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THE SCOOPS

Happy New Year to you All! Access Resources wishes everyone a very healthy and prosperous New Year.

2025 is the year of the Snake. Those born in a Snake year are reputedly wise, enigmatic, intuitive, sympathetic, mesmerizing, sensual, and beautiful.

WELCOMES:

Please join us in welcoming **Nicole Bayer** in Community Support. Welcome to **Celestine Nngozi, Christina Pretty and Emily Macdonald** in **Residential Support.**

REMINDERS:

- Winter weather is upon us, so just a reminder to make sure you are dressed for the weather and have a dry pair of indoor shoes/slippers stored at the office. (Make sure they are labelled so they don't get misplaced)

- ***Feeling Under the Weather?*** Cold and Flu Season is upon us and we ask all service recipients to **please stay home** when they are sick, to reduce the spread of illness. If you are showing signs and symptoms such as: fever, cough, runny nose, vomiting, upset stomach or diarrhea etc. please stay home**. If you arrive to supports or programs displaying these symptoms, we will contact your family or Home Share Provider to come pick you up.** We want everyone to be healthy and minimize the spread of illness to others.

LOST & FOUND

- The lost and found bin is overflowing with unlabelled lunch kits, lots and lots of lunch kits and miscellaneous items. If you're missing something, please give us a call so we can find yours and send it home with you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May the New Year bring you happiness, peace and prosperity. Wishing you a joyous 2025!

Here are some important upcoming dates:

- **Sunday February 2nd** **Groundhog Day**
- **Friday February 14th** **Valentines Day**
- **Monday February 17th** **Family Day -** Access is closed
- **Tuesday February 25th** **PRC Spring Program guide available online**
- **Friday March 7th** **PRC Spring Program registration @ 10:00 a.m.**
- **Sunday March 9th** **Daylight Savings Begins -** Clocks ahead 1 hour.
- **Monday March 17th** **St. Patrick's Day**
- **Thursday March 20th** **First Day of Spring**
- **Friday April 18th** **Good Friday -** Access is closed
- **Sunday March 31st -** **Easter Sunday**
- **Monday April 21st -** **Easter Monday** - Access is Closed

INDIVIDUALIZED PERSONAL PLAN (I.P.P.) MEETINGS

It's a brand new year and the perfect time to plan an **I.P.P Meeting** for the individuals we support.

These meetings are a great way to get the team together, highlight successes, identify goals and update plans and information. While these meetings are not mandatory, we like to offer them as it keeps everyone on the same page and is an opportunity for brainstorming and collaboration.

If you would like to schedule an **I.P.P. Meeting** for an Individual in your care (Son/Daughter/Home Share Individual), please contact the office and speak to Sonja or Angie. Typically we would schedule the meeting during an Individuals regular support times and try to have as many current staff attend when possible.

If you're unsure whether you should schedule one, or have questions, please contact Sonja or Angie at the office.

THIS & THAT

ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to everyone who came by our annual Holiday Open House in early December. It was such a great day and an opportunity to see many families, home share providers, community partners and our funding agency. We served over 120 bowls of chili and lots of delicious homemade treats.

We love the opportunity to do this for our individuals and families as it's our way to say thank you for another great year and celebrate our staff and team. It's an annual tradition and we look forward to doing it again this year.

AGENCY SURVEY'S

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Annual Survey's. We appreciate everyone's input and feedback and look forward in implementing and including the suggestions and ideas.

Congratulations to the winners of the prize draw: **Chuck Abney, Alexa Tozer, Aidan Keenan** and **John Brown**

CARF

We're coming up on our 7th Accreditation Survey with **CARF** this year in May or June (dates TBD). We will be reaching out to families, individuals and home share providers to see who would be interested in participating in interviews by the Surveyor's about your experience with the agency. If this interests you, please contact Sonja or Angie at the office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us.

HOME SHARE

Home Share has recently partnered with **Happipad** to improve our recruitment process and marketing strategies. This new program will streamline many of the current Home Share processes to be easier and more user friendly. If you would like further information, please reach out to Jordan within the Home Share Team.

SAY CHEESE