



CONTINUITY NEWS



Helping families in Manitoba plan a safer and more secure future for their family member with an intellectual disability

June 2009

From the Office

June is fast approaching and we are all deserving of some warm, sunny days. The past three months have been busy for us here at Continuity Care, which is just the way we like it.

Our Board Committee's have been busy working on their tasks for the year and have been very productive. It is said that "many hands make light work" and this holds true for our committees. The time, input and experience that you bring to each committee meeting is truly appreciated.

Our workshops this past Spring were well attended and it was great to see so many new faces out. Thanks to Michelle Samagalski from the Office of the Public Trustee, Robin Stefanyshyn and Larisa Wydra from the Office of the Vulnerable Person's Commissioner, John Poyser from Inkster Christie Hughes and Marshall Braunstein for coming to share their knowledge and expertise with us.



The Transition Parents group has had new members coming each month and it is great to see the new connections that are developing, as well as the sharing of information and resources that takes place when we bring families together.

The Senior Parent to Parent group will be having their June Potluck Get Together on June 11th. This is a great opportunity for both groups to come together for some food, friendship and fun.

Thanks also to the guest speakers that have come out to both groups and for the information and experience you have shared with us.

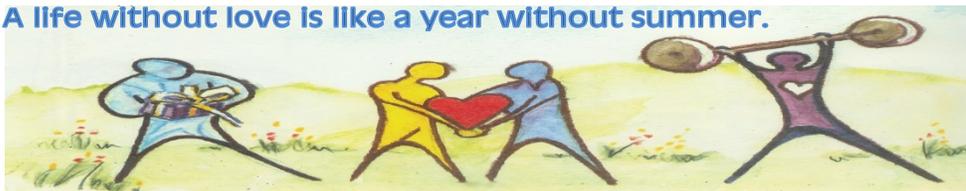
I would also like to recognize the individuals, families and members of the sharing circles that Continuity Care has been working with this past year, from both new and existing circles. We have learned so much from each of you and we are excited to be able to share this knowledge and experience with new families in the coming year. Creating new relationships not only benefits the individual at the center of the circle but helps us to build a stronger and more caring community. We can truly make a difference in our lives, and the lives of others, by sharing our gifts and time.

A special "thank you" to Mr. Rick Frost, C.E.O. of The Winnipeg Foundation for coming out to speak at our Board Meeting on May 22nd.

We will be busy this month writing our Annual Report and planning for our Annual General meeting on June 23rd. We have decided that the theme for this year will be "Moving Ahead" and we are excited to share with you all that we have planned for the coming year. We hope that you are able to join us.

Our wishes for a warm, fun and safe summer!!

A life without love is like a year without summer.



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barrier-free MANITOBA

Barrier-Free Manitoba is a non-partisan, non-profit, cross disability initiative aspiring to enact strong and effective legislation that will require the removal of existing barriers for the disabled and prevent the creation of new ones.

Barrier-Free Manitoba invited all the organizations that have endorsed the call for accessibility-rights legislation to participate in a “Scanning and Scoping” meeting that was held on May 4th at the Viscount Gort Hotel. The purpose of this meeting was to begin discussions to identify priorities for the development of a strong and effective legislation in Manitoba.

Liz Allen and I attended this meeting along with some very knowledgeable advocates from other organizations. We were provided with a report that had been prepared for Barrier-Free Manitoba by the Public Interest Law Centre (PILC) on the “Analysis of Accessibility Legislation Models and Recommendations Regarding Accessibility Legislation in Manitoba.” Not ever being involved in a project of this nature before, I found the 127 page booklet daunting to say the least.

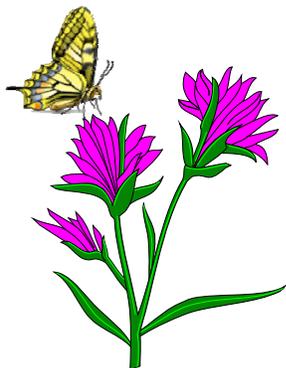
Bev Froese (PILC) gave a brief overview of comparative legislation in Ontario, United States, Australia and the United Kingdom. We then broke into small groups to discuss the key elements that should form part of accessibility-rights legislation in Manitoba. After two sessions in small groups and a presentation on Key Accessibility Areas and Key Barriers, our evening ended.

At this meeting, I realized that this legislation is not only for the intellectually disabled but for any one of us who may be aging and require assistance, have a life changing illness or accident etc.

If you are interested in supporting the Barrier-Free Manitoba movement, check out their website and help make meaningful and enduring improvements in the lives of Manitobans with disabilities.

www.barrierfreemb.com

Jane Schledewitz
Board Member



HAVE YOUR SAY WINNIPEG!

Winnipeg is changing and growing. These changes bring new opportunities, challenges and expectations that require a new 25-year development plan called “Our Winnipeg.” This new development plan will impact the future of the city, but also our day to day experiences, from transportation, housing choice, and recreation, just to mention a few.

You are invited to participate in the most comprehensive and collaborative city planning exercise in Winnipeg’s history. Come and help shape Winnipeg’s future! There is a series of Roundtable Discussions that are taking place in June that you are invited to attend.

For Caregivers:

June 11th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

For People with Disabilities:

June 16th from 5:00 to 8:30pm

June 24th from 7:00 to 9:00pm



All sessions will be taking place at the Millennium Library - 2nd Floor Buchwald Room (for the June 16th date, the Carol Shields room may also be used)

Your input is valuable in how the future of Winnipeg is shaped. Please RSVP and send any questions to Becky Raddatz at braddatz@winnipeg.ca or call at 986-3107. If you need respite care, a sign language interpretation, or have any other special requirements, please let Becky know by June 5th.

