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# From the *Wings*

## Upcoming Events

Calgary Active  
Leisure Centre  
Grand Opening  
October 18, 2007

Calgary Casino,  
October 24-25, 2007

Edmonton Casino  
January 1-2, 2008

Edmonton Western  
Mardi Gras  
January 26, 2008

## Chrysalis Capital EX Pancake Breakfast

*Presented by Servus  
Credit Union*

Chrysalis hosted its 9th annual Capital EX Pancake Breakfast to over 500 people in Edmonton on July 20, 2007.

“This annual event is Chrysalis’ way of thanking the community,” said Chrysalis CEO Lynn Groves Hautmann, “It’s the support from organizations, staff and volunteers that ensures Chrysalis can continue to offer high quality services.”

Guests were treated to a range of entertainment including a petting zoo, performances by country singer Emily Seal and various dance and musical performances by Musicale.

Mike McGuire of CISM 103.9 FM emceed the event and there was a short program with speeches including greetings from Mayor Mandel.



Wild turkey alert! Guests visit a turkey who was caught twice trying to “fly the coop” and chased along the Chrysalis front lawn by staff.



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MLA Rob Lougheed presented a \$15,000 check on behalf of the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) to Chrysalis.

Special thanks to the following supporters who made this year’s event possible:

- Albert’s Family
- Mother’s Music
- Restaurant
- Mr. Entertainment
- Alberta Pork Producers
- Northlands
- Canadian Linen
- Servus Credit Union
- Uniform Service
- Sunrise Bakery
- Capital Packers Inc
- Tim Hortons
- Consumers Choice
- Wellington Gift and Garden Centre
- Go Logowear Ltd.
- Westfair Foods
- Gregg Distributors

## *New Society Board Members and Foundation Board Chair*

Chrysalis would like to welcome two new Society Board members, Amanda Babichuk and Thea Varvis, and give a special welcome to our new Chrysalis Charitable Foundation Board Chair, Alva Shewchuck.

Clockwise from top left: Wayne Whitlock, Randy Clark, Brent Rathgeber, Ken Barry, Garth Norris, Mark Reid, Lois Cassie, Thea Varvis, Lynn Groves Hautmann  
Missing: Amanda Babichuk, Cynthia Hyslop



Alva Shewchuck

## Chrysalis Goes Coastal

Chrysalis will be featured on Global TV's national show "Alberta's Best is Hiring". This 30-minute television program brings companies and potential employees together in a new and innovative method of job recruitment.

Chrysalis is featured for four minutes on this program, which airs on 1,300 different stations across Canada. The episode will air on four consecutive Sundays from September 15 to October 6, 2007. You can also watch the segment on our new and improved website at [www.chrysalis.ab.ca](http://www.chrysalis.ab.ca)

## Thank you...

Chrysalis strives to provide high-quality service to persons with disabilities while recognizing the goals and abilities of each individual. That's

*"Your support truly makes a difference!"*

why we greatly value and appreciate any form of support or contribution made to the organization.

Chrysalis and the Charitable Foundation would like to thank the following donors for their recent contributions; your support truly makes a difference to our clients.

- AFP Calgary
- Bob and Julia Muskett
- Brian Stecyk
- CJ Campbell Insurance
- J & C Lemoureaux
- Kathleen and Blaise Young
- Leland Industries
- Leroy Mason
- Mike Babichuk
- Norma Ali
- Premier Ed Stelmach
- Servus Credit Union
- Sister Catherine Donally Foundation
- Spartan Controls Ltd.
- Telus Corporation
- Union 52 Benevolent Society
- United Way of Calgary, Donor Choice Program
- Wayne Mino
- Yellow Cab

### Donations received through the United Way Alberta Capital Region:

- Anne Fry
- John Deleeuw
- Patti Papernik
- Angela Lum



Lynn Groves Hautmann accepts a \$15,000 cheque to Chrysalis from CFEP presented by MLA Rob Loughheed

## Program Expansion

### Chrysalis Welcomes New Clients and Staff

On June 18, 2007, Chrysalis officially launched a program expansion plan in order to serve more clients in Edmonton. Between June and the end of September, Chrysalis will transition up to 35 new clients into our services. Most of these clients will access the Alternatives to Employment Services (AES), and many new staff and clients have transferred to Chrysalis from the Good Samaritan Society's Options Day Program which ended service on June 15, 2007.

As a result of this expansion, Chrysalis is reviewing the AES service operations in order to meet the changing needs of our clients.

### Speak out

Many Human Services agencies are dealing with a staffing crisis and advocating for improved funding to support increased front line staff salaries. You can help by logging on to [www.whocaresalberta.com](http://www.whocaresalberta.com).



Friends new and old: Chrysalis AES staff and clients sit on the front lawn of Chrysalis on a July afternoon.

## Roma's Story

My name is Roma, I am 54-years old and I have been with Chrysalis for fourteen years. Currently I volunteer at both Chinook Care Centre and Southwood Care Centre. These two centres are part of the Intercare Corporate Group; I was introduced to these positions through Chrysalis. I have volunteered over 200 hours combined at these centres to date.

