

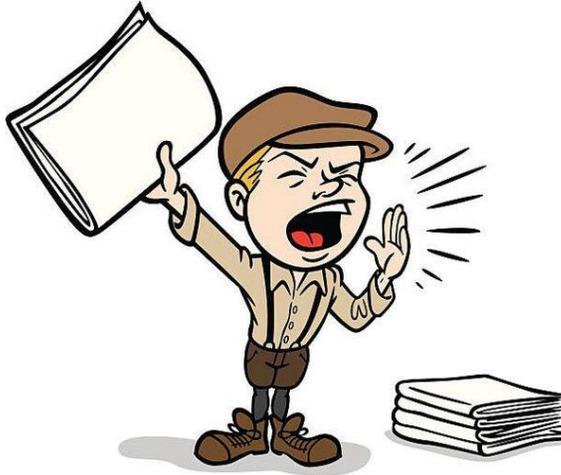


Welcome to the April 2021 edition of the newsletter!

Extra Extra!!!

Read all about it!

We are on the hunt for new Board Members at LINX! If this role calls out to you, please contact Nicole Fuhsel at linxexec@linxconnect.ca. Thanks so much for your interest and please help with spreading the word by sharing with friends and family!



Executive Director Report:

In just over a month, we were able to sell our 200 cash draw reverse 50-50 tickets! This now means the prize is officially \$2000! Thank you to everyone who sold and bought these for us. We will now start drawing approximately 10 tickets a week to eliminate the tickets. The final 10 tickets will be drawn on June 25th, with the last ticket pulled being the winner of the whole pot! As we have been tracking who has been buying, we hope that the last 10 people with tickets will be able to join us on that day for the final draw! Stay tuned to our Facebook and Instagram for the weekly draws of who have been eliminated!



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Dates to Remember:
April 2nd, 2021 – Good Friday
April 5th, 2021 – Easter Monday
June 25th, 2021 – Hearts and
Heroes Celebration and Final
Draw!
(more info to come)

Board Members
Daniel Roberts – Chairperson
Brandon Sonnenberg – Vice
Chairperson
Ann Kurlovich – Treasurer
Maria Semrau – Director
Annis Mattiussi – Director
Don Loucks – Client Rep

LINX Bottle Pick-Up
Give us a call, and we
will pick up your
Bottles and give you a
charitable tax receipt



Day Program Report:



We are so excited to be offering a 12-week Employment Preparation Program at LINX! This program is being funded by a grant provided by Alberta Works and is geared towards individuals over the age of 16 who have a developmental disability and identify barriers to employment. The first 12 week session will be offered virtually with students attending from three local high schools! The LINX team would like to welcome

Allie Bryan as our Employment Preparation Program Facilitator, and we look forward to setting goals & developing skills with all participants!



Katie Presse

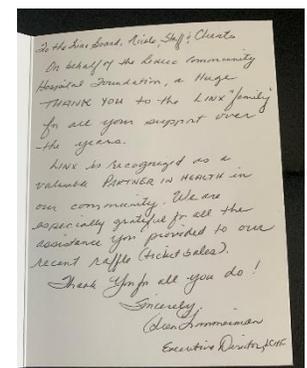
Residential Program Report:

Top 10 things not to do when providing respite:

1. Do not contact the SHP or family - Use the Residential Manager.
2. Do not plan too many activities the first time.
3. Do not spoil them – Do not go over the top.
4. Do not baby them. Do not coddle them.
5. Do not do things that they should be doing themselves.
6. Do not leave the ability to rent a movie without a password on your TV.
7. Do not have loopy boundaries.
8. Do not allow people in your personal bedroom.
9. Do not leave your guest room mattress unprotected.
10. Do not assume they will tell you they do not like something.



Ronni DeLeavey



Our “... of the month” Club!

There are so many people who make our world a better place. So, we have decided they needed individual recognition. Please help us celebrate our Client of the Month, Residential Staff of the month, Day Staff of the Month, and Admin staff of the month. If you see someone in any of these categories that you would like to see recognized, please let us know!

Client of the Month: Deborah Surette

Deborah has been so enthusiastic about helping us sell LINX cash raffle tickets in the community! Her positive energy and exceptional sales skills were contributing factors to selling out of tickets! Thank you for your help Deborah!

What drew you to LINX originally?

To learn about what I can do and work on skills to get a good job!

What is your favourite LINX memory?

Making the videos in Mary’s class with the steering wheels! (To see this video, check out LINX: The Safety Zone by LINXConnect on YouTube!)

What are three words to describe LINX?

Fabulous, Intelligence & Learning!

What is your favourite part about working with LINX?

All of the staff, everything! I like meeting new people and having fun!

If you had to eat one meal, every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Meatballs!

If you were stuck on an island, what three things would you bring?

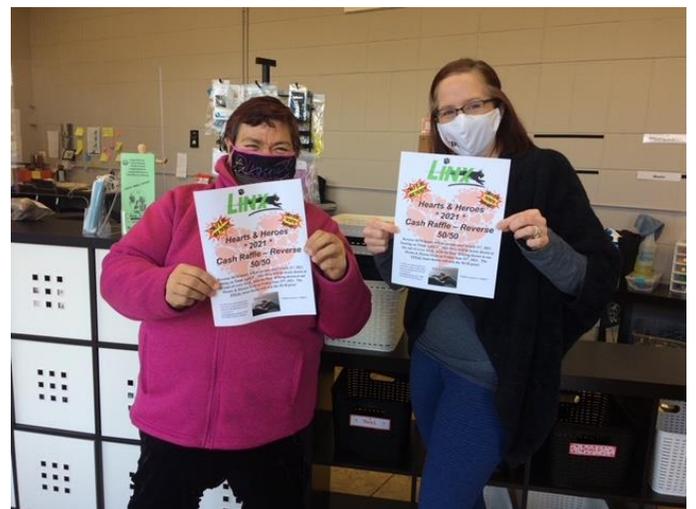
Water, First Aid Kit and My Health!

