

The LINK

December 2016



Learning
Inclusion
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"Just so you know!" ...

Cooking Class! We have a public cooking class once a month in the evening, and every Friday for a hot lunch. They have done some amazing creations! This month the

December Lunch snack menu is:
December 2- Christmas pound cake

December 9- Eggnog cookies

December 16- Holiday muffins

December 23- Steamed Christmas pudding

December 30- Gingerbread

Newsletter Class

Over the past year the citizenship class at LINX has been investigating and filming the safety issues around the LINX neighbourhood. The class has completed its project and the Newsletter class has taken script and adapted it to fit the LINK. Our main concern is traffic violations, speeding in the parking lot, parking in the handicap bus zone, and speeding on the road south of LINX. Due to the fact that all of our clients have developmental disabilities, and some of them have serious issues around safety, we feel that the traffic and parking issues should be regularly enforced.

The citizenship class sat for several days in a vehicle filming the bus zone and on several occasions people either parked in the bus zone or they pulled into it and then when they observed people filming that area pulled away. When the class was testing our filming equipment a person who was driving west on 49th avenue veered towards us as he was focused on those on the sidewalk instead of his driving. Our concerns in our parking lot are not based on design. Our concerns are based on the fact that drivers do not observe the rules of the parking lot, such as posted traffic direction, speed limit, and handicap parking. In a day program where clients are coming in and out several times a day, parking lot safety is of great importance. We have done our due diligence to have clients access the parking lot only when accompanied by a staff member and we consistently review the rules of safety. We continue to have near misses at least weekly due to the negligence of drivers. Our neighborhood and parking lot is well marked with signage. Handicapped parking is abundant and well-marked. The Bus zone is also well marked and has 4 signs. Yetwe continue to this date to deal with illegal parking and a general disregard for street and parking lot safety and courtesy.

If you are accessing LINX please follow the signage in our parking lot and bus zone for the protection of our clients and staff.

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Dates to remember:

Dec 1 – Gift exchange \$ due

Dec 21 – Timesheet/invoices due early

Dec 26, 27 – Office Closed 🎄

Jan 2 – Office Closed 🎁

Hearts and Heroes



February 11, 2017

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Recycling Donation Challenge

(as of the end of November)



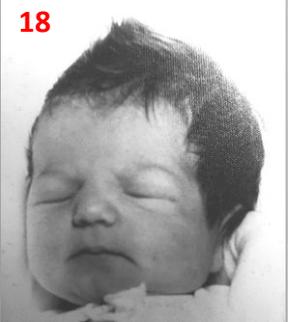
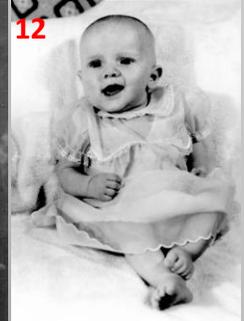
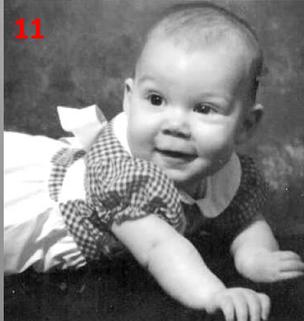
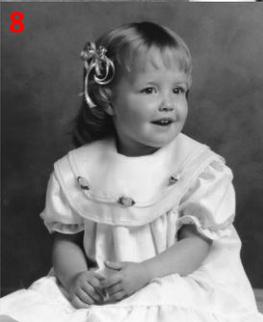
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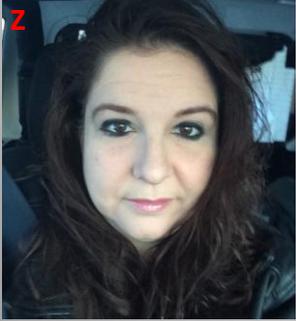
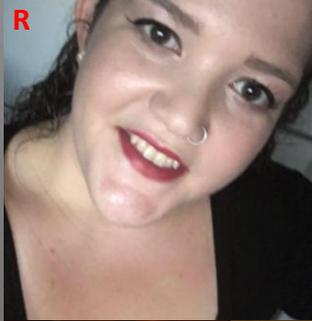
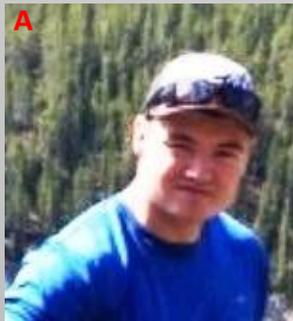
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LINX Staff "Then"



