



Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Northern Alberta

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING February 19, 2014 2013/2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Our Mission Statement: To improve the quality of life for people affected by spina bifida and hydrocephalus through advocacy, research, education, and support.

ADMINISTRATION

Office:

- Darlene Cathcart worked as the Program Manager 20 hours/week.
- Alexis Millar worked as the Fund Development and Communications Coordinator 20 hours/week.

Membership:

- We now have 252 members on our Membership List
- 71 members renewed their membership during the last fiscal year

Strategic Plan:

- The Board continues to follow the Strategic Plan that was developed in March 2012 and updated with the adult focus group goals on January 26, 2013

Fund Development:

- Telus Community Board Grant has been confirmed for \$5000 towards Camp Freedom
- Christmas Party Silent Auction raised \$715

ADVOCACY

- SBHANA is represented at meetings held by the following:
 - Interagency Committee on Recreation for Persons with Special Needs
 - Alberta Disabilities Forum
- Member of the Alberta Disability Forum

RESEARCH

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

COMMUNITY BUILDING

- Advertised like-minded organizations, programs and services through our updates and opportunity emails and our newsletter
- International Day for Persons with Disabilities – Darlene and Alexis attended and two volunteers manned our display. We donated two Dream Live Inspire silver necklaces, skate for SB t-shirts and chocolate for door prizes.

EDUCATION

SB/H Awareness:

- International Day for Persons with Disabilities IDPD – set up and manned our information display



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MEMBER SUPPORT

Newsletter:

- Winter 2014 edition published this year with many member contributions

Information Updates:

- Regular emails sent out to membership with Information Updates and Opportunities and website kept up to date with current information

Social Activities:

- Christmas Party held November 23, 2013 with 175 people in attendance

Support Fund:

- Approved 6 different support fund requests with a total value of \$2873.07
- Budget remains at \$18,000/year, funding up to \$1000 per member with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus per year
- Health & Wellness component of the support fund continues to fund up to \$500 towards medical/wellness expenses on a one-time or trial basis

Member Education Fund:

- Wording was changed in the Education Fund for years when a SBHAC national conference is being held

Scholarship:

- No scholarships have been rewarding during this short year

Wheelchair Loaner Program:

- 2 Quickie Kids wheelchairs available for short-term loans
- One loaned out over the course of this year

New Parent/ New to the City Gift Bags:

- Bags are assembled by Sharon Veeneman and distributed through the Spina Bifida Clinic at the Glenrose
- All informational resources are now in an electronic format for easy updating

NoLimits Support Evenings

- Delivered the support evenings 6 times between October 1, 2013 and January 31, 2014 with an average of 10 members in attendance

Information Referrals & Support

- Numerous calls and visits to the SBHANA office for information and support

SBHAC:

- Promoted the national conference in BC and planning for funding our members to attend