What did you want to be when growing up?

I always just wanted to be myself!

What is the one thing you can’t live without?

My computer! My family gave that to me!



Day Staff of the Month: Brady Watt

Brady has been with LINX for more than 5 years! Throughout all of the changes the last year has brought, she has been accommodating and flexible when it comes to meeting the needs of LINX and our clients! Thank you for your years of service and everything you do Brady, we appreciate you!

What drew you to LINX originally?

In many of my past jobs I had co-workers with developmental disabilities who I found I was able to connect with in a meaningful way. I recognized how much those relationships improved my work life and felt it would be a fulfilling line of work to support people with disabilities full time.

Before working at LINX, what was the most interesting job you've ever had?

Not only the most interesting job I've ever had, but also the absolute worst job I've ever had, was working as a freelance photographer/videographer. I got to shoot lots of interesting things like make-up effects projects at a make-up school, youth bubble sports events, live heavy metal and punk shows, and an underground demolition derby out in the middle of nowhere. Unfortunately, this job was a crash course in what it means to be exploited, and taught me the importance of setting boundaries at work. Despite not enjoying the work (or rather the people I had to work with), I was able to channel my experience and knowledge into creating the photography class at LINX, which seems to be quite popular, so I'm thankful I was able to do something useful with the work experience!

What are three words to describe LINX?

Inclusive, supportive, educational.

What is the favourite part about working for LINX?

The relationships I've been able to build, and the tools I've learned for emotional management and self-improvement. It's incredibly rewarding to be around so many people who are completely unashamed of being who they are, and I feel I'm closer to living as my authentic self as I ever have been, and that's definitely thanks to the clients and staff at LINX!

What is your favourite LINX memory?

Performing a choreographed dance along to "The Bare Necessities" with a group of clients at Stageworks.

If you had to eat one meal, every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Tofu Scramble. The possibilities are endless.

If you were stuck on an island, what three things would you bring?

All those books I've been meaning to read, some sort of solar-powered music device loaded with funk, punk, and glam rock, and a trunk full of floral print dresses.

What did you want to be when growing up?

A comic book artist, or a reclusive author.

What is the one thing you can't live without?

My partner, Rose.



Residential Staff of the Month: Bernadette Stothert

Bernadette has been especially supportive with her client picking up last minute shifts. She has learned how to support her client with online classes. She has had a welcome smile every time that I have gone out to the parking lot to drop items off or to have her sign them. Thank you for being a part of the team.

What drew you to LINX originally?

About 20 years ago I had one of my own daughters in the program for a few years. I always admired what the program stood for and knew this was something I could do.

Before working at LINX, what was the most interesting job you've ever had?

Before LINX I was nursing old people and always enjoyed being able to help them. Before nursing I worked in an elementary school helping young children.

What are three words to describe LINX?

Reliable, engaging, and caring.

What is the favourite part about working for LINX?

Working with the clients, both at home and on the jobsite.

If you had to eat one meal, every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Bread, fruit (any kind), and ham.

If you were stuck on an island, what three things would you bring?

My R.V., food, and a beach chair.

What did you want to be when growing up?

Something to do with helping people. Being a mother.

What is the one thing you can't live without?

Money.



Admin Staff of the Month: Laurie Savill

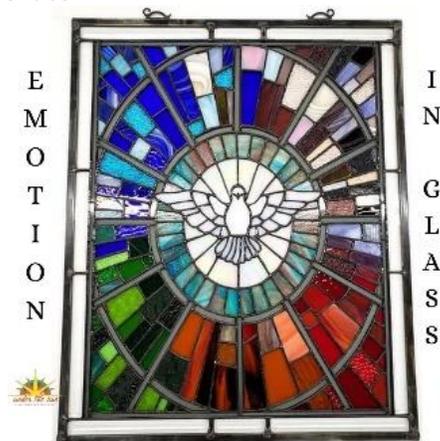
What drew you to LINX originally?

Originally I was an inclusive employer (although at the time I had no idea this is what I was considered) many years ago when it was Leduc Works which then transitioned to LINX. I had many clients rotate through my business over the years. Life is interesting in the way people weave in and out of your life and LINX was just that. After I sold the store, the opportunity to work at LINX presented itself and 8.5 years later here I still am. These people were meant to be in my life!



Before working at LINX, what was the most interesting job you've ever had?

Hmmmm.....does putting tassels on rye bottles in a distillery count? (worst. Job. EVER.) I wouldn't say that any of my jobs were interesting but I've had a variety. Receptionist at a Law Firm in Winnipeg. Receptionist at a Psychiatric Hospital in Weyburn. Jack of all trades at the Weyburn Museum. Saskatchewan Corporate Registry. Regina University Library. KFC and Happy Shopper both in Regina (did what I had to do to help pay my way through University) Teacher in small town Saskatchewan. Once I moved to Alberta: Tutor. Business owner. Maybe my most interesting job is one that I will be starting and that is teaching the evening beginners stained glass class at Under the Sun Stained Glass studio.



What are three words to describe LINX?

Safe, empowering, and advocate.

What is the favourite part about working for LINX?

The clients. They validate me.

If you had to eat one meal, every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes & gravy, and caesar salad.

If you were stuck on an island, what three things would you bring?

My family, my stained glass room, and all the dogs I could fit in the boat to get there (wouldn't be above leaving some family members behind if I had to make a choice!)

What did you want to be when growing up?

Teacher or lawyer.

What is the one thing you can't live without?

Besides my family? My stained glasswork.

