



# NWT DISABILITIES COUNCIL HOLIDAY EDITION DECEMBER

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## Message from the Executive Director

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Well December is upon us and we have been extremely busy at the Council. Our recent Benefit Auction was a resounding success and we were extremely happy with the over \$33,000 that was raised. Please check out our sponsors and donors in the newsletter and on our website, [www.nwt.ability.ca](http://www.nwt.ability.ca). In addition to the Auction, November saw our new Board of Directors spend a weekend working on a new Strategic Plan for the next 5 years. The weekend was very successful and the Board is feeling rejuvenated and is ready for the work that lay ahead of them.

November also saw the Council embark on building relationships with local businesses and government in order to further issues of

disabilities across the North. December started with the Council celebrating International Day for Persons with Disabilities by hosting an on-line viral event to "Spread the Word to end the R-Word". We also presented this campaign at the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development's Forum on Disabilities and we were very well received. The Council would like to acknowledge the Inclusion Club at St. Patrick's High School that ran its own forum on stopping the R-word and were extremely successful and well received.

We are looking to partnerships in the New Year that will help to expand



Men's National Sledge Hockey Team presenting an autographed Jersey to Denise McKee for the Benefit Auction

education, support and advocacy across the Territories. We hope that 2012 will be a year dedicated to the advances for all persons with disabilities across the NWT and that we become closer to the goal that every individual will have the ability and access to achieve his/her full potential. A Joyous and Safe Holiday Season!



## The NWT Community Respite Program

I have been adjusting to my role as a NWT Community Respite Coordinator over the past few weeks. I have spent time getting to know the Program process and policies, the Council, and the families that use this program. I will be commencing travel and I am excited about going to Aklavik this month and I am eager to see the Council event that is planned! I will be going to Deline in January and then off to Fort Smith shortly after that trip. I will be out of office from December 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> but if you have any questions please call the office at 873-8203 or toll free at 1-800-491-8885 or you can reach me by email at [respite@nwtability.ca](mailto:respite@nwtability.ca)

A very Happy Holiday Season to all and a Safe and Happy New Year!



## **Early Childhood Intervention Program**

**Mission Statement** - To assist children with disabilities (zero to six years) develop to their full potential.

**Program Update** – Over the course of the last few months the Early Childhood Intervention Program (ECIP) has been busy assisting our clientele through the provision of quality services based on the individual needs of the child and family. Some of the ways families have been assisted are:

- Guidance in choosing a centre for each child's session.
- Regular supportive contact with the parents which may take the form of support and encouragement, linking with other resources and support networks, home visits, assisting in whatever is required (without duplication of other services provided in Yellowknife).
- Attending individual case conference for the children.
- Parenting and program information shared through monthly newsletters.
- Parent information and family social times that include ECIP Christmas party and other family gatherings. (Full family is encouraged to attend these events).
- Transportation to and from programming should the parents indicate they are unable to do so.

Currently, there are twelve children enrolled in the ECI, who have benefitted from the expertise of our three ECI Workers and this is done through the provision of quality activities tailored to the needs of each child in the all skill areas.

**Upcoming Events:** The ECIP will experience a modest staff growth with the hiring of a .5 Part-time ECI worker in December. Two ECI Workers will attend the 'Early Years Conference' in February and the Coordinator will be participating in a parenting program 'Leader Training' workshop. As well as, plan for our annual ECIP Christmas party.



### **Contact Information**

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## **Information, Referral & Support Program**

The Information Referral & Support program has been busy. Over the past couple of months I have helped people with disabilities or their family members by :

- Participating in CPP disability appeals
- Attending meetings at the Human Rights Commission
- Helping people prepare appeals to Extend ended Health Benefits
- Participating in Case Management Meetings
- Providing referrals to appropriate community organizations
- Assisting individuals to complete forms for various programs including Income Support



Coordinator Heather Clarke meeting with Emily Lawson.

If you are looking for information about services, need help, or have general questions please contact me toll free at 1-800-491-8885 or in Yellowknife at 1-800-491-8885. I can also be reached by email at [information@nwtability.ca](mailto:information@nwtability.ca).

All requests are confidential, and no question is too small. I will be traveling to a few communities over the next couple of months and look forward to meeting some of you. Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

## ***31st Annual Benefit Auction—Thank you All!***

### **NWT DISABILITIES COUNCIL THANKS YOU!**

The **NWT Disabilities Council** would like to thank all the individuals and businesses that donated, this year, making our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Benefit Auction a memorable evening and a roaring success. On the short timeline, of 1 month to prepare, Northerners and Northern businesses opened their hearts and donated in unprecedented numbers. Check out our website for more information, [www.nwtability.ca](http://www.nwtability.ca)

**Bringing to life the phrase, “Northerners helping Northerners”.**

Through the generosity of many, including our major sponsor; Canadian North, the hard work of a committed Council Staff, Board & Volunteers and the extraordinary job of the Auctioneers, MLA Robert Hawkins and Special Guest Former Commissioner; Tony Whitford, we raised over \$33,000 for the Council. These dollars will go directly to programs and services that provide support, education and advocacy to all persons with disabilities throughout the Northwest Territories.

## ***Long Term Supporters***

This year the Council recognized 8 long time supporters of our Auction: Many of these supporter work behind the scenes to ensure the auction runs smoothly. Recognized this year were:

- Canadian North
- DC Moving
- Janet Pacey
- PIDO Productions
- RBC Yellowknife Staff
- Robert Hawkins
- Roy’s Audiotronic
- YK Elks Lodge #314





The Bidding begins!

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Registration Table & Membership Raffle for 2 Tickets on Canadian North Yellowknife—Edmonton

## Volunteers

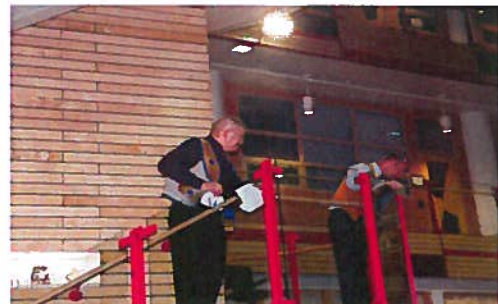
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- Cold Mountain Computing
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- Dining on 50th
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- Kopykat North
- PIDO Productions
- St Patrick's Parish
- Visual Effects
- YK Elks Lodge # 314



Jean Vivian from Canadian North viewing Silent Auction Items



Auctoneers MLA Robert Hawkins & Former NWT Commissioner Tony Whitford

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 YK Elks Lodge 314  
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*Kayak donated by Overlander Sports & Hand Made Dog House from Kimberlite Technical Center*



*55 inch 3D TV courtesy of Roy's Audiotronic*



*Deputy Fire Chief Gerda Groothuizen ready to shovel the lucky bidders walkways for the season*



*Silent Auction Area—thank once again to all our donors.*



The Staff of the NWT Disabilities Council  
Would like to wish  
Everyone Across the NWT  
A Very Happy and Safe Holiday Season

Denise  
Kobbert

Alicia Gault

Angela Jones

B. Einarsson-Belken

Allyson Clarke

Lindsay Meunier

Sheryl Vandeyke

We will be closed over the Holidays and reopening on  
January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012. Please remember this Holiday Season-  
Please remember to stay safe- Don't drink and Drive.



*Holiday Closure Dates:*

*Closed Monday December 19th 2011  
returning Tuesday January 3, 2012*

