Prescott Newsletter Summer 2018

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NEW FEATURE: Guest Client Editor



Each quarterly issue will include a Guest Client Editor who will support staff through such tasks as proofreading, submitting story ideas or taking pictures.

Maggie Fesmire (pictured left), a client since 2008, is our first Guest Client Editor. In the New to You/ Online Auction program, she primarily works on the Kinsmen Bingo contract. Her interests include animals and anything related to the Tudors.

As Maggie notes, she enjoys coming to Prescott: "I like Prescott Group because I feel accepted and valued. The work is fun and challenging. People here are awesome and good to work with. I enjoy the

and challenging. People here are awesome and good to work with. I enjoy the bingo contract because I have to use my math skills."

Thank you for your help with this issue, Maggie!

Employment Services Moves to Bayers Road Centre

"We went from a cramped office shared by three job coaches to a new space where more clients can access services. The possibilities are endless." - Heather, Supervisor, Employment Services Program

The move not only brings this program closer to like-mind organizations such as Metro Works and Stone Hearth Bakery, but allows the program to expand its services. More opportunities for training and meaningful work is life-changing.

You can visit the Employment Services team (see left) at 7071 Bayers Rd, suite 153 or call (902) 444 -2011.



We need a van: Prescott Van Fund

Through Team Prescott at the Blue Nose Marathon, we've raised \$17,000. Vans are expensive; we need your help to make a van a reality.

Donate **online** or call Janet (902) 454-7387 ext 21.

For many years, Prescott Group has wished for a vehicle to transport clients to programs and activities around the city.

A Prescott Group van could give more chances for clients to interact with the Halifax community beyond our walls; giving more chances for our clients to know the city and for the city to know the people we serve.



Once we have the opportunity to go places, there is no stopping us!

Team Prescott on CTV



Our friends at <u>CTV</u> visited the first ever Team Prescott Pep Rally on May 18, 2018. They captured the Team Prescott cheer led by Charlene, Instructor, Mailing Services. Check out the video <u>here</u>. Client Gerald (pictured right) was delighted to meet the CTV crew.

Giv'er & Win!

We don't want you to miss out on a great thing.

Team Prescott's first year at the <u>Blue Nose Marathon</u> was a success. 54 team members raised over \$17, 000. We were front and centre at this iconic community event; exactly where we should be.



In order to make this year even better, we need your help.

The first 10 new members who join Team Prescott by August 10 at noon will win a Prescott gift package including a t-shirt, tote bag, delicious treats and more!

Send a message to Martha to enter.

Part of Team Prescott last year?

Stay tuned for prizes for your re-registration on our social media channels.

AGM Highlights & New Client Rep



It was a full house at our Annual General Meeting on June 7, 2018. Executive Director Louis Brill and staff shared goals in improving Prescott through program excellence, community engagement, human resources, and sustainability. Client Gerald Holman shared his personal experiences and pride in being part of the first Team Prescott at the Blue Nose Marathon. Shelley St Peters (pictured right with Board Chair Mona Reeves) a client since 1992, was appointed Client Representative of the Board of

Directors.

Bid High & Bid Often: Prescott Group Online Auction

Did you know? Our newest social enterprise the **On-Line Auction** is 4,000 members strong and growing!



The On-Line Auction hosted on Facebook features 60-75 items every week including kitchen, décor, small furniture, seasonal items and clothing. Behind the scenes, 38 clients and 8 staff accept donations, sort, clean, organize and post pictures to Facebook for bidding. With so many moving pieces, the team is dedicated and organized to making each and every auction successful.

Extended Hours: You asked. We Listened.

"They [On-line Auction members] asked and we listened. Our standard work hours (8:30am-4:00pm) aren't convenient for everyone. We want to make sure everyone can join in!"

-Shana, Supervisor, Online Auction

Come in to pick up your auction winnings or drop off donations. We'd love to see you.



Give Your Old Stuff New Life

The On-Line Auction, is dependent on community support for success. Donations support adults with intellectual challenges in Halifax by providing meaningful work opportunities. Contact <u>Shana</u> for more information.



Become a Member

Search Facebook for Prescott Group Online Auction

Share the group with your family and friends. Bid high and bid often! Good luck!

Upcoming Events

Summer Closure: *Monday, July 23 - Friday, August 3, 2018*All programs and social enterprises will be closed during this period.

Monday, August 6, 2018 All programs and social enterprises will be closed for **Natal Day.**





Yard Sale

Online Auction/ New to You Program will be hosting their second yard sale on Saturday, September 15, 2018. Mark your calendars!

10th Annual Golf Tournament with L'Arche Halifax and Special Olympics (Halifax)
September 17, 2018 at Glen Arbour Golf Course

Prescott Group, <u>L'Arche Halifax</u> and Special Olympics Halifax (Golf Program) will partner once again for the 10th Annual Golf Tournament.

Hosted by the beautiful <u>Glen Harbour Golf Course</u>, a Five Star 18-hole champion course, golfers will enjoy an exceptional golf experience. Prescott's <u>Fireside Kitchen</u> will provide fresh baked goods and refreshments throughout the day.



The event will include goodie bags, prizes, cash raffle and silent auction. Golfers can also look forward to a mix and mingle atmosphere where a luncheon will be provided.

Not a golfer?

No problem. Sponsors and donations are needed to make this event a success. Contact Sharon for more information.

These blues bring joy: Matt Andersen shares his time and talents



Canadian blues guitarist and singer-songwriter <u>Matt Andersen</u> stopped by and joined our music class on June 27, 2018. Led by Instructor and musician Lynn MacIntyre, their beautiful music inspired clients and staff alike. Clients sing and play simple instruments along with the music for a full interactive experience.

Matt is not only a soulful award-winning musician, he is also a dedicated supporter of Prescott. On May 15, 2018 he brought musicians <u>Adam Baldwin</u>, <u>Cory Tetford</u> and <u>Ian Janes</u> together for a charity concert in Wolfville. They raised over \$5,000 in support of the Prescott Van Fund. We are so grateful for their abundant talent and generosity.

Award Winning Stories: Sheree Fitch visits



Mable Murple isn't only a beloved children's book. It's also the inspiration for award-winning author <u>Sheree</u>

<u>Fitch</u>'s Mabel Murple's Book Shoppe & Dreamery at Happy Doodle Do Hobby Farm in River John, Nova Scotia. Clients in <u>Atlantic Bag Manufacturers</u> made tote bags for Fitch's store and were delighted to meet her in person when she visited on May 24, 2018. She wowed with stories of Mable Murple and Everybody's Different on Everybody Street.

New & Improved Life Skills Program

The Life Skills Program provides classes on fitness, nutrition, art, and personal development beyond vocational skills. Putting the client first, we provide opportunities for social and personal expression beyond the workplace. Staff are involved in creating engaging and relevant classes.

Some highlights include:



Clients made fruit salad and learned about the importance of nutrition with special guest Lacey Bain on June 28, 2018.

Clients have been taking "body break", a five minute fitness session with summer student Emilia Conlin since early July.





Clients have been making art using a variety of tools and mediums led by Vanessa, Supervisor, Fireside Kitchen.

Clients had their work displayed at The Nook coffee shop on Gottingen Street for the month of May.

Join Us on Social Media



Did you know we post regularly on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram?</u>

We share stories and pictures about clients and the work we do at Prescott. Our social media channels are our most up-to-date source of information on special events and programming.

Share, like and follow us online!











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