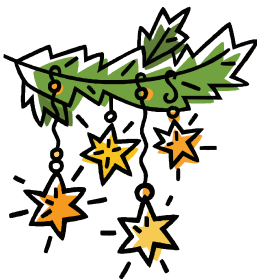




THE POND

DRAGONFLY POND FAMILY RESPITE SOCIETY
FALL /WINTER 2007

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Dragonfly Pond
Family Christmas Party



WELCOME TO DRAGONFLY POND BOARD MEMBERS

Anna Campbell
Community Professional
Wendy Kenward
Community Professional
Brad Hope
Community Professional
Linda Morgenstern
Community Professional

Kevin Nickerson
Parent
Jennifer Hutchinson
Parent
Tracy Fladager
Respite Care Provider
Adel Towns

Dragonfly Pond Family Respite Society
Would like to welcome our new
Coordinator

Tina Myers

Some of you already know Tina or have seen her at Dragonflies and Minnows supporting children. Tina has an extensive background working individuals of all ages with a variety of disabilities. Feel free to call her at 490-3305

Date: Saturday, December 15th
Time: 1:30-3:00pm
Location: Penticton Community
Centre Gym

Families with children who have complex care needs and their siblings are invited to join us at our imaginative North Pole as we play in Santa's Wonderland!!

Bring the entire family and....

- *make ornaments for your tree
- *decorate our Christmas tree
- *create gingerbread men
- *write a letter to Santa
- *games, playtime activities and much more!!

Plus, don't miss the special visit from Santa Claus!!

COST: FREE

Please let us know that you are coming by filling out the registration and mailing, dropping it off at the Dragonfly Pond Office or emailing it to dragonfly@vip.net

Coordinator's Section

I am honored to be sharing the vision of Dragonfly Family Respite Society. In the past I have taken part supporting individuals to participate in the services that the Society offers as well as volunteering briefly as a board member. In these past roles I have learned what a valuable resource Dragonfly Pond is in the lives of many families with children with complex care needs. Dragonfly Pond Family Respite Society is all inclusive to children and families of children with special needs. To have a programs geared for complex care children that welcome and encourages siblings to partake is unique.

Respite South Okanagan has proven to be an invaluable resource to families in our area as I found out by talking with many of you. I've also talked with many of our partners in the community. The ongoing support our partners provide is immeasurable as we could not do it without them.

This position I have undertaken is with enthusiasm and dedication and I am looking forward to meeting everyone and I welcome your calls or visits to the office. Permanent hours will be set up for the office and notification of times sent out.

Thanks you for your warm welcome,

Tina Myers
Coordinator, Dragonfly Pond

Dragonflies & Minnows Summer Snap Shots



Respitality

Respitality is alive and on the move in the South Okanagan!! Attempts are being made to reconnect with past supporters as well as sign up new hotels, new restaurants and provide for you some exciting gifts!! Please, if you aren't already signed up for this incredible program, call Tina at 490-3305. Everyone deserves a little R.E.S.P.

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- R.= Rest
- E.= Energizing
- S.= Sleep
- P.= Pampering

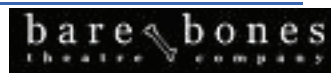


Thanks to these Partners we will once again be offering our family Respitality South Okanagan Program



The Pasta Factory

Penticton Lakeside Resort



The Pen Mar Theater

We help return the support of our partners by supporting their business with our business.



RESPITALITY SOUTH OKANAGAN

WHAT IS RESPITALITY? Respitality provides parents of a child with complex care needs a chance to experience a much-needed break in a welcoming and comfortable environment while their child is receiving respite care in the family home.

HOW CAN I REGISTER? Families apply for Respitality South Okanagan through Dragonfly Pond Family Respite Society. All you will need to do is fill out a simple registration form that will let us know when you would like to enjoy a Respitality stay. Families are then registered for an overnight stay, which is donated on an availability basis by local partner hotels. The number of family stays per year depends on the number of hospitality partners. Respitality is offered from October until May of each year.

This program is offered *free of charge* to families who have children with complex care needs.