LINX Staff "Now"



Look for the answers after the employer crossword. How did you do?



Through our eyes...

A Life Changing Program

Written by: Anthony, Chris, David, Don, Dulcie, William

Dulcie is a new client at LINX she has attended for the past year on a part time basis. She grew up in a small-town west of Leduc with her family her Mom, Dad, sister and a brother. Dulcie's Mom and sister still live in that small town and have close relationship with Dulcie from a distance. We spoke to Dulcie's sister Sanita and she agreed to answer some questions about Dulcie's participation at LINX with the help of her Mom.

What is the most significant change in Dulcie since she has joined LINX?" Dulcie has become a wonderful person to be around. Everything has changed." Of those changes, which are the most significant changes in Dulcie since she has joined LINX? "Dulcie has become a wonderful person to be around. Everything has changed."

We enjoy Dulcie's input at LINX. She is a very kind lady and a good role model to her peers. The other participants at LINX enjoy her company. What were some of the things you did as a family for Dulcie to make her so responsible and kind? "We never gave up on her. Just kept trying, chores, rules to follow, a hands-on approach and repetition."

At what point in Dulcie's development did you realize she would need some special support to achieve life goals? "When Dulcie was 3½ she was hit by a car and was never the same again."

Dulcie has shared many times fondly, that she worked with her dad for some years. Was this a step that was taken to assist her? "We gave opportunities to each of our kids. A lot of one on one consistency with Dulcie. She had ten years of part time employment. At Christmas time, she was needed at the family business.

Although you do not interact with LINX on a daily basis what are your impressions of LINX through Dulcie's dealings with the program? "We can't say enough good things about the people and the different programs. Dulcie has become my sister again and we both can say we find her to be very good company we hope you will be a constant in her life for the rest of her life." How do you feel about Dulcie belonging to the LINX Community? "I have my sister back and mom has a very lovely daughter to brag about." Do you think that LINX has had a positive effect on Dulcie's life? "YES!!! All the way LINX don't stop what you are doing." Would you recommend LINX to others with family members who deal with developmental disabilities? "Most definitely this is a life changing program for the better!"

Parents! Clients! Employers! Staff! Neighbours! If you would like to be a part of or refer someone for "Through our Eyes", please contact Nicole at 780-980-9423 ext 222 or linxexec@linxconnect.ca.



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

Citizen of the Month

Shawna Carr! Be proud of yourself, as we surly are. You have kept up with a very busy schedule here at LINX and starting a new job. Congratulations on your new position. Thank you for your positive attitude and the encouragement that you have shown towards your peers. Dulcie has said that you are "funny, a quiet person but overall a happy person to be around". Keep up the great work Shawna!!!

Day Staff of the Month

Taylor Apple! Congratulations Taylor Apple. Since coming to LINX, Taylor has grown so much. He was very quiet in nature when starting but quickly fit in. He is able to work with all of LINX's clients as he has earned their trust and respect. Taylor is often seen interacting with the clients, telling stories and making them laugh. Thank you Taylor for your positive attitude and the passion you have in helping make a difference!!!

Employer of the Month

Executive Alexandra Hotel! Thank you for the years of employment you have given to several of our Clients. Your understanding and approach is greatly appreciated to the current employees and the most recent you have hired to your team, Shawna. When a business such as yours identifies the strength of an employee with disabilities, and they work within their skills, those employees turn out to be faithful, and hard working. Thank you so much!!!

