

## JANUARY 2014 NEWSFLASH HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

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### Christmas Party Highlights

It was a full house – 90 members enjoyed a swim at the Sports and Wellness Centre, wonderful Christmas music, a present from Santa and pizza, with lots and lots of desserts!! There was lots of opportunity to meet new families and catch up with old friends while the kids travelled around the room! Thanks so much to all those who attended...we really appreciate your support and hope you have a terrific 2014!



The marvel of a tree with Pierce!



Norma, Santa and Allyson all Smiles!

### ***BREAKDANCING PROGRAM!!***

***January 17<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>***

***Time – 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm***

***Cost - \$65.00***

***You must pre-register by calling the office at 705-749-6695.***

## ***Thanks Employment Ontario!***

We recently received a grant to hire Derek to teach him new skills in our office. Here Rachael is assisting him while he prepares the newsletter ....a great opportunity to enhance his abilities for future employment!



## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION**

***Ingredion Canada Inc. made a donation of \$1,000 towards the purchase of IPADS for students. What a wonderful surprise!***

## ***NEW MOMS NEWS!***

**The Wee Ups and Downs group meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 10 am – 12 pm at the office.**

**If you know of anyone who would like to join us, please call the office at 705-749-6695.**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014**

The Down Syndrome Association of Peterborough is excited to announce upcoming events for 2014! Mark your new Down syndrome calendar and plan to attend!

**February 8<sup>th</sup>** – “Family Valentine Dance” at St. John’s Anglican Church (beside our office) from 3 – 7 pm. Valentines, Dance and Potluck **WEAR RED AND RSVP THE OFFICE**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>** – “World Down Syndrome Day Spaghetti Dinner and Cake Auction” at Westdale United Church from 4 – 7 pm. Get your tickets early!

**April 11<sup>th</sup>** – “An Evening of Dreams” Gala at the Peterborough Golf and Country Club from 5:30 pm. to 12 am. Stay posted for further details.

**May** – Mini-Day Conference – date and location to be advised.

**June 8<sup>th</sup>** – “Family Picnic” – Riverside Park and Zoo. Lots of games, BBQ, fellowship.

## National Hockey League Alumni



On behalf of our agency,  
Derek Christensen accepted a cheque for  
\$2,000 from Steve Peters, a NHL alumni  
member.

The donation will assist with funding for  
some new programs this spring.

Thank you NHLA for supporting people  
with Down syndrome!

A special thank you to Greg Millen for  
arranging the donation!

## BOYS WEEKENDS AT RESPITE HOUSE

**Respite Weekends have been booked for the following weekends:**

- 1. Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. to Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.**
- 2. Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. to Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm.**
- 3. Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. to Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm.**

**Cost is \$150.00 and you need to pre-register.**

**Lots of fun with new and old friends.**

## SPRING GALA COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS

Do you have some free time to assist with the organizing of the Gala this year?

The committee meets monthly and needs your assistance in  
the solicitation of donations for our silent and live auctions!

Call the office at 705-749-6695 if you are interested and can help out!