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The **Access 2 Entertainment™** card provides free admission (or a significant discount) for support persons accompanying a person with a disability at member movie theatres across Canada. The person with the disability pays regular admission.

Persons with a permanent disability who require a support person when attending a movie theatre are eligible for the card. There is an application form with qualifying criteria and a \$20 fee to acquire the Access 2 Entertainment Card. This card is valid for 5 years (it includes 2 free movie passes valued at approximately \$20.00).

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### Seasons Greetings A Message From The President

*On behalf of everyone at Easter Seals Nova Scotia, we wish you a warm and fulfilling holiday season. It's a wonderful time for family gatherings and being thankful and supportive of the people we care about. As we look ahead to the coming year, Easter Seals is optimistic about the future and our ability to offer growing programs that provide children and adults with physical disabilities the opportunity and promise for them to pursue their individual potential. We will do this with thanks to the help we receive from our donors, our volunteers, our funding partners and all our supporters.*

*To support our growing programs, we are offering two new and unique fundraising projects; the "Dolphins On Parade" public art project and our "Everyday Heroes" calendar – both projects celebrate Easter Seals and the coming centennial of the Canadian Navy. As you will read further, these projects offer special opportunities for our supporters to become involved on various levels to help Easter Seals enhance our community and assist people with disabilities.*

## EASTER SEALS GALA DINNER AND AUCTION "DOLPHINS ON PARADE"

On November 17, 2008 Easter Seals Gala Dinner and Auction was held at the World Trade and Convention Centre Ballroom in Halifax. Our 2009/2010 Public Art Project "**Dolphins on Parade**", which celebrates the Canadian Navy's centennial in Canada and is a fundraiser for Easter Seals' programs, was unveiled to the public by Rear Admiral Paul Maddison. Forty Dolphins, painted by Nova Scotian artists and sponsored by local companies will be exhibited from May through September 2009/2010 throughout HRM. Some of these beautiful art pieces will be offered for sale at the Easter Seals Gala Dinner and Auction in the fall of 2009. The 2008 Dinner and Auction was a resounding success; raising over \$56,000 for children and adults with physical disabilities living in Nova Scotia.



Clockwise: Easter Seals President and CEO Thomas Merriam, artist Renee Forrestall and Rear Admiral Paul Maddison, Photo Courtesy of Joseph Robichaud Photography

## Lynette is Thankful for Her Camp Tidnish Guardian Angels

Lynette Martel, a client of New Leaf Enterprises for many years, has been coming to Camp Tidnish for more than twenty years. It is a time in her life that is very important to her, as she looks forward to her Camp experience every summer. However, the one thing she does not enjoy is trying to find the funds necessary to attend every year.

"Money has always been an issue with me", says Lynette. For the last few years, she has saved almost 90% of her twice-monthly stipend in order to pay her fees, leaving her with precious few dollars for anything else. When a donation came in from the Rotary Club of Halifax to pay the fees for two campers, Lynette was the first choice to receive these funds.



Lynette (c) with members of the Halifax Rotary Club

Lynette was elated when she heard the news that she had been chosen. She says "If I wasn't helped out in that regard, I would still have to try and pay it myself. I want to say Thank You again to the Rotary Club of Halifax, if it wasn't for them, I might not be able to afford to go".



## End of Life Vehicles

If you have a car that has reached the end of its useful life, consider donating it to the Abilities Foundation! Your car will be picked up at your request and taken to an Authorized Treatment Facility where all harmful materials are removed and fluids drained into proper containers, making sure nothing seeps into the ground. After any reusable parts are recycled, the remaining vehicle is sent off to be shredded for its metal recovery. The Authorized Treatment Facility will issue a check to the Abilities Foundation for the value of the recyclables and you will be issued a tax receipt for this amount by us. This win-win solution is great for anyone who has unwanted vehicles stored on their property. To find out more, go to [www.abilitiesfoundation.ns.ca](http://www.abilitiesfoundation.ns.ca) and click on the Make a Donation Tab and Ways to Donate Link.



## Nova Scotia Wheelchair Recycling Program Expansion

As a result of the successful completion of the Children's and Adults' Demonstration Projects, the Department of Community Services confirmed funding for a permanent Nova Scotia Wheelchair Recycling Program to be administered by the Abilities Foundation.

As of November 2008, we are pleased to also announce that in keeping with the provision of funding for an expanded program, the new eligibility criteria provides consideration of funding of a wheelchair and seating in two categories: 1) higher income level maximum and, 2) an insurance coverage exclusion exemption. This will enable the program to assist more Nova Scotians with physical disabilities in acquiring highly needed wheelchairs and seating.

For details on the new eligibility criteria, contact the Abilities Foundation or visit the "Programs" section on our website: [www.abilitiesfoundation.ns.ca](http://www.abilitiesfoundation.ns.ca).

## "EVERYDAY HEROES" CALENDAR

The second project celebrating the Navy's heritage by Easter Seals is a 18-month calendar project by renowned Nova Scotian photographer Sherman Hines entitled "Everyday Heroes".



Easter Seals Official Canadian Navy Centennial Celebration

Heroes come in many shapes and sizes; from the people who go out of their way on a daily basis for their neighbors, friends and strangers, to people living with a physical disability who get up each day and strive to overcome barriers to achieve independence and become active participants in their community. This collectible calendar captures photos of a number of members of the Navy and our own Easter Seals program participants.

Become an *everyday hero* and support Nova Scotians living with physical disabilities and ORDER NOW by going to the Easter Seals website [www.easterseals.ns.ca](http://www.easterseals.ns.ca) or by calling 442-5011. This beautiful calendar will make an excellent gift for any occasion...



## Easter Seals Superheroes!

On September 19th, 55 brave Haligonians became superheroes for a day as they went over the edge for Easter Seals. Each "Superhero" raised a minimum of \$1500 in support of children, teens and adults with physical disabilities living in Nova Scotia and then rappelled down the 23 stories of 1801 Hollis &

Duke. These Superheroes, along with National Founding Sponsor CREIT Management LLP and National Ascending Sponsor Nutrilite, raised over \$120,000 for Easter Seals Nova Scotia. Special thanks to Mike Crosby, the highest fundraiser and congratulations to Kendra Coady, the Grand Prize Draw winner.



Grand Prize Draw

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