



Everyone's path to employment is different. At NHCIA we give children the opportunity to gain 'first' employment skills; youth both job opportunities and support to seek employment and adults help to find the employment option that is right for them.

Despite numerous positive stories and experiences, persons with disabilities remain less likely than others to be employed. Statistically 49% of Canadians aged 25 to 64 with disabilities are employed, compared with 79% for Canadians without a disability.

Many persons with disabilities who would like to have paid employment are unable to reach that goal for reasons unrelated to their disability, such as workplaces that are physically inaccessible or discriminatory hiring practices.

Such situations are problematic both for persons with disabilities, and more generally for society and the economy. Individuals without a job may be deprived of the benefits of participation in the workforce, a key component of social integration. In addition, society is deprived of their talents and their contribution to the economy.

In this edition of our newsletter we wish to share some positive stories about employment in our community for persons with disabilities. If you are interested in supporting employment options for children, youth or adults please contact us to discuss this partnership.



Sandra Phillips,
Executive Director

Design Room



The Design Room has been 'abuzz' with activity lately. To celebrate Canada Day we entered the Bancroft 150 Canada window display contest. Job Camp, for youth to learn job skills is taking place at the Design Room throughout the summer. The youth have had opportunity at print making, painting rocks, and strategizing about turning creative pastimes into entrepreneurial pursuits.

Self-advocates are using the Design Room to explore their wood craftsmanship, cross stitching, soap stone carving, and making pendants. The wood crafters have been successful at selling products. We are looking forward to making the space fully accessible with a ramp. We have two pottery wheels, 18 yoga mats and blocks for future use.

Please contact
Dave Buttineau if
you are interested
in the Design
Room!

613-332-2090



Muffin Run

Shakira Shay (Muffin Run Employee) sells out on her first day. Way to go Shakira!



Proceeds go towards supporting four youth employed and the Hospital Auxiliary. Muffin run items are supplied by the hard working volunteers at the Corner Café.

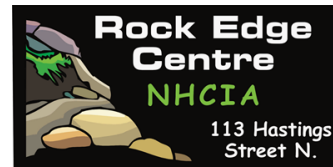
Kairos Time

In May we were very fortunate to have award winning artist Robin Tinney facilitate the workshop for Soap Stone Carving at the Design Room.



Participants all agreed that it was a lot easier than they expected and that they could easily spend hours carving and not even realize where the time had gone.

Child & Youth Update



Youth Group

Youth from NHCIA has enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with the youth from Madoc COPE on a monthly basis. In May the groups got together for a friendly competition which involved a photo scavenger hunt in Bancroft. The teams explored our amazing town taking pictures to earn points. In June the group joined together for some bowling and dinner at a restaurant where they practiced manners and tipping.

In August the youth will come together for the Learn to Camp program with Deep Roots Adventure. We look forward to this exciting partnership continuing.



Kidz Quest - Ages 9-12

Summer is well underway at the REC! We kicked off the summer with a grand finale of KidzQuest where families from all three sessions were invited to join us for an evening of canoeing, kayaking, and testing our skills at the skate park. KidzQuest included 24 children from ages 5-14 participating in local physical activities including karate, MILO fitness, biking, golfing, archery and AquaFit which took place one evening per week for six weeks. Each session was followed by all the participants cooking and eating a healthy meal together.

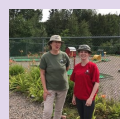


Job Camp

Camp is well underway for youth 12 and older. Participants are learning about resumes, cover letters, employment supports, entrepreneurship, volunteering, budgeting, personal hygiene, kitchen safety through presentations from Loyalist College, Links to Health, Volunteer Information Quinte. We also spend an afternoon creating masterpieces at the Design Room, volunteering at Heart of the Park, baking a delicious treat, and playing a round of mini golf at Dimples. Limited space is still available for Job Camp August 14-25. Call for more information!



Dimples Mini Golf



Dimples opened for the season in late June and will remain open until the fall. Job coaches Desiree and Teresa (pictured on the top left) are there to support the students as they get familiar with their responsibilities. The 5 students Taylon, Bryce, James, Justice, and Sierra greet customers with friendly smiles and help to make the golf course a place for families to have a fun time out! They have



also been doing small renovations such as painting and sprucing up the gardens. Dimples has special promotions for families, and two-for-one Sundays!



