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Knee Slapping, Boot Stomping Community Fundraiser Kicks off 40-year Anniversary

Chrysalis hosts its annual Western Mardi Gras charity fundraiser

EDMONTON, Alta. (January 26, 2008) — Over 500 friends and community supporters of Chrysalis attended the 12th annual Western Mardi Gras signature fundraising event in Edmonton tonight at the Northlands AgriCom from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

The event raised over \$80,000, a significant increase from last year total. New this year was a special raffle draw; congratulations to Amanda Tween, who won two tickets for a one-week cruise to the Caribbean.

“Chrysalis is excited to host our biggest community event of the year on the momentous occasion of celebrating our 40-year anniversary,” says President and CEO of Chrysalis Lynn Groves Hautmann. Proceeds raised from this year’s Western Mardi Gras are targeted towards renovations and new equipment to improve onsite day-programming areas.

The silent auction featured over 150 items, and the live auction featured fabulous packages and exciting offers. All items were generously donated from friends of Chrysalis staff and our community. Proceeds raised from this year’s Western Mardi Gras are targeted towards renovations and new equipment to improve onsite day-programming areas.

Employed Chrysalis clients each work an average of 725 hours, that’s 92 hours higher than the previous year’s average. Employed Chrysalis clients collectively worked over 100,000 hours in their paid positions last year. Clients collectively volunteered a total of 57,246 hours last year. Over 110 community organizations provide volunteer opportunities for Chrysalis clients. Chrysalis served 398 clients in the 2006/07 fiscal year.

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Chrysalis is a charitable Albertan society for citizens with disabilities. Chrysalis offers personalized services to help thousands of people with disabilities receive training, develop life and vocational skills, find employment, discover volunteer opportunities, and realize a better quality of life.

Chrysalis officially opened for services at 13325 St. Albert Trail, Edmonton on July 15, 1968, when it was known as the Industrial Research and Training Centre.

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