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Thank you!! to everyone who made the
DACD 2007 Annual General Meeting
"Embracing Change, Realizing Potential"
and Family Fun Day such a success.

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AGM and Family Fun Day a Big Success!

On Saturday September 15th the Delta Association for Child Development held its annual general meeting and family fun day celebrating its theme, “Embracing Change, Realizing Potential”. Approximately 110 people attended the event and, in addition the our annual general meeting, were treated to lunch, entertainment, crafts and games for children, a bouncy castle, an information and resources table for parents, silent auction, and toddler tumbling center courtesy of **Delta Gymnastics**.

Highlights of the AGM.....

President’s Address



DACD Board President Marcia McCafferty addressed the audience on the topic of change: *“Change is inevitable, we can’t stop it, and it can be for the better or for the worse, so what we as an organization continually aim to do is to shape the way that we change, always keeping in mind our vision for how we deliver services: it must be family centred, it must be best practices, multi-disciplinary and connected across all of our programs. In order to do this properly we must listen and respond: to our families, to government, to our staff, to research and best practices and to our community.”*

Myles McKie Speaks



The AGM included an inspiring (and humorous) speech by Myles McKie, a young man living with autism spectrum disorder. Myles spoke about living with autism, the support he received from his family and support people, and the many obstacles he has triumphed over: *“I ask you all out there, please keep going, we can hear you, we want to learn, we want to be accepted, we want to be loved. Do not give up, one million times you can repeat a practical thing we need to learn and at one million and one we might just catch on. We all need you. Your hard work will pay off, you will see results. Even if they are small.”* Myles McKie

Vote to Change Our Name



One of DACD’s strategic goals is to ensure families in the South Fraser Region are aware of programs and services and are not restricted to access by any barriers. This has been addressed with a new communications initiative that includes a new name and new logo for DACD. After much research, planning, and development, DACD presented the new name and logo to our membership at the AGM. They were very well received, and the vote by the membership to change the name of DACD in the constitution was successful. DACD will be publicly launching its new name and new logo in the Spring of 2008.

Thanks to all the children, families, board members, community friends and supporters, staff, and businesses who spent the day with us. We had a blast!

Thank you also to **Delta Speedpro** for donating our 2007 AGM banner and other signage, **Delta Gymnastics** for donating play equipment for the children for the day, and the many individuals and businesses that donated to our silent auction.

And also, thank you to Susan Laboisserie, our office assistant, for helping to coordinate the event, and to Ana Arciniega for coordinating the fundraising activities. Thank you as well to the many dedicated staff and volunteers who helped out with the event by setting-up, preparing and serving lunch, cleaning-up, and running the children's activities for the AGM and Family Fun Day.



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DACD News.....DACD announces a new program: The New Parent Orientation for Families of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

DACD receives many calls on an annual basis from families who have questions about their child's recent diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder. In response to this need, DACD has developed a new program called New Parent Orientation for Families of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The program is designed to help parents navigate through the confusion associated with receiving a recent diagnosis. In addition to gaining an understanding of the autism spectrum disorder diagnosis, participants will receive information on treatment methods on autism, grasp the ever-changing government services and programs process, and find available resources in their community.

"We have so many calls from parents whose children have been diagnosed with autism and who need information on what to do next" states Carol Ywan, Manager of Program Development for the Delta Association for Child Development, and facilitator of the New Parent Orientation program. Carol is a parent of a child with autism herself and knows what parents go through, "It's such an overwhelming task to search for information. People sometimes don't know where to start. This program was developed to provide a place where parents can come, ask questions, receive information, and then move ahead to make informed choices about their next steps."

The program has a small group format with openings for only 3 to 4 families at a time so that parents are comfortable asking questions and discussing concerns. The one-evening program will be offered 3 times a year, with the next evening taking place on November 7th, 2007 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the DACD North Delta Play and Learn Centre, 11425 84th ave, North Delta. The program is free, and free childminding is available upon request. Pre-registration is required. To register, or for more information about the program, please call Carol at 604-946-6622 ext. 343 or email at caroly@deltachilddevelopment.org.



Carol Ywan got up bright and early Wednesday September 26th to discuss the New Parent Orientation program on CBC radio's Early Edition program with host Rick Cluff

EIBI Parent Night is Back.....

The EIBI (Early Intensive Behavioural Intervention Program) Parent Night has started up again this Fall and will run every 2 months. The program is for parents and/or caregivers who have children who are in or have received EIBI services from DACD.

