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A Message from the CEO *Inspired by Change, Growth & Opportunity*

Dear Friends of Chrysalis,

As you will see in this newsletter, Chrysalis has been actively engaged throughout the winter months in a number of major fundraising activities. Early in 2007, Edmonton staff and volunteers hit the road running once again as they finalized preparations for Western Mardi Gras, our signature fundraising event in Edmonton.

Fundraising is the key to the success and sometimes the survival of any non-profit organization and Chrysalis is no exception. As an organization, we are constantly seeking ways through strategic partnerships to improve our efficiency and effectiveness as well as to enhance our programs and services. The volunteer and financial support of community organizations, business leaders and Chrysalis' family and friends directly improves the quality of the programs and services we offer. As part of our review process, we are surveying our partners to find more effective ways of connecting with our community and reflecting our partners' interests. Your thoughts and views are valuable to Chrysalis in our future planning and we look forward to hearing your feedback.

On another note, on February 7th 2007, the Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, the Honourable Greg Melchin toured our facility and met with staff, clients and our Board Chair. Mr. Melchin is looking forward to receiving constructive input about the PDD system and how improvements can be made to services for persons with disabilities. He will be particularly interested in hearing directly from parents, guardians, and users of the service. We will continue to address the critical issue of funding and staffing with the Minister and the PDD Board while striving to maintain and improve the level of service provided through Chrysalis.

We look forward to seeing you at Spring Inspiration on April 5th and the Annual Achievement Awards on April 16th in Calgary, and the Annual Achievement Awards on April 29th in Edmonton.

Sincerely,

Lynn Groves Hautmann

President/CEO



Lynn Groves Hautmann chats with Chrysalis clients, their family and friends at the Chrysalis Client Christmas party.

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Annual Achievements

Chrysalis Edmonton's 17th Annual Achievement Awards will take place on April 29, 2007 at the Crown Plaza Chateau Lacombe. Chrysalis Calgary's 12th Annual Achievement



Awards will take place on April 16, 2007 at the Best Western Hospitality Inn.

Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation 50/50 draw

On November 21, 2006, Chrysalis staff members, board members, and volunteers gathered at Rexall Place to sell 50/50 tickets for a sold-out crowd attending the Edmonton Oilers game against their rivals, the Calgary Flames.

This was the first time Chrysalis participated in the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation's 50/50 draw and it proved to be an exciting and successful evening. When all the tickets were separated and the money was counted our volunteers sold over \$27,000 in tickets and Chrysalis' share of the proceeds was \$12,982.

This event would not have been possible without our 62 dedicated volunteers who despite an evening of wind and cold, came out ready to sell tickets and have a great time.



Oilers 50/50 volunteers: Suzie Kim, Terrie Hickford, and Annamaria Edwards

Chrysalis has directed the proceeds from this event to match the Wild Rose Foundation grant for developing our Culinary Demonstration Program at the Edmonton office.

Wine and Cheese

The Chrysalis Wine & Cheese was held December 6, 2006 at the Calgary office. It was very exciting this year to see lots of new faces touring the Chrysalis office, learning about the programs and services we provide, as well as "sneaking a peak" at the new Chrysalis Active Leisure Center.

Illuminated snowmen, crocheted afghan's and Christmas wreaths were just a few of the over 45 silent auction items available for our guests to bid on. Visitors enjoyed a tasty selection of cheeses accompanied by a glass of Transylvania Wine, and to finish it off, a dip in the chocolate fountain with their favorite fruit!



Lois Cassie, Linda Pinney, Donna Reid, and Laurie Balfour

Thanks to all those who donated auction items, volunteered their time and took a moment to stop in.

The holiday season is all about friends & family. The Chrysalis Wine & Cheese is a great opportunity to share stories with old friends, as well as create stories with our new ones!

Denise's Story

Denise Graves began accessing Chrysalis' services in January 2006. She wanted to develop skills to help her secure and maintain full-time employment in an area of interest to her.

"I was very nervous when I began the Life Skills Management classes. I wouldn't speak up and I sat in the back corner," says Denise. Her sister, Janice Blake recalls Denise's past: "Denise used to be very shy," says Janice, "before Chrysalis, Denise tried working in the community but was always treated differently; it led her to second guess herself a lot. At Chrysalis, she learned that others had the same fears but it was okay to try new things, she was made to feel safe."

In just three months, Denise graduated from two Life Skills courses and secured a six-week Work Experience position as assistant to Chrysalis' Life Management Coordinator.

In October 2006, Denise started working at the Goodwill Donation Centre. "I have a full-time job and money saved in the bank now; I never had that before," says Denise.

