: Arctic Response, CDETNO, Collective Soul, Copperhouse Restaurant, Crowe MacKay LLP, Diamond Drycleaners, Gallery of the Midnight Sun, Javaroma, Kingpin Bowling Centre, La Fédération franco-ténoise, Northern Images, Rebecca's Flowers, Remax, the Salvation Army, Vinnie's Thrift Store, the Yellowknife Curling Club and the Yellowknife Daycare Association.

STAFF







CAFÉ EMPLOI VIRTUEL 2020
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VIRTUAL EMPLOYMENT CAFÉ 2020



Inclusion NWT is HIRING!

Check out our presentation on Nov. 17 (5-7pm)

Register at: emplois@cdetno.com

PERSONAL GROWTH

Why I work at Inclusion NWT...

by Bryan Tuyishime

WHY DO I work at Inclusion NWT? The answer is quite simple: it doesn't feel like work. The atmosphere, the

clients, and the staff are all so welcoming and joy-inducing.

Inclusion NWT is more to me than just a job, it's become my life. The clients we support mean the world

to me. Their carefree, live-in-the-moment approach to life is something I admire. I learn just as much from them as they do from me.

Every day I find myself taking on a new challenge I wouldn't otherwise, because that's what Inclusion is all about. As staff, we support and try to promote growth within our clients, but we ourselves grow in the process.



BUSINESS SERVICES

Heavyweight help!

by Inclusion NWT Staff

OUR SERVICE TEAMS recycled more than 145 kg of refundable beverage containers in October.

Clients picked up most of the recyclables from area businesses and households, but some business owners and residents dropped off their recycling at the Abe Miller Building.

Our refundable recycling service is 100% free, including free pickup on weekdays.

To arrange pick up, contact us at:

(867) 445-6967





WELCOME TO WORK, KYLE!

KYLE STEWART is the newest member of the Inclusion NWT Business Services Team!

Kyle has performed a wide variety of roles in his first weeks of work through our Skills Training & Community Inclusion service, including postering services, shredding and courier deliveries.

The Skills Training & Community Inclusion service provides job training and employment opportunities for adults with disabilities as well as other activities that enhance their daily living, social and literacy skills. We place a heavy emphasis on community involvement. Participants are involved in community social and recreation activities to increase their opportunities to contribute and be included in our community.



GIFT-GIVING

SHOP LOCAL!



JUSTINE CUVELIER, KINETA MICHEL, Chris Strus and Jaimee-Lynn Clouston shovel for customers of The Odd Job Squad.

Stuff your stockings with useful services

by Inclusion NWT Staff

THOUGHTFUL, USEFUL gifts purchased right in the community are the Holy Grail of stocking stuffers – and Inclusion NWT can oblige!

Inclusion NWT charitable donations in your loved one's name or time-saving Odd Job Squad gift certificates in any denomination (redeemable for a wide variety of tasks, from lawncare and dump runs to furniture deliveries and pet waste removal) are perfect gifts for even the most hard-to-buy-for person on your list.

To order your personalized gift certificate or to make a gift donation, please visit our website at InclusionNWT.ca or contact our elves by calling 920-2644.

Include a gift certificate when you send baskets with REBECCA'S FLOWERS!

ORDER YOUR info@InclusionNWT.ca
INCLUSION NWT
TUQUE
by Nov. 17
S16
each
Inclusion
NWT

JEEP CAP Navy blue, black





SOLID
Navy blue,
black, red,
royal blue,
flourescent
orange, white,
charcoal,
yellow

STRIPED

Stripes: Aqua, black, green, orange, yellow, red, white Crown: black, green, red, blue





THE ODD JOB SQUAD

CHRISTMAS TREE DELIVERY!

Inclusion NWT partners with Yellowknife Scouts for another festive season

by Inclusion NWT Staff

THE ODD JOB SQUAD is ready to deliver your Christmas tree from the Scouts Christmas Tree Stand again this year.

Scouts trees are scheduled to go on sale in the last week of November in the Co-op parking lot.

To arrange for Christmas tree delivery:

- Purchase your tree from the Scouts
- Contact (867) 445-6967 with your name and address
- Send \$15 delivery fee by EMT to financemanager@InclusionNWT.ca
 (The Squad can also deliver trees and

other large items from other vendors.)

SUNIL SRIRAM AND PIERRE LAFOND delivered trees with The Odd Job Squad in years past.

Call us and carry on.

(867) 445-6261

\$30 for 3 \$60 for 8 445-6967 The Odd Job Squad Inclusion NWT









PUT THE ODD JOB SQUAD TO WORK

so you can be where you need to be doing what you need to do on YK1 and YCS PD days!



THANK YOU!



THE ODD JOB SQUAD received a donation of funds for warm winter workwear this month. Pictured: Odd Job Squad members Jon Proulx, from left; Sam Pameogorak; Ian Wasserman, pharmacy owner; James Galasinao, Supported Living Co-ordinator; Michael Ramirez, Job Coach; and Adam LePrieur.

THE GIFT OF WARMTH

Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy donates winter gear

by Inclusion NWT staff

MEDICINE SHOPPE PHARMACY contacted Inclusion NWT to offer a very helpful donation this fall: funding for quality outdoor work-wear for The Odd Job Squad!

The company's donation allowed The Squad to purchase three complete sets of work-wear, including brand new jackets and coveralls.

The Odd Job Squad shovels driveways and sidewalks for seniors (age 65+) FREE in Yellowknife, Ndilo and Dettah.

To hire The Squad, please contact the Hotline by calling or texting: **(867) 445-6967**



HIRE THE ODD JOB SQUAD by contacting: (867) 445-6967 or info@InclusionNWT.ca

Inclusion NWT news



We appreciate your support

WEAVER & DEVORE is a big supporter of our community! Inclusion NWT appreciates the generosity of this longstanding family-owned company.



Lest we forget

INCLUSION NWT clients and staff offered poppies by donation at the Abe Miller Building in the lead-up to Remembrance Day, in co-operation with 825 RCACS Yellowknife ELKS.

Supported Living clients and staff observed the wreath-laying ceremony from home on the morning of Nov. 11.

Photo: Sam Pameogorak makes his donation.

