

Continuity News

Spring 2019

Mike Keane Celebrity Hockey Classic – 9 years strong!



The 9th Annual Mike Keane Celebrity Hockey Classic took place on February 27th & 28th, 2019 and was another great success. This year's tournament raised \$442,000, bringing the total amount to over \$2.5 million over the past nine years. Thanks to the players on the 15 teams on their amazing fundraising efforts. Continuity Care's portion of the revenue is directed towards our Endowment Fund with The Winnipeg Foundation and to fund new projects and services that benefit our members and families across Manitoba. We are so grateful to Mike Keane and the True North Youth Foundation for continuing to partner with us in this event. This year there were 21 NHL alumni whom were drafted by the teams and joined them on and off the ice during the fun filled, two day event.

The list of NHL greats included: Jim McKenzie, Adam Oates, Matthew Barnaby, PJ Stock, Cam Janssen, Ted Purcell, André Roy, Marty McSorley, Kelly Chase, Colby Armstrong, Mike Sillinger, John LeClair, Garth Butcher, Dave Babych, Mike Commodore, Jeff Odgers, Jimmy Roy, Lucien DeBlois, Dean Kennedy, Mark Stuart and of course, Mike Keane.



Making a surprise appearance were The Hart Memorial Trophy and the Presidents' Trophy.



To help make this event run smoothly, there are many hands involved including; the planning committee

members, the staff from True North Youth Foundation and Bell MTS Iceplex, the student volunteers from the St James Assiniboia Hockey Academy and Continuity Care's team of volunteers. This year we had 40 volunteers, who helped with driving the NHL pros, registration and coat check on draft night, monitoring check points at various locations at the Iceplex and selling tickets. Special acknowledgement to Terry Williams, who went above and beyond this year leading our team of new drivers.

Here is a video from this year's event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKrQhShCZKw>

Cheers to everyone on a job well done! We look forward to next year's 10th Anniversary event.

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From the Office – Spring 2019

I'm hoping that Spring has actually sprung here in Manitoba, but know that Mother Nature likes to surprise us now and then; so don't put those winter jackets and shovels away just yet.

It's been a flurry of activity over the past few months of winter for us. Here's a snapshot of a few events that Continuity Care was a part of: Launch into Life facilitator training; facilitated PATH's for two members; collaborated with Innovative LIFE Options and Inclusion Winnipeg to co-host two workshops as part of our transition series for young adults and families; travelled to Dauphin to take part in a family event as part of the "Beyond the Perimeter" project; prepared for our main fundraiser event of the year - the Mike Keane Celebrity Hockey Classic; immediately followed by the third Family Gathering; attended a discussion of System Gaps and Barriers hosted by CPAM and a one day Think Tank on the VPA hosted by Community Living Manitoba. Looking back this feels more like a blizzard!

The chilly weather did impact a couple of our events, but we are offering them again in our Spring session. Please check our bulletin for more information.

Together with the board and input from Frank Atnikov (Frank Growth Solutions), we continue to work on finalizing the goals and action plans for our Strategic Plan 2019-2021. It gives us pride and a sense of accomplishment to see what we have been able to achieve in previous years and is reason for optimism and excitement about where we are headed as an organization in the years to come. We will share more details on our Strategic Plan in our Annual Report and at our AGM on June 11th.

Wishing you all a Happy Spring, Easter, Passover – however you choose to celebrate the arrival of this new season.

Suzanne Swanton—Executive Director



Something New!!!

Throughout the year Continuity Care gets complimentary tickets to games, museums, shows, etc. We would like to offer these tickets to our members who support Continuity Care.

- Member family names will be put into a draw.
- The winning family will be contacted by phone or email.
- The family can decide if they can use the pair of tickets. If not, the name will be entered for the next draw.
- Send photo & short write-up of the experience to be shared with our readers and with the donors.



Thank you Volunteers for the 2019 Mike Keane Celebrity Hockey Classic



Family Advocacy Network (FAN) of Manitoba

FAN is a network of parents, siblings, friends and caregivers of individuals with an intellectual disability. Membership is free and is province wide. FAN has been formed to provide support and encouragement to each other and to advocate and lobby government for better supports and services. For more information, please contact:

families.caregivers@gmail.com

Click on the informational video below
https://youtu.be/-qDbqQsRD_Y

Venues for Will Week

Will Week is a collaboration between The Winnipeg Foundation, The Manitoba Bar Association and The Public Guardian & Trustee

There will be an informational session for families with loved ones with disabilities on April 25 from 7:00–9:00 at

Corydon Community Centre 1370 Grosvenor Ave

To register, follow the link to: <https://www.wpgfdn.org/Leadership/InspiringLegacies/WillWeek.aspx>



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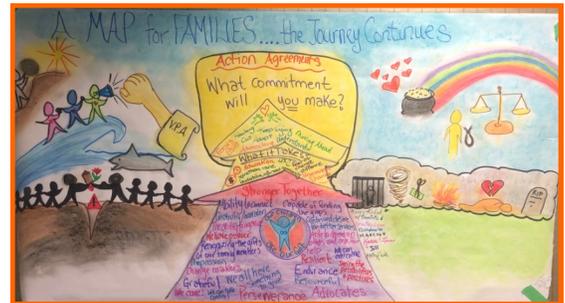
The Family Gathering 2019 ... it's not a conference!



The third Family Gathering took place on March 1&2nd, 2019 at the Viscount Gort in Winnipeg. There were 58 attendees who took part over the two days. The three themes that continue to be explored are vision, advocacy and relationships and include stories of lived experience. This year the sessions included; A MAP for Families: the Journey Continues, which demonstrated the MAP planning tool to

explore the history, dreams, nightmares and future of the family movement in Manitoba; “How to Get What you Need and Want for your Family Member”, which was an informative interview by Bob Jones and Laura Schnellert offering valuable advocacy strategies and “Relationship Ripples” featuring the talented story teller and musician Lynda Dobbin-Turner and Trem Cleaver, who shared a touching and powerful story of true friendship. Marnie and Fran Loewen shared their story about Fran’s support circle and the benefits and challenges that they have experienced along the way. The Learning Marketplace offered smaller group discussions on four topics; including Wellness and Self Care, Effective Family Advocacy Skills, The Family Advocacy Network of Manitoba and Support Networks.

The intent of the Family Gathering is that it not feel like a conference. All sessions are offered in a style that is informal and interactive and provides opportunities for family members to learn, listen, share and connect with others in a safe and comfortable atmosphere. There is also a Wine & Cheese event at the end of the first day which is always a hit and offers more time for families to mix and mingle. Attendees were from Winnipeg, as well as rural areas and represented various ages and stages.



The planning committee consists of staff and volunteers from Innovative LIFE Options, Community Living Manitoba, and Continuity Care. The event was sponsored by Community Living Manitoba with funding from a ESDC Federal government grant, the Thomas Sill Foundation, contributions from Continuity Care and Innovative LIFE Options and Inclusion Winnipeg. Plans are underway for next year’s Family Gathering and we hope to build on the continued success from previous years.



We invite you to become a Continuity Care member

Annual membership \$25
Annual agency membership \$50
Lifetime membership \$250

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