You can also visit  for more information and learn about the various ways that you can have your say.

Senior Parent to Parent

June 11th Potluck gathering with both groups

10:00 – 12:30 at Access River East – Room 107

For more information and to RSVP, please call our office at 779-1679

Please note that the groups will not be meeting in July or August.

Next meeting dates will be:

Thursday, September 3rd for the Henderson Group

10:00 – 12:00 at Access River East

Thursday, September 17th for the Maryland Group

10:00 – 12:00 at 120 Maryland St.

Passport Applications for Persons with Disabilities

I recently made an inquiry to Passport Canada regarding the application process for my sister who has an intellectual disability and I wanted to share their responses with you.

Concerning passport applications for persons with a disability, please note that if there are no documents regarding guardianship for the adult with an intellectual disability, this adult should apply using the adult application form.

If any of the individual's documents to support identity are signed, the adult with the intellectual disability should sign the passport application. If not, we suggest including a letter stating the reason the person is unable to sign and a document to support identity (without signature) is still required.

If the applicant is unable to sign, please note that the signature box in section 1 of the passport application should not be signed by anyone.

An observation to that effect will be added in the new passport stating, "The bearer does not write."

Third party application on behalf of an adult

If a third-party needs to apply on behalf of an adult with an intellectual disability, the legal guardian must be the applicant. Any documents regarding guardianship for the adult with an intellectual disability must be submitted. The adult passport application form will be used with all the information regarding the adult with the intellectual disability and the applicant must indicate the following on a separate sheet of paper.

- Name
- Address
- Phone number
- Relationship to the individual
- Declaration that the individual is a Canadian citizen
- Declaration that the information provided on the application form is true
- Signature and date



If any of the individual's documents to support identity are signed, the adult with the intellectual disability should sign the passport application. If not, we suggest including a letter stating the reason the person is unable to sign and a document to support identity (without signature) is still required.

Please note that the guarantor should know both the applicant and the intellectually disabled adult.

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You may obtain passport applications in person at any passport Canada office, Canada Post outlet, Service Canada Centre, at select travel agencies or on our website at www.pptc.gc.ca/cdn/form.aspx?lang=eng®ion=Canada

Yesterday is a memory, tomorrow is a mystery and today is a gift, which is why it is called the present.

(Anonymous)



In Memory of

**BURTON ALLEN
ROBINSON**

October 10, 1908 –
October 15, 2008

Peacefully, just five short days after celebrating his 100th birthday with friends and family, Burton passed away after a brief illness. He was affectionately known as "B.A." by all who knew him.

In 1936 he formed his own lighting manufacturing agency and in 1947 incorporated B.A. Robinson Co. Ltd. as an electrical distributor from which he retired in 1985.

In retirement he pursued his true mission in life, unbridled philanthropy. Always demonstrating compassion and humility, B.A. was well known by countless charities for his donations to a number of different causes.

B.A. was an avid supporter and a Lifetime member with Continuity Care. He was an Honorary Cabinet Member with Continuity Care's Endowment Fund Capital Campaign in 2005. We always appreciated the interest he took in our organization as he checked up on us a couple times a year to find out what was new and to make sure we were doing well.

B.A. Robinson will be dearly missed.

Baby Boomer Café

Siblings having fun and building community



The next gathering will be held at:

Birds Hill Provincial Park
Group Use Area No. 1

Saturday, August 8th, 2009



You can come early and stay late if you wish. During the afternoon you can swim or safely suntan on the beach. At approximately 3 p.m. there will be Mike's Famous Scavenger Nature Walk/Hunt. Croquet matches, Frisbee frolics, checking out the horses and mini zoo at the ranch or just sitting with others in the group, relaxing, chatting with friends, bird watching, enjoying the sunshine.



Bring your swim suit, towel, sun screen, sun or rain hat, bug spray, lawn chair, sweater or jacket for the evening. For supper bring a salad, veggie platter, desert, fruit, and/or drinks. Bring your inspirational singing voices for the traditional and ever popular "North American Baby Boomer Café Tabernacle Choir and Camp Fire Song Festival" guaranteed to soothe the soul and add many smore smiles to you marshmallows at 7:30ish.



Please contact **Mike Maunder** at 338-0090 or **Albert & Sharon Yanofsky** at 334-1839 for further information. Please contact them by August 5th to let them know if you will be attending and what food contribution you would like to bring. This will be the "Summer Thrill." We look forward to seeing you there.

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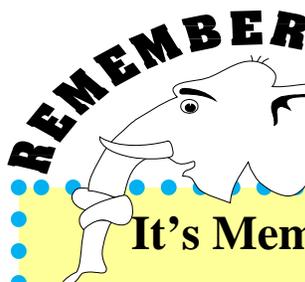
Thanks to the **Keane** efforts of our fundraising committee, we have a great new concept for a fundraising event that is sure to **score**. We are excited that this event will help us meet our fundraising **goals** this year. So mark your calendars for **September 17th** and we will be sure to **shoot** off some information in the next few weeks.



Transition Parents Group

Our next meeting is Monday, June 1st from 7:00 – 9:00pm at 120 Maryland.

Please note that this group will not be meeting in July, August or September and will resume again on Monday, October 5th, 2009.



It's Membership Time!

Don't forget to renew your membership with Continuity Care Inc.

1 Year Family Membership \$20
Lifetime Family Membership \$250

With your membership enjoy free workshops during the year, voting privileges at AGM, one to one planning and a copy of The Circle of Life workbook.

(see attachment or insert for membership form)

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