On December 1, 2006, she co-emceed the Chrysalis Client Christmas Party, her first public speaking role. "There's no way a year ago Denise would have done that" says her sister Janice, "but I remember how she glowed with confidence that night; she was just beautiful."

Denise hopes to continue pursuing opportunities to develop her newfound skills in teaching and public speaking.



Denise (left) emcees the 2006 Client Christmas party with Annamaria Edwards

*To read more about Denise's story, visit our website at www.Chrysalis.ab.ca

Parent Perspectives

My son, David Cowley began participating in the Alternatives to Employment program once a week at Chrysalis. He gained many valuable skills and experiences and eventually switched into Vocational Services. His Direct Service Worker was phenomenal; under her direction, David mastered his tasks and truly thrived in his environment.

Through Chrysalis, David has obtained employment at Petland. The staff at Petland all welcome David and are remarkable at focusing on David's abilities as opposed to his disabilities. David enjoys telling everybody he works at Petland. Paydays are definitely a plus, but the amount he's paid is secondary to the cheque. To my son, the money he receives is like a million dollars. The cheque signifies to him that he is the same as everybody else.

Since David started at Chrysalis, I have seen a big difference in his well being. His quality of life has improved as well, since he is now a valued contributing member of society.

My hope for the future is that more organizations would be as dedicated to helping the people they serve as Chrysalis has been.

Yours Truly,
Connie Cowley

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2007 Western Mardi Gras

The 11th annual Western Mardi Gras was held on February 3rd, 2007 at Northlands Agricom. The evening featured a delicious buffet dinner, dancing, silent auction, and live auction hosted by Danny Hooper.

The Western Mardi Gras is our major fundraising event of the year in Edmonton and would not be a success without our dedicated sponsors and attendees. This year's sponsors included Technichrome Industries as the gold buckle sponsor; TD Commercial Banking as silver spurs, and the Canadian Western Bank with Canuck Industrial Sales (1982) Ltd. represented our bronze saddle sponsors. Our media sponsors included Global Edmonton, Edmonton Journal, and CISN Country 103.9 FM.

Guests were treated to the premiere viewing of Chrysalis' new video — a video showcasing both the work that we do and the impact that results from empowering citizens with disabilities. Casey McCarthy, one of the clients profiled in the video, spoke to the crowd about the difference that Chrysalis has made in her life: "just like a butterfly, we all have to start off somewhere or at some point before we can spread our wings. Chrysalis is about helping people change and grow so they can find that opportunity to fly; your support makes this possible," says Casey.

This year's event raised over \$65,000, which will provide renovations and equipment for our snoezelen room and other onsite day program activities for Chrysalis clients.



Watch for details on Western Mardi Gras 2008 and how you can make a difference while having fun in denim!

Chrysalis Edmonton's Culinary Demonstration Program

Chrysalis is excited to announce that construction has commenced for our kitchen expansion project to prepare for a new Culinary Demonstration Program.

The new program will train individuals with limiting and multiple disabilities in areas of healthy dietary choices, meal preparation, simple recipe development, safe food handling, Canada's Food Guide, budgeting and skill assessments. It will also explore the multicultural fabric of our communities and client base by engaging local cultural groups to assist in the delivery of this program.

The Culinary Demonstration Program will be incorporated into the daily activities of many clients served at Chrysalis by providing hands-on experiences in healthy eating and safe food preparation in addition to teaching clients how to use kitchen appliances and food equipment.

This project received funding through a \$25,000 grant from the Alberta Wild Rose Foundation and is being supplemented by Chrysalis through various fundraising initiatives.



Construction is scheduled for completion by May, 2007.

It may not look like much now, but this space will soon be transformed into an experiential learning centre for culinary arts

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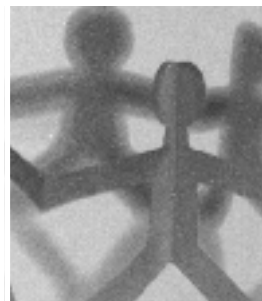
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7th Annual Spring Inspiration *Presented by Element*

The Chrysalis Charitable Foundation, in cooperation with the Highwood at SAIT, hosts Spring Inspiration: a celebration of Change, Growth & Opportunity on April 5, 2007.

Join us for this fundraising dinner, where the acclaimed Highwood will provide guests with a fabulous five-course gourmet feast and entertainment.

This event is \$300 per ticket or \$2,500 for a table of eight. Please contact Teisha Taylor at (403) 258-1501 or TeishaT@chrysalis.ab.ca for more information or to purchase tickets.

8th Annual Capital Ex Breakfast *Presented by Servus Credit Union*

Mark your calendar now to join us at Chrysalis Edmonton on Friday July 20th at the Capital Ex Breakfast. We will once again be serving a fabulous breakfast buffet and enjoying entertainment for the whole family.

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