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## A Message from the CEO

### *Inspired by Change, Growth, Opportunity*

Dear Friends of Chrysalis,

In these past six months since joining the Chrysalis team as CEO, I have enjoyed every minute meeting with key stakeholders who contribute and assist us in the provision of our programs and services, and the individuals who have chosen Chrysalis as their service provider.



*"...to inspire and  
encourage a more  
inclusive Alberta"*

The Chrysalis motto: Change, Growth & Opportunity is intended to inspire our clients and encourage a more inclusive Alberta; but it is most often the clients themselves who inspire our community through their indomitable spirit and *joie de vivre*. I am amazed and proud to be part of the Chrysalis environment and it is a joy to hear stories of client success, two of which are included in this newsletter.

As an organization, we have been diligent in establishing opportunities to meet with PC leadership candidates to discuss issues affecting the world of people with disabilities. Chrysalis is critically aware of staffing shortages and the impact of funding reductions. Along with other organizations, we will continue to bring these issues forward to the new leader and Cabinet members.

The Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organization (CCVO) has a list of questions posed to all candidates about Alberta's non-profits and charities and their key responses on its website, you can view these responses at: [http://www.calgarycvo.org/leadership\\_candidate\\_responses.html](http://www.calgarycvo.org/leadership_candidate_responses.html)

A publication developed by the Alberta Council of Disability Services "A Human Resource Crisis in the Disability Services Field" is also available, please feel free to contact any member of the Senior Management Team for more information about this.

This background information may prove helpful in the new year as we all work together to raise the profile of issues facing the non-profit sector and people with disabilities.

For now, we at Chrysalis would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and I hope to see many of you at the Western Mardi Gras Event on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007.

Sincerely,

Lynn Groves Hautmann

President/CEO

## Thank you Supporters

Chrysalis would like to thank all sponsors and donors. Your support truly makes a difference to the lives of our clients.

- AllWest Commerical Furnishings
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- Rhonda Smith and CPIC Friends
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- Transylvania Wines

Thank you to The following individuals who directed their United Way donation to Chrysalis:

- John Deleeuw
- Anne Fry
- Cynthia Hyslop

## Staff Milestones

### 20 Years at Chrysalis

Chrysalis would like to congratulate Vera Fischer, Mae Beck, and Donna Hills who



Donna Hills, Mae Beck, Lynn Groves Hautmann, and Vera Fischer

recently celebrated their 20-year anniversaries employed with Chrysalis.

## Chrysalis Recycles

### New Recycling Service for Calgarians



In September 2006, Chrysalis in partnership with the Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation

(ABCRC) launched a new free service to Calgarians to assist with recyclable beverage containers.

#### How the program works:

- Chrysalis hands out beverage collection containers for office or home use
- Containers are filled with beverage cans, glass or plastic bottles, and drink cartons or juice boxes
- Chrysalis picks up the collected recycling on a scheduled or as-needed basis



#### Program benefits:

- Funds raised from this program will go towards enhancing the quality of life for persons with disabilities
- Promotes community inclusion
- Significant benefits to the environment
- Free recycling services to the people of Calgary

## Andrew's Achievements

My name is Andrew and I started at Chrysalis in September 2000 at the age 19. My disabilities are Retinitus Pigmentosa, Bardet-Beidl Syndrome, and a developmental delay. I am legally blind, but my guide dog Quaker helps me get around.

When I first came to Chrysalis, I was in a 1:1 ratio with a Direct Service Worker (DSW) and did not have Quaker. I gradually became more community involved and found volunteer and employment placements such as YMCA, Calgary Health Region, Holiday Inn, Athlete's World, and Pizza Hut. I even became an active member of Special Olympics. Eventually, I started working independently at Pizza Hut once week.



On April 3rd, 2006, I was successfully transferred to Outcome Support Services. Since that time, I have maintained my employment at Pizza Hut and continue to volunteer at the YMCA. I am currently looking for employment two days a week in the hotel/restaurant industry, and am considering to take a continuing education course in management.

Chrysalis has allowed me to meet new people, achieve things I never thought I could, and discover a career path that I truly enjoy. Chrysalis has changed my life.

Sincerely,  
*Andrew Harding*

\*To read more about Andrew, visit our website @ [www.Chrysalis.ab.ca](http://www.Chrysalis.ab.ca)

## Corporate Volunteers Visit Chrysalis



The commitment of organizations to build better communities is a key element of Chrysalis' motto to inspire Change, Growth, & Opportunity. In September, various organizations volunteered their time and services to Chrysalis and we would like to thank them for all of their support. On September 8, Deloitte and Touche volunteers learned more about Chrysalis by touring our facility and

participating in day program activities with our clients. On September 22, KPMG volunteers also visited Chrysalis and took part in client activities. On September 30, Telus volunteers generously gave up their Saturday afternoon to paint several rooms used in the delivery of day programming activities at Chrysalis.