Parent Night offers a chance for parents to get together and talk, share stories, ideas, and information, as well as listen to a speaker on topics that are important to their child's development. There will be a new topic every meeting.

The next meetings are in November, January, and April, and will take place from 7 to 9 pm at the Delta Association for Child Development, in Ladner. Free child minding is available. Registration is required to attend the Parent Night. To register please call Carol Ywan at 604-946-6622 ext. 343 or email caroly@deltachilddevelopment.org



Karen Ostrom presents the topic "IEP - Individual Education Plan" to the September EIBI Parent Night at DACD

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Your Stories.....

Kate Cordero shares this wonderful poem with us, written by her niece Nina, who is 16 years old. The poem is about Kate son, Nina's cousin, Alfonso, a young boy living with autism. Kate says when her mother, 2 sisters and niece Nina came to visit from Singapore they fell in love with Alfonso and were touched by his sweetness. Nina was inspired to write this lovely poem. Thank you Kate, Nina, and Alfonso for sharing your poem and pictures with us all.

Innocent Eyes

A thousand words his eyes would speak
Quick glances side to side
And when a single tear would leak
Even our hearts cried

He has his own perspective of things
A world he feels secure
Like an angel with transparent wings
So innocent and pure

Those big brown eyes would tell a tale
In every flicker and blink
Allowing our minds to set sail
To understand how he thinks

Staring in those eyes in wonder
Curiosity never dies
In learning more our hearts grow fonder
Of the boy with innocent eyes

Nina Reyes



Community News.....

Celebrate Inclusive Workplaces This October with Community Living Month

The B.C. Association for Community Living and the Province of British Columbia have proclaimed October as Community Living month.


Community Living Month is a time when communities around the province and across Canada host events to celebrate the abilities and achievements of people with developmental disabilities. This year, BCACL is using Community Living Month to raise awareness about these employment messages:

- People with developmental disabilities can, and want to work
- Employers want to hire people with developmental disabilities
- Educational and job training opportunities lead to quality employment for everyone
- Inclusive workplaces are our next step in building diverse and welcoming communities.

These messages are particularly relevant at a time when there is a spotlight on employment for people with disabilities around the province with the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance's 10 by 10 Challenge. They also reflect the spirit behind the UN International Day of Disabled Persons' 2007 theme, which is "Decent Work for Persons with Disabilities".

"We invite you to support and celebrate inclusion by recognizing Community Living Month in your community," said Rory Summers, President BCACL. "Communities are celebrating the month in a variety of ways - with or without the employment focus we've chosen this year - but always with the recognition that it is a time to reflect on the positive value of inclusion, at school, at work and in the community." Communities around BC are hosting everything from art exhibits to employer appreciation breakfasts and award ceremonies for inclusive employers.

To find out more contact BCACL at 604-777-9100 or www.bcacl.org.

<p><i>People with developmental disabilities are creating a better future for themselves and their fellow citizens.</i></p> <p><i>Join us in building communities that value and support the diverse abilities of all people.</i></p>	<p>OCTOBER IS COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH</p>
<p>everyone belongs</p>  <p>British Columbia Association for Community Living</p>	<p>FOR INFORMATION ABOUT COMMUNITY LIVING MONTH VISIT www.bcacl.org</p>

World News.....

Mattel Lead Poisoning in Toys

Most parents, as well as the general public, are now aware of the recall of over 18 million toys by the toy giant Matell due to a variety of safety concerns, including lead poisoning.

DACD would like to report that the list of toys that were recently purchased for the lending toy library at our North Delta Play and Learn Centre has been checked against the list of recalled Matel/Fisher-Price toys.

If you haven't seen a list of recalled toys and checked it against the toys you have at home, visit the websites listed below.

The Matel voluntary recall site at <http://www.mattel.com/safety/index.asp>

Other websites you can visit to read more about this issue.

www.childcareexchange.com Click on Past Issues and scroll down to the article "Concerns About Toys"

Another source for a list of recalled toys is <http://www.kidsgrowth.com>

Visit the cbc.ca website for news related stories. <http://www.cbc.ca/consumer/story/2007/08/14/mattel-recall.html>



Mark your calendars...