I enjoy working with seniors at the Chinook Care Centre and have made some wonderful connections. One senior citizen at Chinook is very dear to my heart and I enjoy arriving early for my volunteer shift to have lunch with her. At Southwood, my position allows me to keep in contact with an old acquaintance which may not be possible otherwise. I value the time that I spend at both of these centres and would not trade that time for anything.



Painting by Roma donated to Chrysalis

Both centres have wonderful volunteer coordinators who help make my success possible. They keep me well informed and show concern for my health and well-being. If I have a question, they always help me find a solution. I also enjoy the volunteer functions that are put on by these volunteer coordinators.

One of the most important aspects of my volunteerism with Intercare is that they make me feel a part of the team. The Intercare staff does not treat me differently just because I have a disability; in fact, they treat me like one of the staff. I hope that the staff at Intercare realizes what a great job they do and how they have helped me become a better volunteer.

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## Fionna's Story

Fionna has been with Chrysalis since 2002. In her first year, Fionna went through many changes and had to face significant challenges.

In 2003, Fionna started to use these challenges to channel them into opportunities for personal growth. Her direct service worker helped to instill confidence and stability in Fionna's life.

In 2006, Fionna received the Chrysalis Excellence for Community Volunteerism Award. She was profiled in the Edmonton Journal for her volunteerism.

Less than a year ago, many people assumed Fionna would never hold a paying job. However, Fionna was taught to focus on her goals and abilities rather than her disabilities.

In March 2007, Fionna reached her goal of paid employment. Fionna loves her new job at the Meyers, Norris & Penny LLP office where she works once a week in addition to her three days of volunteer work in the community. Fionna's growth has been phenomenal, but if you ask Fionna, she will likely tell you her success story has not yet been told. As the saying goes, the best is yet to come.



Fionna (left) stands with her Direct Service Worker Yolanda Pilon

## Books Break Boundaries

### *New Library for Chrysalis Edmonton*

Chrysalis has recently converted a large office space in the Edmonton office on the second floor into a quiet reading area for clients. The library offers plenty of lighting, comfortable couches and a sound system for listening to music or books on tape.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Edmonton Public Library (EPL), there is a large assortment of picture books and young adult novels.

"Sometimes the only way (people with disabilities) can see and explore the world is through books," says AES Team Leader Penny Heatherington. The vision is that this library will provide



Penny Heatherington (left) stands with EPL employees Adam Zawadiuk and Sheineen Nathoo.



Staff and clients read in the new library

"a quiet place where clients can discover new worlds," says Penny, "and for some clients, it provides a place to escape from their physical pain, even if just for a few moments."

If you would like to contribute to either of our libraries in Calgary or Edmonton, please contact Teisha Taylor in Calgary, or Rachelle Young in Edmonton. You can also drop off any new or used books yourself at either office, and ask for a tour of the library while you're there.

## CEO's Address

Chrysalis has enjoyed another busy few months. Throughout the summer we enjoyed a number of outdoor barbecues, games and leisurely activities. In June, we welcomed a number of new staff, summer students and clients to our Edmonton facility, and our Calgary clients began enjoying use a newly completed Active Leisure Centre.

As part of an ongoing review of our programs and services, we asked parents and guardians for feedback through an annual survey about how Chrysalis can continuously improve our on-site and off-site services. Thank you to those who responded. We hope to meet with you in the fall to discuss some ideas on how to extend more opportunities to our clients whether they are in the community or with us on-site.

There is much to look forward to for the fall. In Edmonton, we are anxiously awaiting the completion of our extensive kitchen renovation. The new kitchen will be more accessible to a greater number of individuals and it will provide more educational opportunities for nutrition and safe food preparation to our clients. In Calgary, clients who previously were unable to participate in any form of physical exercise in the winter can now enjoy greater independence as they are able to be out of their wheelchairs and can move around the Active Leisure Centre with the assistance of the Gantry lift system.

We hope to see you at the Grand Opening of the Active Leisure Centre on October 18 in Calgary and in both Edmonton and Calgary at future events.

Sincerely,

*Lynn Groves Hautmann*

## *Your Business is Appreciated*

The Woods and Plastics divisions would like to thank the following businesses for continuing to make Chrysalis their supplier of choice:

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Chrysalis Charitable Foundation  
13325 St. Albert Trail  
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Charitable Registration: #14084 7781 RR0001

## In Memory of a Valued Staff Member

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of long-time Chrysalis staff member, Walter Belcourt. Walter was an important member of the Chrysalis team in the Woods Manufacturing division. He will be dearly missed.

## 12th Annual Western Mardi Gras

Come and experience the most fun you can have in denim. Chrysalis Charitable Foundation hosts this must-attend fundraiser on January 26, 2008.

The event features a delicious buffet dinner, live and silent auctions, entertainment and dancing. This is Chrysalis' signature event of the year and in 2008, Chrysalis will also celebrate its 40-year anniversary. So put on your western wear and jump on the bandwagon to support this great cause.

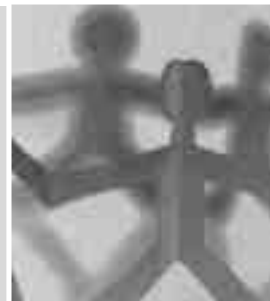
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