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June 2023



LINX Annual General Meeting

June 21, 2023
7:00pm

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Dates to remember:

June 21 – LINX Annual General Meeting

July 3 – Closed

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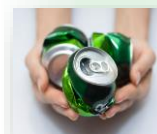
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Executive Director Report

Can you believe May is in our rear view mirror and we are heading into June? We've had some exciting things happen in May. It is official! Katie Presse is now Katie Porter! She and Kyle were married on May 13 in a beautiful ceremony. We wish them a lifetime of happiness, love, and laughter.

I would also like to announce that Alisha Crawford has accepted the newly created position of Team Lead. If you have any questions, concerns, or information to share about client attendance, work schedules, and such, please make Alisha your first point of contact. Alisha is also our go-to person for all front-line staff. Alisha will be working closely with Katie on the operations of all programming.

The week of May 22 was Community Disability Service Workers Appreciation Week. I would like to really brag about the team we have here at LINX. From the outside looking in, it may look as though staff simply take our clients to and from their place of employment or volunteer position. Or other staff may be seen popping in and out for a quick check-in on independently employed clients. But there is so much more happening.

What you don't see are the instructors thoughtfully creating and teaching new courses to enhance the quality of life for clients, both personally and employment wise. And then there are other staff who have opened their homes for clients to live in. What you don't see is the care and thoughtfulness that LINX staff show towards clients. You don't see the brainstorming and sharing of best practices the team makes time for at the end of the day when clients have all gone home. You don't see how sometimes our staff are mentally exhausted from the challenges that come with the job. You don't see the training that our staff must take in order to be able to work at LINX. You don't see how much of themselves our staff give to our individuals. All of what you don't see are the reasons why LINX's clients love coming here and that they know they are safe, validated, and valued.

To show LINX's appreciation, management tried to spoil our staff with a special something every day. We hope they enjoyed it as much as Katie and I enjoyed doing it for them.

LINX's future is in great hands.

Mandt Moment

In Mandt training, we discuss the importance of language and choosing our words carefully with individuals on a daily basis. Below you will find the piece “Greg’s Glasses”.

Greg’s Glasses

Greg was 35 and had Down’s Syndrome. Short and stocky in appearance, he lived in a group home and worked as a bus boy at a local restaurant. There he sometimes had a tough time. The other bus boys and waiters would play practical jokes on him, put funny hats on him and generally made him a butt of their humor. One of their favorite jollies was to point out a sign and tell him it said he was supposed to do something. You know, like go over to the local lumberyard and ask for a plank stretcher. Greg, always trusting and eager to please, inevitably fell for these ruses, to the general hilarity of all. The pranks would invariably end in Greg’s confusion and embarrassment.

You see, Greg couldn’t read. This was one of the great sorrows in his life. Lots of effort had been put into helping him to acquire this skill, but no matter how hard he tried he just couldn’t get it. One day, I received a call from the group home. “Something is wrong with Greg. He’s angry; he won’t talk. And besides that, he just got a new pair of glasses and he had them only about 10 minutes before he threw them on the ground and stomped on them.” That didn’t sound like Greg.

“Bring him over,” I said. When Greg arrived, he slumped in the big chair in my office. He hadn’t given me his usual enthusiastic greeting. Clearly, he was ticked off. After trying to engage him I finally said, “I hear you broke your glasses.” “Yeah,” he nodded. “But you are wearing your glasses,” I said. “Old glasses,” he explained. “Oh,” I said, “These are your old glasses. The others were different?” He nodded. “So why did you break them?” I asked. “Didn’t work,” he said. Gradually the story came out. They were getting him new glasses. He had been looking forward to them. More than just looking forward to them, he had been positively excited about them. He had been counting down the days until they arrived. It was like waiting for Christmas. They were to be bifocals, you see. But they hadn’t called them “bifocals.” No, they told him he was getting “reading glasses”.

Get it? Reading glasses. So, when his glasses arrived, the first thing he did was put them on and grab a newspaper. And do you know what? He still couldn’t read. They didn’t work. It was just another deception. In his rage and disappointment, he threw them on the floor and smashed them. Ah, yes, words have living power. They have the power to heal, to persuade, to wound or deceive. But English is a funny language, full of nuances and pitfalls. Maybe that’s why we so often have to ask, “You know what I mean?”

Team Lead

My name is Alisha Crawford and I am the new Team Lead here at LINX. As I have worked at LINX for the past few years, a lot of people may already know me, but for some of you this may be the first time you've heard my name.

At LINX I've previously worked as a Job Coach, an Outreach worker, an instructor for our employment prep program, and most recently as the Administration Assistant. I am very excited to be a part of LINX in my new position, and look forward to continuing to help making this a wonderful place to be for everyone involved.

