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Perspective

Newsletter

for RCD Donors

RCD shares its knowledge with the Knowledge Network ...

Yes, the writer of this newsletter (RCD SIL Coordinator, Louise), is both a member and a fan of BC's Knowledge Network. I love the British dramas and the various types of documentaries shown! Of course, I also think it's great that they wanted to know more about effectively serving people with disabilities. Recently, they reached out to RCD for our *Disability Awareness and Sensitivity Training* course. Ian and Jhun delivered this latest session.



Groups are given the option of either a one-hour presentation or a longer 1 1/2 hour presentation which goes into a little bit more history of disability. Ian tells me that the Centre teaches about one session per month.

Groups can be as small as four people or as was the case with one taxi company, over 100 participants. Each group is charged a fee for the course, but your support also helps us to offer these sessions and to remove the barrier posed by a lack of understanding. Richmond's Fairchild Media and Richmond City Hall have also participated in RCD led training sessions.

"Awareness is the greatest agent for change." Eckhart Tolle

RCMP/Lansdowne shred-a-thon benefits the RCD ...

Once again, the Centre was the fortunate recipient of proceeds from the RCMP/Lansdowne shred-a-thon. On Saturday May 27th, 2023, Lansdowne shop owners, patrons, and other members of the public brought boxes full of personal papers to be shredded. There was a charge of \$10 per banker's box full. A total of \$606.80 was received from this event. Thank you to the RCMP, Lansdowne Centre Mall, its patrons, and the general public for your support.



I scream. You scream. We all scream for Ice Cream.

Well, based on the response to our most recent order of 50 J Squared Ice cream coupons, I would have to say that the above little saying is indeed true. All 50 coupons were sold within a week! Perhaps it's the really hot weather or even better, the unique flavors of ice cream such as mango and Shanghai fog, but either way thanks to public support, it's a win-win situation for both the company and the Centre. With warm weather expected to continue, and more coupons to be available do feel free to come by to feed your cravings. Thank you to J Squared Ice cream and You for your part in this tasty fundraising opportunity. The coupons sell for \$14 per pint. Since beginning this effort, RCD has sold 92 pints and raised \$508 to put toward the provision of services to people with disabilities.



If you're interested in ordering some ice cream and support RCD, visit this link: bit.ly/43z7NZn

There is still time to dress up your walls!

If you have not yet selected a painting from our collection on display in the office, there are still many beautiful options available for sale. Are your walls looking a little plain when the sun shines in on them?

Then do something about it. Come by RCD and support an artist and the Centre. Choose a painting or two. This initiative has raised \$1,670 to date.



View the catalogue at this link: bit.ly/3DnyV35

RCD Thrift Store News:

It's easy to run out of superlatives to adequately describe the hard-working ladies in the RCD thrift store. Their ability to collect, organize and resell donated items has meant that they have surpassed their fund-raising target for the fiscal year far ahead of schedule. Presently, their efforts have brought in over \$10,000 (or 50%) of the annual \$20,000 target. Recently, they have also begun selling some items on Facebook Marketplace.



Thank you Annie, Christine, Elsie, Finnie, Lynn, Pacey, Sybil and Wing!

Come to the Lansdowne Mall Job Fair: August 11, 2023 from 12AM-5PM



September is employment month in British Columbia so why not kick-start your career by attending the Lansdowne Centre Mall job fair on *August 11th, 2023*. This year's event is a partnership between the Mall, RCD and WorkBC.

As the Centre's lead coordinator of the event, Vincent Kwok, from our Employment Empowerment Project (EEP), is busy connecting with employers who are open to hiring people with disabilities. At the time of the writing of this article, at least 25 employers plan to be present and the number is growing.

Come to the mall on August 11 between 12PM-5PM and visit the many tables. Both of RCD's employment projects called the Employment Empowerment Project (EEP) and Supports for Independent Living (SIL) will have a table at the event. Staff there will be eager to meet you and offer their ongoing support with your job search. Don't forget to bring copies of your resume!

For more information contact: vincent@rcdrichmond.org

Welcome Samuel Leung ...

You may recall from the February Newsletter that we had introduced you to two new accounting/Booking staff who bravely took over from Eileen when she retired. Well, Anne is still with us, but Artem has decided to put down his roots in Quebec. We have wished him Bonne Chance (Good Luck) and have welcomed Samuel Leung to the team. He brings to his role the wisdom gained from over 30 years in the accounting field.

With Samuel Siu our I&R/Activity Assistant, and our Board Member Samantha Siu, Samuel Leung becomes the 3rd layer in RCD's triple decker Samwhich!



Additional numbers of note:

- The current revenue from the Parking Placard program is \$8,886.00.
- During our March 6 to April 21 Tax Clinic, 361 people were served.



Some things are just worth repeating.

If you were at RCD's 2022 "Together We Care" fundraising gala, then you undoubtedly left thinking "I must do that again". Well, now you can! For our 2023 gala, we will be returning to the Continental Seafood Restaurant continuing in the tradition of "Together We Care". You will again enjoy a menu of oceanic delights and a roster of entertainment that will leave you feeling like you are at the seaside getaway. All this, for only \$110 per ticket or \$800 for a table of 8.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the evening of October 20th, 2023 and watch our website for further details - www.rcdrichmond.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Other dates to watch for:

2023 Wheelchair Bonspiel- November 15-19 2023, at the Richmond Curling Club.

United Nation's International Day of Persons with Disabilities (Dec. 3) – RCD event will be held on Friday December 1, 2023, further details will be available on a later date.