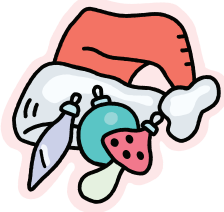
WHO SHOULD I CONTACT? If you are interested in participating in Respitality please contact the coordinator for Respitality South Okanagan at **490-3305**.

REGISTER NOW AND GIVE YOURSELVES AND YOUR FAMILY THE BREAK YOU DESERVE!

*Funding for Respitality South Okanagan
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DRAGONFLY POND FAMILY RESPITE SOCIETY IS SUPPORTED BY...

Vancouver Foundation, Quest Society for Hearing Enhancement – Summerland, Penticton Auto Dealers Association, Penticton & Friends Golf Tournament, , Shoppers Drug Mart, United Way of South Okanagan, Ministry of Child and Family Development, Interior Health, City of Penticton, Lakeside Resort, Days Inn, Ramada Inn & Suites, London Drugs, Naramata Heritage Inn & Spa, Grumpy's Place B&B Kaleden, Gerhinger Wineries, Shoppers Drug Mart Penticton, Pasta Factory, Okanagan Motorcycle Rider's Association, Rick Appleton of Royal Lepage Realty, Rick Whittaker, Accountant, Roxie Reeder Memorial Fund, Sky MacDonald Memorial Fund, Starbucks, Business Gives Back, Naramata Centre, Senator Ross Fitzpatrick, MLA Rick Thorpe, MP Stockwell Day, Honorable Linda Reid, Magic FM Sunshine Fund, Canuck Place Hospice, Lakeview Market Bakery – Kelowna, OK Falls Women's Institute, City of Penticton Social Development Committee, City of Penticton Community Centre & Pool Staff, Okanagan Fest of Ale Society, Communities for Kids, Penticton Kinettes, Okanagan Similkameen Neurological Society-Child Development Centre, The White Spot, Variety Club of BC, Community Foundation of the South Okanagan, Staples, Penticton Herald, Summerland Review and Penticton Western, Barebones Theatre Company, Wal-Mart, Zellers, Lee & Dale Jewelers, private consultants, concerned citizens, family members, foundations, community agencies & service providers



DRAGONFLY POND FAMILY RESPITE SOCIETY

Christmas Party 2007

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM

SATURDAY DECEMBER 15, 2007

1:30PM - 3:00PM

PENTICTON COMMUNITY CENTRE GYM

Child's Information:

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Please indicate the type of gift the child would like from Santa: _____

Any allergies or concerns: _____

Parents/Guardian name(s): _____

Contact phone number: _____

Email Address: _____

Caregiver's Name: _____

(Or person accompanying participant)

Contact phone number: _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____

Contact phone number: _____

I have read and agree that the above information is correct, and I will notify the Program Co-ordinator of any changes.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Although your child will be attending with a parent, caregiver or other adult, it will be helpful for the new coordinator and the program instructors to get a sense of who your child is and what they like to do. We would like everyone to fill this out. Thanks!

This information will assist the organizers and volunteers to best meet your child's interests and needs:

What is your child's favourite activity? _____

What are the most important things your child would want the organizers to know about them? _____

Does your child have any fears we should know about? (E.g. balloons) _____

Please add any information you feel we should know about your child: _____

Has your child attended our Christmas parties in the past? Do you think your child will be comfortable participating in meeting Santa? Any suggestions for making this transition smooth? _____

Please remember that Parents/Guardians are fully responsible for the care of their child while participating in Dragonfly Pond Family Respite's Christmas Party'

Please ensure that all medical and emergency information accompanies your child and the adult participating with them.

Dragonfly Pond Family Respite Society Christmas Party is a child & adult (caregiver/parent/guardian/relative) event; therefore the adult will be required to actively participate and assist with the child's participation.

I hereby give permission for _____ (caregiver's name) to accompany my child and participate Dragonfly Pond Family Respite Society Christmas party.

I have read the above information and agree to be fully responsibly for my child while they are attending The Christmas Party.

Parent or Guardian Signature Date