



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Update Inclusive Housing Priorities for Impact and Action

Work has begun on a Resource Directory for the Greater Fredericton Area for use by older adults and other users with no access to a personal computer. This print-based directory falls under the Housing Supports and Information Priority of the NB Inclusive Housing Solutions Roadmap. We hope a student will work with the Board on this project.

Learning on Location

Something happened one Tuesday in November when it became clear that we could not have a cooking class. One core member, Maya decided to meet with her friends anyway. Within one hour a bowling outing was planned with seven other friends. This activity was fitting to the group, a healthy alternative and it was what they wanted to do together. This is what friends do. It is a sure sign that the core members are working on establishing lasting bonds in a community of belonging.



As the year draws to a close, it's a time for reflection of all the good things that have happened in 2022. We have had growth in core membership, volunteers and interested persons for the Newsletter.



Partnerships have expanded. The Spirit Project and L'Arche Saint John Creative Connections, Opal Adult Drop-In and Youth Groups, Alltones All Abilities Singing group, All Abilities Yoga and Mindfulness sessions, FASD Support Group, Rhapsody Rhythmic Gymnastics, Best Buddies UNB and many more established through the Inclusive Housing Forum and Roadmap.

Outreach activities with Fredericton Association for Community Living have placed us on their Housing Committee Working Group and we are sharing our monthly calendar with Katie Stiles of Inclusion New Brunswick.

Communication Work that began in the summer has continued into the fall, with documents being made available to Board members on Google Drive, an assessment of communications from May through December in progress, measuring the effectiveness of the primary target audience for fundraising campaigns (annual dinner sales comparison to 2021) and creating a system that can easily be managed by volunteers. The Part-Time Student Communications Officer role is extended into the Winter Term.

More Collaboration with the Board of L'Arche Saint John continues with getting-to-know-you sessions, joint Board meetings and more. Due to the size of the province, alignment with L'Arche Saint John may be the best way to expand L'Arche in New Brunswick. Both Boards are small with eight and 10 members. The skills and expertise we have if combined could impact greater effects on us as one. In L'Arche the mission is relationship and we can live this in New Brunswick.

In closing I want to acknowledge the sponsors and supporters of the Fundraiser Dinner; Greener Village, Mike's Bakery, Peter's Market, Service Master, Coburn Farms, McMath Law, CBC Radio, and the many patrons who purchased the dinner to share with family and friends. We are grateful for your support. I wish you the blessings of peace, love and joy during this holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Mersereau



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