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"By volunteering in the community, organizations develop a greater understanding for the diversity and needs that vary within their community," says volunteer and Deloitte firm partner, Duncan Sinclair.

## Fun Fall Bocce Classic

Chrysalis hosted its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Fun Fall Bocce Classic on September 28, 2006 at the Calgary Italian Club. Approximately 80 people gathered to help raise funds for Chrysalis and spread awareness for persons with developmental disabilities in the community.

Congratulations to Umberto's Custom Tailor's who has not only been a supporter since the tournaments inception, but took home first place this year! Coming in a close second was Chrysalis Foundation board member Mark Shoesmith's team, and winning third place was Chrysalis supporter Rick Orman's Team.

While off the court, participants had the opportunity to check out the Sound Relaxation mobile massage unit for free massages and bid on our silent auction.



Counter-clockwise from bottom left: Lynn Groves Hautmann, Laurie Balfour, and Alison Zentner and Laura Martin of Bethany Care Center

## Chrysalis Calgary's New Active Leisure Center

Chrysalis Calgary is excited to announce that construction will soon begin on the Chrysalis Active Leisure Center.

The "Chrysalis Active Leisure Center" is a place where clients can learn about healthy lifestyles and workout with their support staff at no additional costs to the client. This initiative is planned in conjunction with the Development Initiatives Program, Nickel Family Foundation, Alliance Pipeline and other generous partners.

As staff and clients enthusiastically await the grand opening, a progress report will be regularly updated on the construction wall to keep staff, clients, and visitor updated on new developments.

When asked about the new Chrysalis Active Leisure Center, Chrysalis client Allison Gapka reported,



"I have Prader Willi Syndrome and that means I need to exercise. In the winter I really really need the treadmill cause I am scared to walk on the snow and ice. Its very important to have a good treadmill so we can walk"

Watch for exciting updates and information on the grand opening in our next newsletter!

For more information or to find out how to donate to this project, contact 403-258-1501

## Parent Perspectives

Our son, Brett Anderson, can win the hearts of many with his smile, his laughter and his gigantic hugs.

When Brett first joined Chrysalis in May 2002, there were days when nothing could entice him to participate in the group activities. However, once Brett became comfortable in his new surroundings, his natural talents and abilities began to shine through.

Learning to communicate was a significant advancement in Brett's development. With encouragement and support, Brett has gone from mumbled one-word statements to clear four to six word sentences.

Brett currently volunteers at the Children's Hospital, YWCA, and SAIT's welding shop. The SAIT coordinator once said, "Brett works harder than my full time employees!" He in fact works so hard that SAIT now pays him for part of his workweek. Brett loves interacting with his fellow co-workers being *one of the guys*.

Chrysalis has always encouraged Brett to strive harder. He has grown from a reluctant participant to a natural leader, from being shy and misunderstood to expressing himself with confidence, and from being a loner to being a happy volunteer and gainfully employed.



Brett's potential is unlimited and he continues to show us that Down Syndrome is just a label for him. We are excited about Brett's future and the good things in store for him. As we watch Brett toddle off to his next destination with a smile and a wave, we know that Brett has found himself and Chrysalis has helped him get there.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Anderson & Cyndi Eyjolfson,  
Linda Kingdon & Brad Kingdon

\*To read more about Brett's story, visit our website @ [www.Chrysalis.ab.ca](http://www.Chrysalis.ab.ca)

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# 11th Annual Western Mardi Gras

Come and experience the most fun you can have in denim. Chrysalis Charitable Foundation hosts this must-attend fundraiser of the New Year.

The event hosted by Danny Hooper features a delicious buffet dinner, live and silent auctions and an evening of dancing. The proceeds from this event will help fund and renovate our snoezelen room, culinary demonstration program and other day programming activities for people with disabilities. So put on your western wear and join the party to support a great cause.

When: February 3rd, 2007

Where: Northern Agricom

Cost: Tickets \$60 each or \$600 for a table

Contact: Phone (780) 482-0337



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# 6th Annual Spring Inspiration

The Chrysalis Charitable Foundation, in cooperation with the Highwood at SAIT, proudly presents Spring Inspiration, a celebration of the Change, Growth & Opportunity.

Join us for this fundraiser dinner, where the acclaimed Highwood will provide guests with a fabulous five-course gourmet feast. Guests will also enjoy an energetic performance from local youth entertainment. Each year these talented young adults continue to dazzle our audience!

This evening of high-class dining and entertainment raises money for Chrysalis programs and service enhancements, for example the Chrysalis Cooks Program and the Chrysalis Active Leisure Center!

When: April 5th, 2007

Where: SAIT Highwood Room

Cost: \$3,000 Table of 10, \$2,500 Table of 8

Contact: Phone (403) 258-1501

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