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Spring Inspiration!

Calgary's signature fundraising event of the year

Inspiration was in full bloom as approximately 77 friends and community supporters of Chrysalis attended the 8th annual Spring Inspiration, sponsored by Element Integrated Workplace Solutions on April 3, 2008 at the Highwood at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) Campus in Calgary.

The evening included an exquisite five-course gourmet feast prepared by the acclaimed Highwood at SAIT. Entertainment was provided by SHINE, a Calgary Youth Singers ensemble.

The event raised \$19,225 to enhance Chrysalis programs and services such as the Chrysalis Culinary Demonstration Program and the Chrysalis Active Leisure Center.



A delicious desert prepared by SAIT



The SHINE emsemble of the Calgary Youth Singers perform for Spring Inspiration guests.

"Spring Inspiration is an evening which celebrates the beauty and enchantment of change, growth and opportunity," says Lynn Groves Hautmann, President and CEO of Chrysalis, "we were grateful to have so many friends and community supporters join us on this special evening."

Since Spring Inspiration first began, Chrysalis has sponsored two student awards annually to go to students with disabilities at SAIT for their pursuit of higher education.

This year's wildflowers theme encouraged guests to "Plant a Success Story and Watch it Grow."

Thanks to everyone who helped plant the seeds for another successful year of quality programs and services at Chrysalis.



The wildflower centrepiece theme for Spring Inspiration.

Thank you...

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Program Profile

An in-depth look at Edmonton's Art Program

If you haven't been to the Edmonton facility since early 2008, you might not know about the beautiful changes going on within -and all over- the walls of Chrysalis Edmonton.



Kelly and Angela help paint a wall mural at Chrysalis.

With help from Chrysalis' new Art Instructor, Gonzalo Canales, Edmonton's in-house art program encourages clients to develop communication skills and artistic technique with professional tools and guidance.

The work produced from this program is showcased throughout the halls of Chrysalis Edmonton and made available for purchase for a donation. All donations are directed back into the program to purchase art supplies such as canvases, frames and paint brushes.

Individuals participating in this program have learned of the vision, value and significance they possess and can contribute to the world through their unique, artistic works.

Gonzalo attended a fine arts College in Calgary Alberta called Alberta College of Arts and Design. His work is featured in galleries across Alberta and he also teaches professional art classes through the City of Edmonton at the City Arts Centre. His work is also currently on display at Chrysalis.



Marco (centre) stands next to Art Instructor Gonzalo Canales (left) and Chrysalis President/CEO Lynn Groves Hautmann (right) as he proudly holds a cheque for his first commission

The Spirit of Chrysalis

Chrysalis' Fundraising Strategy

It's official... on June 19, 2008 Chrysalis launched a new series of information sessions as part of the Chrysalis fundraising program.

The Spirit of Chrysalis is a truly interactive Chrysalis experience where guests are invited to the building for lunch, a tour of programs and services and a presentation on Chrysalis. The purpose of this new initiative is to provide a greater awareness to people about the many different ways that Chrysalis impacts our communities.

Anyone is welcome to attend these sessions that take exactly one hour. Throughout the year we plan to host

20-21 sessions, with 12-18 people attending each session.

Our goal is to engage, inspire, and encourage people to get involved with Chrysalis in various capacities.

You can get involved by attending one of the sessions and by inviting friends, colleagues, family, etc. to learn about Chrysalis. For now the sessions are only taking place at our Edmonton facility; we will bring these sessions to Chrysalis Calgary in the future.

For more information, please contact Colt Long, Manager-Fundraising Strategy at 780-482-0348.

Wayne's Story

When you meet Wayne today, you see a friendly, helpful person. You see a person who is comfortable talking to people, confident in his job and happy with life.

When Wayne first came to Chrysalis in July 2001, he was quieter and less confident in himself. Wayne attended Chrysalis' Life Management course, which he says, "Opened my eyes; that there are opportunities out there". The course also taught him "to take little steps". Through Chrysalis, Wayne also received various work experiences and training.

Wayne has been employed at Superstore since October 2004 and loves his job. He feels his employers value his work efforts. "Wayne is phenomenal," says Superstore Manager Dwayne, "You ask Wayne to do a job and it is done to perfection. If everyone here had Wayne's dedication this place would be magnificent. He is the 'Wayne Gretzky' of Superstore."

Wayne has become a great public speaker and advocate. He currently sits on the Design Committee for the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Board (PDD), and the Quality of Life Committee, both of which help PDD to improve their services and quality of life to persons with disabilities.

Wayne hopes to continue being challenged by his work. He would like to travel with his wife Twylla. He would like to continue to be a voice for people with disabilities by providing his input on committees. When asked what Chrysalis has done for him, Wayne replies, "Chrysalis has made me a better person than I used to be. They made me aware of the opportunities out there. They have helped me succeed in life—to go forward."