Residential Staff of the month

Karla Nash! Karla has gone above and beyond to advocate for the clients she works with. She has rearranged schedules to accommodate extra appointments. She has kept the families and the program up to date on all of the appointments and accommodations. She has helped out the day program when they were in need. She is always ready to volunteer when something comes up. We are very happy to have her on our team!!!

LINX Employers

🐾 Basintek	🐾 Dollarama	🐾 McDonalds	🐾 Petro Canada Nisku	🐾 Sobeys Beaumont
🐾 Black Gold Real Properties	🐾 Executive Alexandra Hotel	🐾 Leduc	🐾 Planeview Place	🐾 Sport Chek
🐾 Boston Pizza	🐾 Extendicare	🐾 McDonalds	🐾 Playing For Keeps	🐾 St. Paul's Anglican Church
🐾 Canadian Tire	🐾 Flaman	🐾 Nisku	🐾 Toys and More	🐾 Staples
🐾 City of Leduc	🐾 Gateway Family Church	🐾 McDonalds	🐾 Ricky's All Day Grill	🐾 Subway Leduc Common
🐾 Co-op Food	🐾 Kosmos	🐾 Sparrow	🐾 Safeway	🐾 Tim Hortons
🐾 Co-op Lumberyard	🐾 Leduc Rep	🐾 Nisku Inn	🐾 Salem Manor	🐾 Wal-Mart
🐾 Coffee News	🐾 Leduc Library	🐾 No Frills	🐾 Salvation Army	🐾 Zulu
		🐾 Notre Dame	🐾 Second Glance	
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Stephanie Cadieux , Paraplegic – A Canadian politician, elected as a BC Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in the 2009 provincial election. She is currently the Minister of Children and Family Development. Cadieux, formerly the director of marketing and development for the BC Paraplegic Association, has been a wheelchair user since a car accident at age 18. She has traveled extensively including Europe, Central America, Africa and North America, some of which has been as a delegate for international development work with people with disabilities in developing countries. ~ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephanie_Cadieux

LINUX Employers!

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| ☘ Canadian Tire | ☘ Flaman | ☘ Sparrow McDonalds | ☘ Toys and More | ☘ Staples |
| ☘ City of Leduc | ☘ Gateway Family Church | ☘ Nisku Inn | ☘ Safeway | ☘ Subway Leduc Common |
| ☘ Co-op Food Store | ☘ Kosmos | ☘ No Frills | ☘ Salem Manor | ☘ Tim Hortons |
| ☘ Co-op Lumberyard | ☘ Leduc Rep | ☘ Notre Dame | ☘ Salvation Army | ☘ Wal-Mart |
| ☘ Coffee News | ☘ Leduc Library | | ☘ Second Glance | ☘ Zulu |
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| 1-T → Annis Board Member | 10-L → Nicole M Casual | 19-N → Karla Outreach/Cooking Class |
| 2-A → Justin Job Coach | 11-# → Brandy Outreach/Job Coach | 20-C → Max Caregiver |
| 3-H → Bernadette Caregiver | 12-X → Susan Board Member | 21-I → Nicole F Executive Director |
| 4-P → Cori Board Member | 13-K → Daughter of Ben Job Coach | 22-O → Charity Caregiver |
| 5-Q → Diane Caregiver | 14-E → Gerry Caregiver | 23-R → Bethany Caregiver |
| 6-M → Heather Day Program Manager | 15-W → Laurie Business Manager | 24-S → Mary Instructor |
| 7-J → Sally Caregiver | 16-F → Shirley Caregiver | 25-Z → Ronni Residential Manager |
| 8-B → Jenny Outreach Worker | 17-Y → Andrew Job Coach | 26-V → Sheila Caregiver |
| 9-U → Colleen Job Coach | 18-G → Michelle Caregiver | 27-D → Christa Job Coach |