October	The BC Association for Community Living and the provincial government of British Columbia have proclaimed October as Community Living Month. A variety of events are scheduled within B.C.	Visit the website www.bcacl.org
October 22 and 23	The Whole Child Conference International Early Childhood Education Symposium Soong Ching Ling Children's Foundation Canada \$15 for one day or \$20 for both days .	Ralph Fischer Auditorium Richmond Hospital To register or for more information email info@eventability.ca
October/November	Delta School District Workshops for Parents of Preschoolers Workshops include Your Child's Anger, Emotional Intelligence, Creating Learning Environments, Building Early Math Skills, and more. Fee is \$10	For more info visit their website at http://ConnectAnd-Learn.deltasd.bc.ca and click on Family and Personal Development link
Friday, November 2, 2007 8:30am-3:30pm	Working Effectively with the Difficult, Defiant and Noncompliant Student For teachers, school counselors, paraeducators, administrators, behaviour intervention specialists, instructional specialists, program specialists, psychologists, social workers, and people working with defiant children. \$150 (includes lunch and refreshments, and program handbook)	St. Bernadette's Parish Hall 13130 65B Avenue Surrey, BC Call Bev at 604-275-6513 or email at info@bceec.org
Saturday, November 3, 2007 10:30am-12:00pm	Tax workshop hosted by David K. Chen, B.Sc., B.A., CSA The workshop will focus on tax saving initiatives specifically for parents of children with developmental disabilities.	3455 Kaslo Street Vancouver, BC Call 604-233-5433
Wednesday November 7th , 2007 6:30 to 8:30 pm	The New Parent Orientation for Families of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. (See details on page 4) To register, call Carol at 604-946-6622 ext. 343 or email at caroly@deltachilddevelopment.org .	DACD North Delta Play and Learn Centre, 11425 84 th Ave, North Delta
Wednesday, November 14, 2007 10:00am-2:30pm	Sexuality: Preparing a Plan for Sex Education and Abuse Prevention for Your Child with Special Needs Facilitated by: Camille Netherton, Delta Connex Behavioural Consultant. This workshop is free of charge for families. Space is limited, and registration is required. Childcare is available upon request.	DACD #3-3800 72nd Street, Delta, BC For registration, please contact Carol Ywan at 604-946-6622, ext. 343, or caroly@deltachilddevelopment.org .
Tuesday & Wednesday November 20 and 21. 2007 9:00am-3:00pm	Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training Delta Association for Child Development is sponsoring a 2-day Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training to families of children with extra support needs. Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training is to provide principles and techniques to effectively resolve potentially violent situations. Participants will gain confidence necessary to handle crisis situation with minimal anxiety and maximum security.	DACD #3-3800 72nd Street, Delta, BC Free of charge to families of DACD. Childcare is available upon request. Call 604-946-6622 ext. 343 to register

Kids Friendship Club is looking for a foosball table.
If you or a person you know has a table to donate,
please contact Elysa Philip at 604-946-6622 ext.312

Give a **word**... Give a **gift**... Give the **Gift of Speech!!!**



The TOOBS presented a cheque for \$1,500 for our Gift of Speech campaign!



Tsawwassen Safeway's We Care Campaign raises \$10,116.64 for DACD!!



A big thank you to Regency Royal Le Page's Bev Oldham & Corinne Jacques for choosing DACD as the charity to benefit from their annual Golf Tournie's putting contest proceeds. Winner Addison Hubert donated his 50% winnings back to DACD!!

Words are such an integral part of our lives that we take them for granted.

But this is not true for many children.

Early specialized speech therapy helps children who have speech deficits gain skills that are essential in all areas of learning, and leads them towards independence and success in life.

By helping a young child learn to speak, you are helping your community raise a child who is not only more independent and self-sufficient, but also whose quality of life is greatly improved.

At the Delta Association for Child Development, we believe that every child can reach their full potential. With your help, we can reach out to more children and give them the tools to achieve their potential.

Due to limited funding, there are over 40 children under the age of six in Delta waiting to receive specialized speech therapy.

The **Gift of Speech** is your opportunity to make a difference.

Your donation will help these children get therapy **NOW** when it is most critical to their development.

Help us by donating today and **together we can change a child's life forever!!**

Donate Today!

Our goal is to raise \$27,000 to provide therapies to 12 more children.

YES! I will like to give the Gift of Speech to a child in Delta

Here is my gift of: \$45 \$90 \$180 Other \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Postal: _____

Please charge my gift to my credit card. Visa Mastercard
Card # _____ Expiry Date _____

Signature _____

I would like to make a MONTHLY **Gift of Speech** donation to a Delta child.
I am enclosing 12 post dated cheques in the amount of \$ _____.

Please make your cheques payable to: **Delta Association for Child Development**



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You will receive a charitable tax receipt for the full amount of your donation and an honorary membership in the Delta Association for Child Development.

Your personal information will not be shared with other organizations.
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