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EASTER SEALS' NEW LEAF CAFÉ OPENS AT PARKSTONE ENHANCED CARE

Halifax, NS, Tuesday December 15th at 9:00am. New Leaf Enterprises and Parkstone Enhanced Care announce the Grand Opening of *New Leaf Café* at **156 Parkland Drive** in the Clayton Park area of Halifax.

The grand opening of the *New Leaf Café* at Parkstone Enhanced Care marks an exciting new partnership between Shannex and New Leaf Enterprises/Easter Seals Nova Scotia. Located in Clayton Park, Parkstone Enhanced Care provides nursing home services for 194 residents who require nursing home care and support for daily activities. *New Leaf Café* will serve residents, employees and visitors at Parkstone, and will be operated and staffed by New Leaf Enterprises.

Shannex was looking for a partner to operate the Parkstone café and presented the issue to the Parkstone Residents' Council. A resident who sits on the council suggested partnering with New Leaf Enterprises.

Parkstone administrator Debbie Wilson states, "When we looked into it, we discovered both organizations share the common goals of client independence and maximizing individual potential, so it just made sense to create a partnership. We have the space and equipment and New Leaf has the expertise to provide the service. In the end, it's the clients of both organizations who will reap the benefits."

New Leaf Cafés provide valuable work experience for adults with physical disabilities. As part of Easter Seals Nova Scotia's skills training centre, *New Leaf Enterprises'* program goals are to assist trainees in the development of skills and abilities that support community employment, community integration, and independence.

"*New Leaf Cafés* give our clients the opportunity to be independent, to learn something new every day, and be contributing and valued members of our community. We are excited to be opening at Parkstone Enhanced Care and look forward to fostering new relationships and learning from one another." says Veronica Dale, Manager of New Leaf Enterprises.

Easter Seals Nova Scotia is a provincial charity that provides programs and services for Nova Scotians with physical disabilities in areas of Active Living, Assistive Devices, and Family & Community Support.

Shannex is a family-owned, maritime based organization providing nursing home and senior's retirement living options in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Shannex currently owns and operates 11 nursing homes and 3 retirement living campuses.

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