



Welcome to the March 2021 edition of the newsletter! Don't miss your chance to win \$2,000 on page 2!



Help us celebrate St Patrick's Day as we list our top ten reasons why we are so lucky here at LINX:

1. Has amazing staff.
2. Has extraordinary clients.
3. Makes inclusion look easy.
4. Believes in building independence.
5. Looks outside the box to provide services.
6. Helps everyone that is a part of LINX grow.
7. We get to experience new and wonderful opportunities.
8. We get to create new exciting opportunities.
9. We get to make new friends.
10. We are a community



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Dates to Remember:
February 1st to March 31st, 2021 –
Reverse 50/50 Hearts on Sale!
March 12th, 2021 – Purdy's
Orders Due
March 29th, 2021 – Purdy's
Orders Pick-up

June 25th, 2021 – Hearts and
Heroes Celebration and Final
Draw!
(more info to come)

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



What has LINX been up to the month of February?

In just a few words, we've been busy! 😊



Hearts and Heroes Reverse Cash Draw 50-50:

It's time for Hearts and Heroes! While we won't be doing our traditional live event this year, that doesn't mean we can't still participate in one of our favorite Hearts and Heroes traditions... the reverse 50-50!!! We are selling ONLY two hundred 50-50 hearts for \$20 from now until the end of March, or until we sell out. Then we are doing the reverse portion starting on April 1st. We will draw approximately ten hearts a week LIVE ONLINE, with the final ten being drawn on June 25th. We are hoping to do a grand opening of our new building that day, and have the people with the last ten hearts attend for the final draw and the winning ticket! Contact us at linxinfo@linxconnect.ca or 780-980-9423 ext. 220 to make arrangements to get your heart! Each heart will give you a 1 in 200 chance to win \$2,000 (assuming we sell all 200 tickets).



We've joined the ranks of **TikTok** on social media! Make sure you're following us so you don't miss our next video! I know everyone is missing the dancing at Hearts and Heroes so get your fill on TikTok as some of the staff cut a rug! You'll also find the cutest puppy ever!

Easter Purdys:

We have taken a year off, but we are back with Purdy's Easter chocolates and treats! Find the online form pinned to the top of our Facebook page or go directly to <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/11238-82788>. If you would rather have a paper book, contact us at linxinfo@linxconnect.ca or 780-980-9423 ext. 220 to make arrangements to get one!



Connections – Our Client's have walked around the World!

We've come to the end of our walking around the world challenge with a total of 9,452 km's travelled! While there were quite a few notable locations along the way, the final icing on the cake was making it all the way to China, a total of 9,452 km's from Leduc!

LINX Goes Pink:

February is National Bullying Prevention month. In the normal world, we would be having a week of "LINX Goes Pink" events, art contest, etc. Without being able to have the clients in the building, we were unable to do as much as we wanted in the office. For the staff left in the office, we at least still wanted to represent in our LINX Goes Pink gear! Check out our video on TikTok, Instagram, and Facebook!



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: Don Loucks

Don was chosen this month because he has gone above and beyond to assist another client by walking by the home and sharing plans they could make once COVID was over from the sidewalk. His positive attitude helped his peer to feel more comfortable in a potentially stressful situation. He volunteered to help the client to ride the bus when the day program starts back up to in person without being asked to do so. Thank you for all you do for others.



What drew you to LINX originally?

I was originally part of Leduc Works and stayed when it became LINX.

What is your favourite LINX memory?

My favorite memory was when we moved into our first building.

What are three words to describe LINX?

Wonderful, Great, and Supportive.

What is your favourite part about working with LINX?

The friends I've made and the staff I work with.

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

Pizza.

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

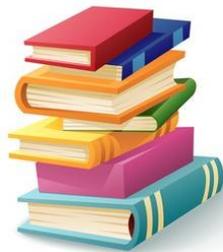
Water, Bow & Arrow, Box of matches.

What did you want to be when growing up?

Hollywood Stuntman.

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

Books.



Day Staff of the Month: Robynne Schultz

Robynne has been working hard this year on getting her classes quickly online and in person when possible. She has kicked in to help design the kitchen and the classes for the new building as well! Thank you for all you do to keep all of us going with such positivity!



What drew you to LINX originally?

Someone I knew at the time mentioned that LINX was hiring and that I would "fit in like a hand in a glove." So I checked it out! I think they were right!

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

I was looking for a fun summer job to make some extra money and fill my time. I worked on The River Rouge River Boat as...get this... a bartender during the day and a counter staff in the evenings! It was a lot of fun!

What are three words to describe LINX?

Fun, Fulfilling and Inspiring.

What is the favourite part about working for LINX?

I get to come to work everyday knowing that there will be 45 people who I will be genuinely happy to see and be with. What tops that off is that those same people are also genuinely happy to see and be with me.

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

Vegetarian Taco Salad

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

A really good book...my Bible
A really good friend...my Rodney
A really good drink...Tea

What did you want to be when growing up?

A Teacher!

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

My Jesus, hands down!



Our "... of the month" Club

Continued...

Residential Staff of the Month: Joni Armstrong

Joni Armstrong for staff of the month. She has been helping out with outreach, has offered to be a respite home during COVID, and has tried out our new FOIP course since the old one no longer works.

What drew you to LINX originally?

As my kids get older, I found I had extra time on my hands. I really enjoy working with people. I have a friend involved with LINX and was very intrigued by the idea of working with the clients at LINX.

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

I worked a Radio Station. It was very unique.

What are three words to describe LINX?

Supportive, Dedicated, Caring.

What is the favourite part about working for LINX?

I enjoy working the clients. The feeling of contribution working at LINX gives me. The gratitude I receive both from the clients and the staff.

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

Steak.

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

An inflatable raft with oars
A giant box of Matches
Flare Gun

What did you want to be when growing up?

I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up!

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

Coffee.



Admin Staff of the Month: Katie Presse

What drew you to LINX originally?

After staying home with my children for years, I knew that I wanted to return to the workforce doing something I was passionate about. I worked in the non-profit field before having children, and I wanted to get my foot back in the door!

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

I worked for Big Brothers & Big Sisters in BC as a fundraising coordinator! I got to plan large scale fundraising initiatives for the agency and help execute them. One year we raffled off a trailer and two ATV's. My entire summer was spent parking the trailer (pulled by a gigantic sponsored truck) in front of retail locations and selling tickets. To this day, I'm not sure how I backed up the trailer so efficiently. I am not a skilled parker haha.

What are three words to describe LINX?

Resilience, Inclusion, and Joy!

What is the favourite part about working for LINX?

The people. From clients to coworkers, community supporters and volunteers, there is nothing better for the soul than spending time with people who are passionate and hardworking.

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

Soup! There are so many different varieties and ingredients. My favourite is Italian Wedding! As someone who is ALWAYS cold, soup consistently hits the spot! Dessert would be Key Lime Pie and drink would be an iced coffee!

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

I am going to pretend that the island is Hawaii and it isn't deserted. I would bring my family (including the 4 and 3-legged members!), an unlimited supply of True Crime podcasts and documentaries, and my pillows.

What did you want to be when growing up?

I always wanted to be a 911 Operator. I've become a lot more sensitive and emotional since having children, so I don't think it is something that my heart could handle anymore.

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

Laughter! Sometimes, life is hard. I need those moments and laughing until I cry.