For Wayne's full story, please visit www.chrysalis.ab.ca



AES Summer Picnic

On June 20, AES hosted a picnic for Edmonton clients, staff, friends, and family at ACT Rundle Park.

All leisure and community volunteer sites were cancelled that day as everyone gathered to enjoy a potluck picnic and some fun in the sun.

Thanks to the AES program team leaders for organizing a great day!



Chrysalis staff Cristina Lesnik (right) flies a kite with her daughter.



Chrysalis staff Len Melnychuk catches a football

Photo by Kelly Chernowski



Fiona (left) and Tamara enjoy the sunshine.

Canadian Diabetes Association Volunteer Day

On June 3, 2008, Chrysalis was visited by a special guest with a mission to be fulfilled. Melissa Goffic from the Canadian Diabetes Association was facilitating volunteer duties for the LiveSmart Diabetes expo that weekend and needed to fill over 500 bags with information and handouts for the hundreds of expo visitors. Over 25 Chrysalis clients came together on



Allison and Sebastien work together to stuff volunteer gift bags.



Jamie helps sort various brochures.

this task and within two days, all the bags were filled. Not only were our clients involved in a great volunteer project, but they also served as a much-needed resource for the Canadian Diabetes Association to get the job done. With hard work and great attitudes, our clients completed an important task for the community of people living with diabetes. Congratulations to those volunteers for a job well done.

CEO's Address

Summer is finally here, and the warmer weather has provided opportunities at Chrysalis to participate in a variety of outdoor activities including gardening, picnics, and lawn games.

The annual Staff Bocce Ball tournament started up again in June in Edmonton with former champions striving to live up to last year's successes.

In May, a local film company, Lindisfarne, visited nine business sites to film Chrysalis clients at work. From the many hours of excellent film footage, Lindisfarne will produce two DVDs featuring Chrysalis services and programs.

On another exciting note, Chrysalis recently achieved accreditation status through Alberta Council of Disability Services (ACDS). ACDS measures organizations in three key areas: quality of life, quality of services, and organizational framework. I am pleased to report that we scored 100% in each of these areas. Congratulations and thank you to all of our staff who worked so diligently to achieve this recognition, and continue to provide a high quality of service. Special commendations were given to some of the excellent opportunities offered on-site at Chrysalis through programs such as Music Therapy, Art, SuccessMaker (computer-based literacy program), Cooking, the Active Leisure Centre (Calgary), Life Management Skills Service (Edmonton), as well as supported employment, volunteer, and recreational opportunities in the community.

Our programs and services continue to evolve to truly meet individual needs and interests. We hope to see you at one of our information sessions where you can learn more about Chrysalis.

Sincerely,

Lynn Groves Hautmann

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13th annual Western Mardi Gras

Mark your calendars! The 2009 Chrysalis Western Mardi Gras will take place on Saturday, January 31 at Northlands Agricom, Edmonton.

This year's event will be bigger and more exciting than ever with live entertainment, fabulous prizes, and festive atmosphere.

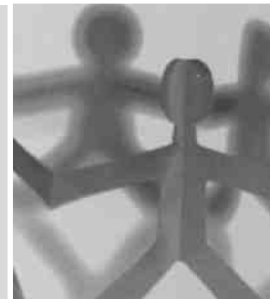
The Western Mardi Gras is made possible each year through generous sponsors, a dedicated committee, hard working volunteers, and a shared commitment to Chrysalis' vision towards building an inclusive community and a better quality of life for persons with disabilities.

You can support this annual fundraiser by donating an auction item, making a cash donation, purchasing tickets, or sponsoring the event. Auction items can come in any form including hand-made items and gifts of service and time.

For more information, please contact Colt Long 780-482-0348.



Special thanks to Lucy the Elephant and the Valley Zoo for donating a painting done by Lucy for our 2009 WMG auction.



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Annual Achievement Awards

The Chrysalis Annual Achievement Award ceremonies recognize the impact that individuals are making in the community through Chrysalis. Awards are given to individuals as well as community partners who show outstanding dedication towards achieving community inclusion and building a society in which all people are recognized for their abilities to contribute.

Edmonton and Calgary each host their own awards ceremony. Edmonton's 18th Annual Achievement Awards, presented by Servus Credit Union, will take place on October 26, 2008 at Crowne Plaza Hotel on 10111 Bellamy Hill. Calgary's 13th Annual Achievement Awards will be held at Sheraton Cavalier Hotel on 2620 32nd Avenue NE on October 9, 2008. These events are by invitation. For more information, please visit www.chrysalis.ab.ca.

Chrysalis Capital Ex Breakfast in Edmonton

Chrysalis has decided to move into a different direction and will no longer be hosting this event. In its place, we will focus on increased community participation at the Annual Achievement Awards presented by the Servus Credit Union.

Thanks for your continued support in all of our other programs and activities.

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