



Welcome to the May 2021 edition of the newsletter!

Executive Director Report:

In case you missed it, our AGM is being held on June 23rd at 7:00. At this point we do not know whether it will be in person or via video conferencing. Please contact me at linxexec@linxconnect.ca if you are interested in attending, so I can ensure that you have all the information you will need.



We have some furniture for sale before we move. Please keep an eye out for what we have on sale on our Facebook, or contact David at linxinfo@linxconnect.ca - 780-980-9423 ext. 220. At this point we have desks, chairs, tables, book shelves, file cabinets, etc.

I am VERY excited to announce some important dates. Please remember they are subject to change if something out of our control pops up, but at this point, here is what to expect in the upcoming weeks:

- Wednesday May 26th to Friday May 28th – No classes
- Monday May 31st – Booked tour of the new building times
- June 1st – LINX starts program from the new building!!
- June 25th – LINX's public grand opening and Hearts and Heroes Cash Draw Reverse 50-50 winner!

We are so thrilled to be able to get to our new building! Thank you to everyone who has been working so hard to get us there. We can't wait to see everyone!



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Dates to Remember:
May 24th, 2021 – Victoria Day
May 26th to 28th, 2021 – No
Classes
May 31st, 2021 – Booked tour of
the new building times
June 23rd, 2021 – AGM Meeting
June 25th, 2021 – Hearts and
Heroes Celebration and Final
Draw!

Board Members
Daniel Roberts – Chairperson
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LINX Bottle Pick-Up
Give us a call, and we
will pick up your
Bottles and give you a
charitable tax receipt
for your donation!



Day Program Manager Report:

The Evolution of the Day Program

The last 14 months have been a true test of resilience and flexibility among the entire human population. Regardless of what you believe, or how you feel, we have been tested. As we get closer to our new building opening up, and our services returning to



in person, I want to remind everyone that this is a new season. The transition is going to be trying on clients, staff, management, caregivers, families and employers. But, I have confidence in the entire LINX team that this transition will go smoothly, and be the first step towards the incredible future that I know is in store for our Day Program!



Katie Presse

What I am asking of everyone, as we evolve, please have patience, grace and understanding towards the processes, expectations and each other. We are all on the same team, and here for the same reason – to provide exemplary services to our clients.

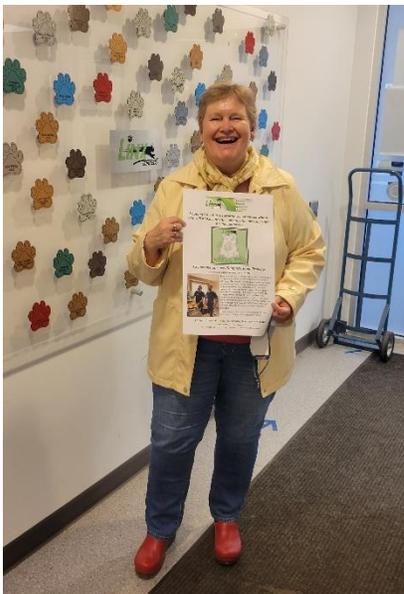
Residential Program Manager Report:

Top 10 things to do when going on respite:

1. Bring your medications.
2. Bring at least 20 dollars for a weekend.
3. Plan activities with your respite worker.
4. Have enough clothing for the weather and activities.
5. Bring your personal items you can't live without- special pillow or tablet.
6. Have an extra outfit just in case something happens.
7. Be kind.
8. Share your likes and dislikes with the worker.
9. Help out.
10. Have fun and follow the house rules!



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: Marcy Loucks

Marcy has been incredibly flexible with COVID schedules changing weekly. Her attitude during COVID has remained positive. When offering her classes such as the linked in courses she joined in with great enthusiasm.

What drew you to LINX originally?

I started with Leduc Works from 1994 until it became LINX. My parents thought it would be good for me and my brother.

What is your favourite LINX memory?

When we first became Leduc LINX at the old building.

What are three words to describe LINX?

Learning, Supportive and Friendly.

What is your favourite part about working with LINX?

I like the staff and the clients.

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

Ham and pineapple pizza.

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

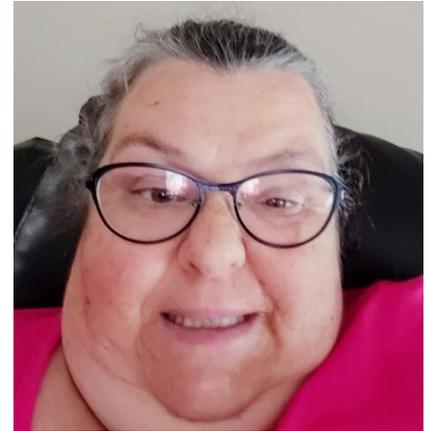
Water bottle, clothes, and sunscreen.

What did you want to be when growing up?

I wanted to be an artist.

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

Food and water.



