

An Easter Seals Nova Scotia #Unstoppable Story



Michelle Mahoney is Easter Seals Nova Scotia's newest board member, a former Camp Tidnish camper, and lives with a physical disability. And did we mention she is totally #unstoppable in her life?

"All of my life, I have always wanted to be involved in everything and anything. I have considered myself unstoppable."

"I went to university; I was unstoppable. I moved to Halifax to look for a job; I was unstoppable. I got married; I was unstoppable. I learned to drive; I was unstoppable. I learned to ski; that was the coolest thing I'd ever done! Then this past year I rappelled down 1801 Hollis Street; THAT was the coolest thing I've ever done. And now, my next thing is building an accessible house! So, stay tuned."
- Michelle Mahoney

Do you have an #unstoppable story to share? Email us at easterseals@easterseals.ns.ca or tweet us at [@eastersealsns](https://twitter.com/eastersealsns) #unstoppable.

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New Leaf Enterprises' trainee Michelle with Job Developer Carlton working in our skills training kitchen.



SPRING 2017

Hi everyone, and welcome to our spring newsletter! Registration is in full swing for our summer sessions at our fully accessible Camp Tidnish! Please read on to meet our new Camp Director, to learn about our new partnership supporting Halifax youth with disabilities in finding work, to find out more about our March Open House and our April California Wine Fair fundraiser, and to hear the latest news from our equipment, sports, and supported employment programs. Thank you for reading, and we appreciate your support.

Henk van Leeuwen
President and CEO

Sledge Hockey in Session!



The Easter Seals/HRM Learn to Sledge Hockey Winter 2017 session started in January and will run until the end of March. This session we have ten children registered including the three brothers pictured to the left! For more information about our Learn to Sledge program in Halifax and other Nova Scotia communities, please contact Faye Joudrey at 902.453.6000 ext. 226 or email f.joudrey@easterseals.ns.ca.

GoodLife Kids Foundation Spin4Kids Fundraiser

On Saturday, March 4th the GoodLife Kids Foundation held its annual Spin4Kids Fundraiser at the Halifax World Trade and Convention Centre! The GoodLife Kids Foundation strives to help Canadian kids live fit and healthy lives and is a supporter of our Sledge Hockey program. Sledge Hockey participant Cooper and his father Bernie spoke at the event to say thank you for the support! Cooper is pictured to the right with the spinners!



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Camp Tidnish Welcomes New Camp Director

Hello and let me introduce myself as the new Camp Director of Camp Tidnish! Camp is such a great place and I'm very excited about our summer this year! I worked at another Easter Seals camp in New Brunswick for years and know how special camp is to all our campers. Registration is in full swing and spots are filling up very quickly. Summer staff hiring is also on the go as we build the best team possible for this summer. Campers and families may notice some small changes this summer but Camp Tidnish will continue to be great, as always! There is a lot to look forward to this summer, including the 80th Anniversary of Camp Tidnish! See you soon!
-Steven McCluskey, Camp Director

Supported Employment & Work Placement Update

Easter Seals Nova Scotia's skills training and supported employment program New Leaf Enterprises has placed another trainee in a paid work placement and, for trainee June Gour, into a dream job! In February, June started working in the bakery at the Cole Harbour Sobeys where she now works three days a week. New Leaf Enterprises currently has eight trainees placed in ten fully-paid work placements! If your business is interested in inclusive hiring, please contact our Job Developer Carlton McDonald at c.mcdonald@easterseals.ns.ca or (902) 453-6000 x 240.



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March is Easter Seals' Month! Let's Celebrate!

Participate in one of our upcoming events in March or beyond:



Paper Eggs at Participating Retailers: March 20th - April 15th

Have you seen our in-store Paper Eggs? For \$2 you can purchase your own Paper Egg in participating stores, like Lawtons Drugs, Booster Juice, Fabricville, and The Bargain! Shop, or online at www.paperegg.ca and help support our programs!



Easter Seals Nova Scotia Annual Open House: Thursday, March 23rd

Join us for our annual Open House at 3670 Kempt Road in Halifax from 3:00 - 6:00pm! Learn how we advocate for an accessible Nova Scotia and provide top-quality services promoting mobility, inclusion and independence for Nova Scotians with disabilities!



California Wine Fair 2017: Wednesday, April 5th, 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Sample more than 350 premium wines from over 75 of California's top producers in support of Easter Seals Nova Scotia! Hosted by the California Wine Institute, the Consul-General of the United States, and the Society for American Wines. Tickets are available at the Easter Seals NS office or online at easterseals.ns.ca/events.



Bunnyland at Mic Mac Mall: April 6th - 15th

One of our most popular fundraisers is Bunnyland - get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny and participate in our colouring contest! We're always looking for hoppy volunteers for this event - if interested, contact Tanya (see below.)



Drop Zone 2017: Registration Now Open!

On September 29th, take your fundraising to new heights and rappel 23 storeys from Halifax's tallest office tower for Nova Scotians with disabilities! Visit our Drop Zone event page at www.easterseals.ns.ca/events to register or donate.

Interested in learning more about any of our events?

Contact Tanya Poulton at (902) 453-6000 x 220 or tanya.poulton@easterseals.ns.ca.

Youth the Future: New Program in Halifax!



We are excited to embark on a new partnership with the Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work! We're hosting the CCRW's Youth The Future program in our Halifax office. Youth The Future is a program designed to support youth with disabilities (ages 15 to 30) with job-readiness training and finding employment. Halifax classes started in March. Pictured left are Youth the Future staff Emily Duffett and Melanie Karas. Listen to a recent interview with Emily and Melanie on the Accessible Media Inc. website at www.ami.ca/. Just search 'Youth the Future' to find their interview!

Our Access to Entertainment Card

Have you heard about our Access 2 Entertainment card? Easter Seals supports access to community events, entertainment, and culture for persons with disabilities. The Access program enables cardholders to visit and participate in entertainment activities with an attendant, such as Cineplex theatres, museums, and other venues. When a cardholder presents their card, their attendant receives free admission. Call Faye at 902.453.6000 ext. 226 for more information!



Supporter of the Year Reception at the Lieutenant Governor's House



Congratulations to Century21 Trident Realty, 2016 Easter Seals Nova Scotia Supporter of the Year! In 2016 Century 21 Trident Realty raised over \$15,000 through their Drop Zone Rappel team, all in support of our programs which support Nova Scotians with disabilities!

We held a reception in December at the Lieutenant Governor's House at which His Honour, Brigadier-General The Honourable J.J. Grant presented Marg Bowlen and Don Clark of Century 21 Trident Realty with the award. Also pictured is our Board Chairperson, Adriana Dolnyckyj. Thank you Century 21 Trident Realty for your tremendous support in 2016!