If you have any questions please call, email, or stop by to see if I'm available for a quick hello.

I am very happy to be working with such a talented team!

June Menu Day Program

June 7th Loaded Tater Tot Nachos
June 14th Seriously Good Quinoa Salad
June 21st Strawberry Short Cake Biscuits
June 28th Impossible Vegetable Pie

June The SIL Evening Cooking Class

June 7th 4pm-7pm
June 21st 4pm-7pm

Special Olympics

Special Olympics Alberta asked LINX to share their information in our newsletter and we are more than happy to do it.

Golf

Thursdays
6:30pm to 7:30pm
Until June 26
Leduc Golf Club
\$90

Dragon Boat Ride and BBQ

June 24

Start time: **10:00am** at Leduc Boat Club
Boat Ride on Telford Lake followed by BBQ
ALL WELCOME!

\$5 each Athlete **\$10** Guest
Registration Required by June 15th

***Bowling starts August 31st**

Bocce

Mondays
6:30pm to 7:30pm
Caledonia Park
School
Free until June 22

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 Employer, Client, Day Staff, and Residential Staff of the Month. If you see someone in any of these categories that you would like to see recognized, please let us know!

Employer of the Month: SRTraining

After a couple months in a work experience position, SRTraining offered paid employment to two LINX clients! In addition to the employment opportunities, Shawn Raymond with SRTraining gets everyone moving twice a week during our PSA classes!



Client of the Month: Bouba Soumah

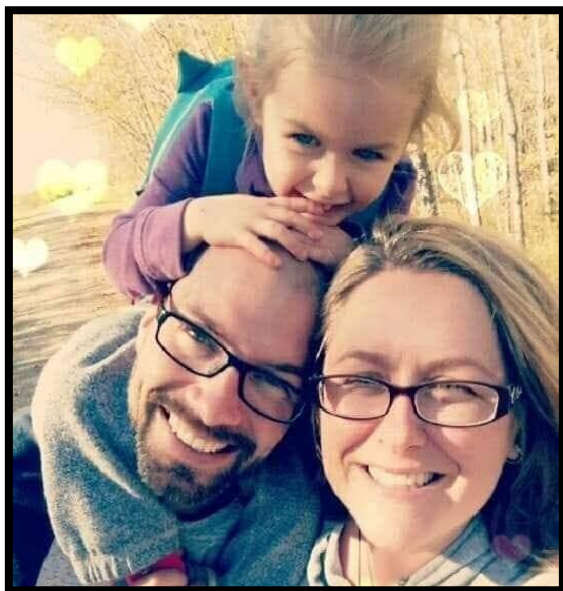
Bouba started at LINX this year and has been doing so well! Bouba seems to be a natural in job interviews and has been successful at finding employment he seems to enjoy. Welcome to LINX, Bouba!



- 🐾 What is your favorite animal?
Lion
- 🐾 If your life was a movie, what would it most relate to?
Basketball Movie
- 🐾 What is one lesson you feel you have learned from LINX?
How to make a resume and answer interview questions with confidence.
- 🐾 How long have you been a client at LINX?
6 month
- 🐾 What type of music do you listen to?
Rap and Hip Hop
- 🐾 If you spent an entire day at a theme park, what would you do?
Rides and Food
- 🐾 If you had one superpower, what would it be and why?
It would be the ability to change time and control time.



Staff of the Month: Karen Leger



- 🐾 What is a typical workday like for you? It varies day to day since I'm a casual which is great because I get to work with a variety of clients!
- 🐾 What is your greatest achievement? Becoming a mom and hopefully raising a good, kind human.
- 🐾 If you had one superpower, what would it be and why? Teleportation! I would love to pop in and visit loved ones across the country in the blink of an eye!
- 🐾 What advice would you give someone who is considering this type of job (or field)? It's really all about listening and getting to know people. You're going to meet some of the most wonderful people you can imagine!
- 🐾 How long have you been working at LINX? Almost 1 year
- 🐾 What is your favorite beverage? Water with lots of ice!
- 🐾 What type of music do you listen to? I am a lifelong Blockhead!
- 🐾 Who was your idol growing up? It's hard to pick just one as I have been blessed with some amazing people in my life to look up to!

LINX Staff Anniversaries

Thank you to our wonderful LINX staff who have been with us a long time, a short time, and everything in between. We are nothing without you!

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Laurie	2012
Juvinar	2016
Lee-Ann	2018
Alisha	2021
Tania	2022
Sylvie	2022
Telephonse	2022

LINUX Employers

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