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Easter Seals Nova Scotia and Tetra forge Assistive Devices partnership

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Easter Seals Nova Scotia has added a new assistive devices program to its roster of mobility equipment and technology programs by partnering with the Halifax chapter of the Tetra Society of North America.

Easter Seals Nova Scotia will help Tetra Halifax in the administration and promotion of its program which develops innovative tools and assistive devices for Nova Scotians with disabilities. Information about Tetra Halifax, and how to access its services, will now be available on www.easterseals.ns.ca and promoted on Easter Seals Nova Scotia's social media. Easter Seals Nova Scotia staff will be administrators of the Tetra program.

Tetra recruits skilled volunteers such as technologists, technicians, engineers, and tradespeople to create customized assistive devices for Nova Scotians with disabilities. Some of Tetra's innovations have included a motor-mounted guitar strummer, an adapted hockey stick for a wheelchair user, and a support stand for a trombone player with cerebral palsy.

Longtime Tetra volunteer Charlie Macdonald approached Easter Seals Nova Scotia to help with the administration of the program. "Given Easter Seals' expertise and history with serving Nova Scotians through its other equipment and assistive devices programs, this seemed like a natural fit. We're a small group of volunteers, so having this organization's help in running and promoting Tetra will be very valuable."

Easter Seals Nova Scotia CEO Henk van Leeuwen says the partnership should strengthen Tetra's ability to reach and serve Nova Scotians with disabilities. "I love the creativity associated with Tetra's projects," he says. "What may seem like a minor modification to someone's furniture, tools, or recreational or computer devices can be life-changing for someone seeking greater independence in their community."

For more details about Tetra and Easter Seals Nova Scotia's other barrier-free programs, please visit www.easterseals.ns.ca.

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