



# Spring Newsletter 2016

RESICARE SOCIETY OF  
CALGARY

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## Hello Everyone,

Ahhh! Sunshine and spring flowers! I love this time of the year! Everything is starting to burst with life and the world is coming alive again.

On March 7, 8 and 10 2016, Resicare Society of Calgary was surveyed by the Alberta Council of Disability Services (ACDS) in order to meet the Certification Standards called "Creating Excellence Together". The survey went really well, and if you would like to read the final report, please call Dianne Jackson at 403-286-3709 ext. 2.



## David Stewart's 60th B-day

David moved into Resicare in May 1970 which is the same year Resicare was founded. Recently, House 2 got to celebrate his 60th birthday with him. So of his 60 years, we have been blessed to have him at Resicare for 46 years! He was just a young man at the beginning of his Resicare journey and although he can still be 'trouble', that's an integral aspect of David's personality and one we wouldn't trade for the world. David contributes to the daily lives of all Resicare members in a special way, as only he can and we are thankful for that everyday. But on Saturday April

16th we got to show him just how thankful we are and how much he is loved!

His sisters Carol and Shirley set up a surprise birthday with the help of House 2 staff and residents. There were so many guests, it was hard to move! All generations of David's family were there, children were running around, friends from years before, current members of Resicare, we were all there to help celebrate the life and love that is David Stewart. He WAS surprised (win!) and he positively glowed with joy all day.



## Government takes action to protect the safety and dignity of persons with developmental disabilities

During the public consultation on the standards of safety for Albertans receiving supports through the PDD program, participants said the Regulation was confusing and caused undue stress in the community. The Minister accepted the Consultation Team's Phase One recommendations in its summary report to: Repeal the PDD Safety Standards Regulation in its entirety. Implement a coordinated approach across relevant ministries, including working with municipalities, to ensure clarity, consistency and alignment in, and implementation of, the repeal of the PDD Safety Standards Regulation. Extend the Consultation Team's mandate to oversee Phase Two of the Safety Standards Consultation.

Phase One of the PDD Safety Standards Consultation took place from February 18 to March 14. More than 750 Albertans attended community conversations in eight cities, and 1,300 questionnaires were completed online or by mail. Participants included Albertans with developmental disabilities, their families and guardians, service providers, health and safety professionals, landlords, and other stakeholders. Government has the following measures in place to support safety during the ongoing consultation: Service providers continue to have obligations under their contracts with Human Services to ensure safety, including the adherence to accreditation standards set out by the Alberta Council of Disability

Services, which specify safety obligations and procedures. Safety codes legislation (i.e. building/fire codes) will apply to homes of individuals receiving PDD services to a residential standard. Inspections will occur based on a referral, complaint or incident. The care standard will still apply when the individual is detained or totally dependent on staff to evacuate in the event of a fire or other emergency. Other existing laws still apply, as they do for all Albertans. For example, Alberta Health Services public health inspectors may continue under the authority of the *Public Health Act*, in circumstances where that act applies, generally in response to complaints.

## Light Up a Child's Life

Calaway Park and the Calgary Cerebral Palsy Association are thrilled to invite you to their annual "Light Up a Child's Life" night at Calaway Park! Light Up a Child's Life is a special night for children who are mentally or physically challenged to enjoy Calaway Park at a more comfortable pace, with their families.  
Date: Saturday June 4th, 2016 (Due to staffing this event will run rain or shine :))



Time: 10:00 am—9:00 pm (exclusive use of the park 7:00 pm—9:00 pm)  
Note: To be a part of this exclusive event you must wear the wristband provided.  
Cost: Free  
Admissions, rides and all special entertainment is free.  
Please let Nadia know how many tickets and wristbands you require by May 18th, 2016.

## Randy Martin

This is one of our new Outreach Clients Randy Martin. Randy recently purchased a truck which he enjoys driving around his parents acreage.



## ASL Summer Camp



Deaf & Hear Alberta is proud to announce its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **ASL SUMMER CAMP** in Calgary

This full-immersion camp is open to anyone who is keen to learn ASL for the first time, or for those with some signing skills to advanced levels. **Minimum suggested age is 16 years old.**

There are 3 different levels :

**Basic:** No American Sign Language background knowledge

**Intermediate:** Basic ASL skill in Level 1 (between ASL 101 to 103)

**Advanced:** ASL skills in Level 2 (between ASL 201 to 203)

Dates: August 8 –11, 2016

Time: 8:30am – 4:30pm

Location: Deaf & Hear Alberta, 63 Cornell Road NW

Cost: \$250 before June 30, 2016 After June 30, the cost is \$300

Thanks to generous support from Calgary Learns, Deaf & Hear Alberta can provide financial assistance to Calgarians that cannot afford this program.

Register online at [www.deafandhearalberta.ca](http://www.deafandhearalberta.ca).

If you are not sure what level you are at, or for any other information, please contact Cindy Pilz:  
cindyp@deafandhearalberta.ca

## Disability Tax Credit & RDSPs

This workshop is organized for those who work with people living with a disability and their families. The workshop will be presented by Canada Revenue Agency and Plan Calgary

What you will learn:

Disability Tax Credit (DTC)

Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2016, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Venue: Calgary SCOPE Society - 219 18 St. SE, Calgary

RSVP: Hiroko (Momentum) hirokon@momentum.org or 403-204-2687





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# Current Positions Available with Resicare

Please telephone Nadia Kunz our HR/Payroll Assistant directly at 403-286-3709 ext. 3 to check current positions available within Resicare.

You can also forward your inquires to her via email at [nkunz@resicare.org](mailto:nkunz@resicare.org).

If you need to meet with Nadia, please make an appointment in advance.

## Famous People with Disabilities:

People who have disabilities often continue to contribute to society while struggling to overcome their disabilities on a daily basis. Although most do not become famous people, there are and have been many famous disabled people around the world, including world leaders, actors and actresses, singers and other celebrities. Just to mention a few here is list of famous people with disabilities who have contributed to society and made a difference:

Albert Einstein (learning disability)

George Washington (learning disability)

Cher (dyslexia)

Ludwig van Beethoven (deaf)

Christopher Reeve (quadriplegia)

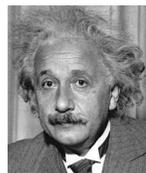
Franklin D. Roosevelt (Polio)

Robin Williams (ADHD)

Tom Cruise (severely dyslexic)

Stephen Hawking (paralyzed)

Walt Disney (learning disability)



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**MISSION**

**Resicare Society of Calgary strives to be a leader in the delivery of comprehensive integrated high quality support services**

**VISION:**

**Resicare Society of Calgary will be an innovative and integral support service striving for excellence in the services provided.**

I hope you have enjoyed this month's newsletter. If you have something you would like included in an upcoming newsletter, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached through email at [ajozsa@resicare.org](mailto:ajozsa@resicare.org).

Sincerely,

Annamaria Jozsa