"What's Going ON"



Mike

Mike's adventure started with travelling on the Go Train from Oshawa and then touring Ripley's Aquarium. Mike was simply amazed with the lights, colors, and wide variety of marine life—his eyes were wide open and taking everything in. His engagement is evident in this picture of him reaching out to touch the aquarium glass.



Good Bye Party for Betty Lou

Friends gathered to say goodbye to their long time Friend Betty Lou. Betty Lou called Bancroft home for many years and is now moving to Kingston to be closer to family. Everyone at NHCIA wishes her and her family all the best.



Roxy was thrilled to have one of her goals (dreams) come true when she travelled to St Catherine's in July to spend time with a former staff member of NHCIA and his family. Roxy visited with Brian, Mark and Jo-Ann and enjoyed a weekend of sight seeing, adventure, dinner on the patio and lots of laughs .



Duncan

Duncan went to Lang Pioneer Village with his friend Brian Sullivan. They enjoyed a picnic lunch and toured the wood working shop and general store. Brian was very knowledgeable about antique tools, implements and household items, keeping Duncan entertained by quizzing the student "pioneers." Brian and Duncan initially got to know each other at the laundromat where Duncan runs his laundry business, washing and folding linens for a few local businesses. Brian happened to be doing his laundry at the same time and they struck up a friendship.



Did You Know.....You must have an NHCIA membership in order to become a board member and /or vote at our AGM. If you are interested in becoming a member, please fill out this section and return to NHCIA.

Name:
Address:
Postal Code:
Email Address:

Non-Voting (Associate) Membership

Staff (\$5.00)
Business/Organization (\$25.00)

Voting Membership

Self Advocate (\$5.00)
Single (\$5.00)
Family (\$15.00)
Business (\$25.00)

What is happening in Youth and Family Support?

We started summer off with education sessions for Experience Summer Camp staff at Children's Services and Graphite Camp. Allison and Niki led the counsellors through some exercises to help them better understand and support behavioural needs. They offered tools and suggestions to help ensure all campers are included and engaged.

NHCIA was fortunate to get funding through Canada Summer Jobs for really great students this year. Cynthia Best (Employment Supports) has been involved with youth learning job readiness skills through participation in Job Camp, the Muffin Run and Dimples Mini Golf.

Our **Family Support Group** meets monthly and provides an opportunity for care givers to get information about services available in the community as well as relax with others who can understand some of the challenges they face. Light refreshments and respite is provided for loved ones during the meetings. In May Jason Dean from Kerrys' Place Autism Services spoke to the group and in June

Wendy Fouts presented on the benefits of art and music for relaxation. The July meeting included mini golf fun at Dimples.



Participants at one of our monthly family support groups

Kirsti Volunteering at Heart of the Park

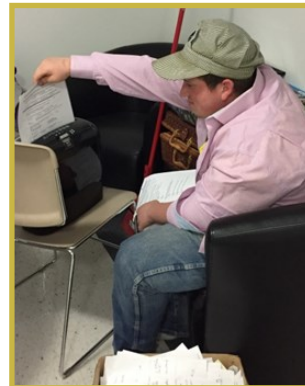


Dimples Mini Golf

DSW Student



Candy Rutledge is enrolled in the **DSW** course through **Loyalist College** in Bancroft and has completed her 7 week placement here at NHCIA.



Cody working at his shredding job with the support of Links to Health

PARENT/CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP BEACH DAY

Wednesday, August 16th 1-3pm

PAPINEAU BEACH!

Do you have a family member (any age) living with a disability? If so, this group may be for you!

Please bring a picnic lunch and sunscreen.

Call for directions and to arrange transportation.

RSVP to Niki/Allison at 613-332-2090 by Aug. 15

Rain date will be Friday, August 25 1-3pm



North Hastings Community Integration Association

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Debbie Williams

Debbie passed away peacefully at her home in Belleville June 19, 2017. She was 62.

Debbie was born September 24, 1954 in Tyne Valley, Prince Edward Island. She later moved to Bancroft and was a resident here from July 1999 to December 2016, where she was supported by NHCIA. Debbie recently moved to Belleville to a more accessible home.

Interment will take place at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Bancroft on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 11:30 am.

