

NewVisions

March 2024 Newsletter



A Few Words from Our Board of Directors President

Your Board of Directors have been working very hard in their duties. It has come as no surprise that New Visions Toronto, as is the same with other not for profit organizations in the developmental service sector, struggle with funding. There never seems to be enough money. We have had to make some difficult decisions and they do not come lightly. Nevertheless, your Board and management team continually advocated for increased funding from the Government. Very recently we did receive some good news from the Ministry and they have agreed to increase our funding. Keep in mind, we still operate in a deficit situation so these funds will go towards servicing our deficit. NVT must be financially responsible - this means working with a balanced budget.

Your Board and Management team bend over backwards to ensure you are informed as to the issues that affect you and the people supported by NVT. There is a constant stream of communication via email, website, letters, and this newsletter (to name a few). Additionally, you always have the opportunity to call the main NVT office to have management address your questions. Something I have seen on a number of occasions is management staff answering questions that have already been addressed in other communications.



Mission Statement

*To support, connect, and advocate
for full community inclusion for
people with disabilities.*

Vision Statement

*Lives well lived: Choice.
Engagement. Support.*

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NVT acknowledges that we are on the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples.

Words from Our Board of Directors President (cont.)

Most recently, the management team shared a comprehensive document that laid out our business case for increased funding. This document highlighted what NVT has done to become fiscally responsible - despite this very informative document, we still have people insisting that management cut their staff. The fact is there are a number of ministry reporting requirements that must be managed properly. Additionally, your Board has directed management to conduct regular audits to ensure we are effectively and efficiently managing the funds provided. These mandatory reporting requirements take time, effort, and staff. Reducing the already lean staff puts us in a situation where we would be more vulnerable to fraud, something we know all too well, and would be devastating to the organization. Believe me, if there were positions to cut, your Board would be requesting it. We have analyzed it and scrutinized very carefully.

Your Board is also very busy with Fundraising initiatives. As you may have heard, our annual NVT golf tournament is on the 4th of June this year. I am really hoping that families and friends of those who are supported at NVT will rally behind this initiative. We thank those families that participated last year by either buying tickets or volunteering.

I'd like to take a moment to share with you something that keeps me up at night. Since I have been your Board of Directors president I have struggled with how to engage with more families, especially as it revolves around initiatives generated by the Board. For some time now our Board has encouraged family and staff to get active on the NVT social media channels. No matter how many times we ask, there are about 4 or five people that engage with our social media. How can this be? With OVER 50 families served and almost 200 STAFF (full and part time), why don't we have a massive Social Media following? You can imagine that if each person connected with NVT would like, follow, and share posts our reach would be exponential! How much would that exposure cost? NOTHING! How much would we gain? The financial impact would be incredible. I have also heard "I don't have social media!" well perhaps you can learn, or maybe you can ask your children, neighbours, cousins, and/ or extended family if they would follow New Visions social media, @newvisionstoronto. I have thought often about removing barriers with respect to more engagement with social media so if you have any ideas please feel free to email me at president@newvisionstoronto.com.

Many of our Board members have no family linked to NVT yet we give our time, effort, money to support you and your family. I hope this is not lost on you. Please help us help you!

Sincerely,

Brian W. Maslowski

Volunteer

President - Board of Directors

New Visions Toronto



2024 Annual Golf Tournament



25th Annual Golf Tournament

TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH, 2024

Registration fee includes: Tax receipt | 18 holes of golf
| Cart | Light breakfast Snacks | Lunch | Prizes

Individual Registration \$250 | Foursome \$900 | Lunch \$60

Get ready to swing into action and mark your calendars for an unforgettable day on the green! We are thrilled to announce that our 25th Annual Golf Tournament will take place on June 4th, 2024, at the prestigious Royal Woodbine Golf Club in Toronto. Join us for a day of friendly competition, camaraderie, and, of course, the scenic beauty of the lush fairways. As we celebrate this milestone year, expect an exciting lineup of events and surprises to make it the best tournament yet! Scan the QR codes below or visit our website newvisionstoronto.ca for registration forms and sponsorship applications.

Scan this QR code with your phone camera to open a Golf Tournament registration form!



Scan this QR code with your phone camera to open a Golf Tournament sponsor application!



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Partnership with Surrey Place

Early in the New Year New Visions Toronto was approached by Surrey Place Center, in collaboration with the University of Toronto's Med department, to help with their annual Health in the Community visits. These visits are meant to facilitate with the learning and development of med students, specifically in the area of supporting people with disabilities within our health care system. We're thrilled about this partnership as we believe it's an excellent addition to the curriculum.

This partnership began in February of this year with two groups of ten med students and it was a positive experience for everyone involved. The students were able to visit the New Visions Toronto office where they met with some of our management staff, and were provided a history of NVT and how we have actively advocated on the behalf of People Supported, specifically as they navigate the frustrations and challenges within the health care system.



After visiting the New Visions office the students were then able to head over and visit a few of our homes where they were able to meet, get to know, and get advice from, our support staff as well as People Supported. One of our favourite pieces of advice that was given was to "be patient with your patients".

We are very appreciative that New Visions Toronto was able to be involved in this partnership and we look forward to similar collaborations in the future!

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2023 Holiday Campaign Update



We are absolutely thrilled to share the remarkable news of our recent success with the Annual Holiday Giving campaign. Unwavering support has played a pivotal role in helping us achieve an impressive fundraising total of \$25,000. This outstanding accomplishment is a testament to the admirable generosity and commitment of our donors who share our dedication to the mission of New Visions Toronto.



The impact of your contributions cannot be overstated. The funds raised will enable us to continue our vital programs, reach more individuals in need, and make a lasting positive impact within our community. Your incredible commitment to New Visions Toronto goes beyond financial support; it reflects a shared belief in the transformative power of collective efforts.



Thank You!

Monthly Giving

As we continue our mission to empower individuals with developmental disabilities, we want to emphasize the significance of monthly donations to our agency. Your consistent support through monthly giving plays a crucial role in ensuring the



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sustainability and effectiveness of our programs and services. By making regular contributions, you provide us with a dependable source of income, enabling us to plan for the future with confidence and allocate resources where they are most needed. Your generosity helps us maintain the continuity of our initiatives, establishing a strong foundation for the individuals we assist and their families. Moreover, monthly donations empower us to innovate and adapt to changing needs, ensuring that we can deliver impactful and relevant support. Your unwavering support not only sustains our efforts but also inspires others to join our cause, magnifying the impact of our collective endeavors. Together, through monthly giving, we can drive lasting change and create a significant difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for your continual dedication and generosity.

Throughout March, you have the opportunity to create a new monthly gift of \$20 or more to support our charity through CanadaHelps, and as a special initiative, CanadaHelps will make a one-time additional \$20 donation to our organization! You can find more details about the complete terms and conditions on the CanadaHelps website. We kindly ask you to consider establishing a new monthly gift of \$20 or more through CanadaHelps to back our charity. Your contribution will significantly contribute to our goals and have a substantial impact. We are grateful for your support!



Scan this QR code with your phone camera to open a monthly donation form!

The next quarterly newsletter will be going out in June 2024 and will include all things NVT; events, people supported, homes, staff, and Board of Directors. Any stories, ideas, or pictures you would like included can be emailed to Laura lsproul@newvisionstoronto.com

