



## NSDRC'S 7TH ANNUAL CONCERT FEATURING ODDS

The 7th annual concert featuring Odds and VAMS was another great success this year! We are happy to report that we raised over \$17,000 net. This would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors, donors, volunteers and the fans!

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ODDS and Volunteers

## RAFFLE WINNERS!

Congratulations to the following winners of NSDRC raffle draw. David Osborne, NSDRC President, picked the winners:

**1<sup>st</sup>** One (1) return trip for two to any scheduled WestJet destination.

**CHERYL GREN**  
TICKET # 0862

**2<sup>nd</sup>** 50,000 \*IHG (InterContinental Hotels Group) Rewards Club Points (equivalents to 1-3 night stay at any IHG brand hotel)

**DAVID BRUCKSHAW**  
TICKET # 0649

**3<sup>rd</sup>** A pair of tickets to a 2014/15 Canucks season game.

**VAL HEBDEN**  
TICKET # 0237

Congratulations to the winners and a big Thank You to everyone who purchased tickets and supported the raffle!

## HOME GROWN

Last summer, STAGE Program received a grant from the Vancouver Foundation to build a garden. We



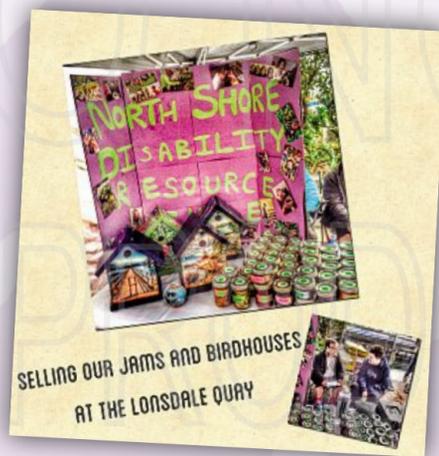
planted our produce with the idea of being able to have a self-sustainable garden. When NSDRC Loraine House was granted money to start making preserves, the idea of a partnership between the two programs was born and "The Jammers" began. Participants met on a weekly basis throughout the summer to make the preserve, label all the jars and get them ready to sell. We made over 150 jars of a variety of jams, chutneys, and various pickled vegetables.

Participants from STAGE also started to make birdhouses at the beginning of this summer. The participants are involved in all the steps from cutting the wood to assembling the

beautiful houses with pictures taken locally.

Our products were first offered at the Farmer's Market at Lonsdale Quay on October 25. It was a cold and rainy day BUT we were well received. Our participants are proud of their products and were excited to be sharing with the public. We also went to the West Vancouver Senior Centre craft fair on November 16 and almost sold out! We are really excited to announce that we will

keep on finding opportunities to showcase our products.



## NORTH SHORE DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTRE

A sturdy tree becomes a person reaching upward in celebration, its leaves, transformed, break free and take flight.

*We work to ensure that people with disabilities, along with their families and friends, can participate actively as members of the community. We are committed to working toward a community which is free of physical, financial and attitudinal barriers.*

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CARF accreditation was awarded to NSDRC for the following programs: Supported Living, Infant Development and Community Based Services.

We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia.

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Since 1976, the NSDRC has assisted people with disabilities and their families to be part of the North Shore community. One of the challenges we all face on the North Shore is accessible and affordable housing. Our partnership with Lynn Valley United

Church and Marcon builders to acquire 4 accessible apartments in their new development, Mill House, offers another way for community to address this issue affecting our neighbours, families and friends. Please check our website for updates.



Lizz Lindsay, Foundation President & Liz Barnett Executive Director

## 2014 SUMMER BURSARIES

Each year bursaries are available to families of school aged children who require additional support on the North Shore. Bursaries can be used to send a child to a camp/program during the summer or a bursary can be used by a family to hire a support worker to assist their child at a camp/program.

In 2014 the NSDRC supported 187 children by allocating \$53,287. All money allocated to children is secured by generous donations, grants and partnerships.

■ *As working parents with a son with autism it is a necessity for us that he attend camps over the summer. The funding that is provided by the Summer Bursary Program allows us to put him in camps that in fun and natural ways work on his social skills by having him engage with other kids in a less structured environment than school and develop his gross motor skills through team games, swimming, and walks/hikes.*

■ *My daughter has overcome her fear of being in water. She still needs to overcome her fear of water on her face and has yet to actually swim but*

*a big step has been made because of this program*

■ *We have seen some huge changes in our son's self-confidence and willingness to try new things and I attribute much of this positive change to the program he did this summer. I would not have been able to pay for this program without the bursary. Thank you!!!!!!*

Bursaries are funded from many different sources. In addition to agency fundraising dollars, a large contribution is made by Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD). Other funding sources include the Vancouver Sun Children's Fund, CKNW, CIBC Wood Gundy, Deep Cove Lions Club, Lynn Valley Lions, Lynn Valley Legion, West Vancouver United Church, North Vancouver Kiwanis Foundation, West Vancouver Community Foundation and the United Way.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of the District of West Vancouver, District of North Vancouver and City of North Vancouver through their Community Grants programs.

We wish to thank everyone for their personal donations and thank any other service clubs not listed for their ongoing support.

**To make a donation to send a child to camp in summer 2015 please call our office 604-985-5371 and the receptionist will gladly assist you. Tax receipts are available upon request.**



## 2014 AGM

This year's AGM featured a panel discussion on employment, from the perspective of both new and long-time employees, and of employers. Thanks so much to Oliver Holt, Jodi Klukas, Blake Parkinson, and Craig Woods for their informative and open approach to the topic.

Presentations were also made by MLA Jane Thornthwaite to some of our poster contest artists. The winning poster (shown) was by Kayla, Congratulations to Kayla, and thank you to all the artists who entered.



**A very SPECIAL THANK YOU to our hard working Board of Directors for everything you contribute to the NSDRC!**



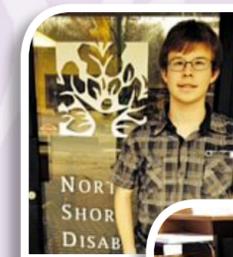
## BUILDING JOB SAVVY THROUGH JOB CLUB

JOB CLUB at the NSDRC is available for youth and adults with disabilities who want to prepare themselves for employment. The objective is to provide participants with knowledge and information about workplace expectations. Participants practice their job exploration skills through mock interviews, role plays and meeting with local business people.

Through Job Club "Jodi had the chance to learn what being professional on the job means, how to have an interview, how to write a resume, as well as consider the benefits of employment in a way she hadn't considered before". Wendy (parent)

"Before job club I was nervous and unsure how to apply for jobs. Job Club gave me the confidence to go out and look for a job on my own and I found one this summer." Owen (participant)

Grants and donations make it possible for the NSDRC offer Job Club three times a year through the Transition and Employment service.



Owen found a job this summer



Jodi's first paycheck!

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