Day Staff of the Month: Allie Bryan

Allie has been such a refreshing addition to the LINX team! She has thrived at developing a full 12 week program for individuals with a barrier to employment. We are very excited to have her as our Employment Preparation Program Facilitator, thank you for your hard work and dedication Allie!

What drew you to LINX originally?

I have worked with adults with developmental disabilities for a few years now, and I was looking to work somewhere fun, and a little different than any place I had worked at before. Working at LINX and helping to support our clients employment goals seemed like a fun new career path to head on and learn some new skills!

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

I worked at a day program for adults with developmental disabilities in Calgary as a Team Lead taking groups of clients on outings. We would do all kinds of fun things like go to gymnastic places, ninja courses, museums, swimming, nature walks, and I even got to go for coffee with our clients sometimes. It was a fun job, and I got to do something different in the community every day with some of the most fun loving people I know!

What are three words to describe LINX?

Inclusive, welcoming, and supportive.

What is the favourite part about working for LINX?

I think my favourite part of working for LINX is getting to learn new skills and have the support of the whole team helping me while I learn. I have never worked somewhere where the team has been this welcoming and supportive!

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

I am a breakfast lover, so maybe some Eggs Benny!

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

My hiking boots so I could go exploring the island, my journal, and a pen to write with.

What did you want to be when growing up?

Like most kids, I changed my mind a lot – veterinarian, teacher, nurse, and I think at one point I wanted to be a farmer.

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

Sunny summer days!! I could never live somewhere where it's cold all year long and you can't lay back and enjoy the heat of the sun on a bright summer day.



Residential Staff of the Month: Mel Andrews

Even though Mel has only been on the SIL team a short while, I have been able to throw her into many different situations which she has handled professionally. I have only had good reports from the SIL clients and her coworkers. Thank you for being a team player.

What drew you to LINX originally?

I moved from Halifax in February and was looking for an opportunity to continue supporting people. Back home I worked in a few small option homes and really enjoyed supporting others. I wanted to continue helping people here and after some job searching, I discovered LINX!

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

Before LINX, I worked at a multiple small option homes where I met some wonderful people and was able to build some meaningful relationships. It was really special to be able to support people through difficult times and celebrate all their accomplishments with them. I learned a lot of life skills, and advocating for others helped me to also start to advocate for myself. I had so many unique experiences and opportunities and was always learning something new. That job opened my eyes to the world of disability rights, which I am now very passionate about.

What are three words to describe LINX?

Fun, community, supportive.

What is the favourite part about working for LINX?

Everyone I've met so far is awesome and I look forward to eventually meeting everyone! Working for LINX has really helped me to navigate a new city. I quickly discovered how to get around and continue to get suggestions of new places to go.

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

Hmmm... probably pizza.

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

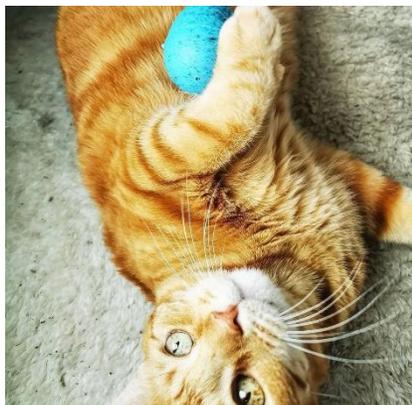
A hammock, some type of shelter, and lots of food!

What did you want to be when growing up?

I love animals and wanted to be a vet, until I realized I'm allergic to most of them.

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

My cat.



Admin Staff of the Month: Ronni DeLeavey

What drew you to LINX originally?

I was working at Leduc Works and when it was closing I wanted to continue to work with the wonderful clients.

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

That is really hard, I have been working in the disabilities field since I was 19 years old. I guess you all might want to hear about when I worked on a potato harvester. I would ride on a big machine that would dig up the potatoes and I would have to pick out the rocks and throw them down a shoot. I would do this every fall when I was in high school to make money to buy my school clothes. I would have to yell to the tractor driver if were overwhelmed with rocks or if something was stuck. I always came home very dirty!

What are three words to describe LINX?

Outside the box.

What is the favourite part about working for LINX?

I like building programs and assisting people to become more independent.

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

Spaghetti.

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

Kyle, my dog Asha, and an axe.

What did you want to be when growing up?

I wanted to be a Special Education Teacher or an interior designer.

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

Hair spray, I do not like it when my hair gets full of static and touches my face. I also like big hair.





Looking for a fun & rewarding new career where you will make a positive change in someone's life for the better?!?



To become our new Support Home Provider!

You may be asking yourself, what is that?



They are just regular people who would be interested in having someone with a developmental disability live with them. The level of independence varies from client to client (some need regular supervision; some are fairly independent and transitioning into their own homes one day). **The money earned for a support home is tax exempt. You would also receive tax exempt room and board from the client.** We currently have multiple clients requiring a new support home provider. Most clients attend a day program from 9 to 4 Monday to Friday at LINX. Clients come with different amounts of respite available. Training is provided.

The individuals that are currently looking have a preference of living within Leduc City limits.

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