# Cosmopolitan Learning Centre

*2023 ~ 2024 Annual Report*

# *Agenda*

*ITEM #1 ~ CALL MEETING TO ORDER*

*ITEM #2 ~ MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, JUNE 28, 2023*

*ITEM #3 ~ BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES*

*ITEM #4 ~ NEW BUSINESS & RESOLUTIONS*

*ITEM #5 ~ ELECTIONS*

*ITEM #6 ~ CHAIRMAN'S REPORT*

*ITEM #7 ~ AUDITOR'S REPORT*

*ITEM #8 ~ PROGRAM REPORT*

*ITEM #9 ~ SARCAN REPORT*

*ITEM #10 ~ HUMAN RESOURCE REPORT*

*ITEM #11 ~ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT*

# *Cosmopolitan Learning Centre*
# *Annual General Meeting*
# *Wednesday June 28, 2023*

*Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.*

## *Present*

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| *Sharla Schofield* | *Connie Lang* | *Catherine Duczek* | *Lorne Wirth* |
| *Duncan Louttit* | *Dennis Friesen* | *Rick Watson* | *Perry Kirton* |
| *Sherry Matusko* | *Karen Shepherd* | *Larry Skibicki* | *Tracy Brassard* |
| *Shaun Hove* | *John Krysak* | *Dan Stinnen* | *Sarah Magnus* |
| *Nathan Pinay* | *Joe Frank* | *Myrna Frank* | *Courtney Frank* |
| *Laura Afelabi* | *Thomas Jing* | *June Ronnie* | *Chuck Wilde* |
| *Dawn Resch* | *Kayla Sayer* | *Logan Kirk* | *Lane Kirk* |
| *Armel Garcia* | *Trista Kind* | *Cory Hubick* | *Nathan Hubick* |
| *Fay Langelier* | *Greg Jelinski* | *Meagan Kuznitsoff* | *Stephanie Palmer* |
| *Md Mostafizur Rahman* | *Marion Nestegard* | *Dennis Nestegard* | *Ron Langelier* |
| *Kelsey Aitcheson* | *Mellany Gutierrez* | | |

*Regrets:* *Rick Hack* *Jerry Grywacheski*

# ***Supporters of the Centre 2023 ~ 2024***

*Dave Wellings*
*Cyrelle Gaudet*
*Rhea Bohenac*
*Louie & Sharia Duncan*
*Mark & Ann Krammer*
*Shawn Salm*
*Rizalina Paulo*
*Wascana Cosmo Club*
*Regan Wagner*
*Remi Gaudet*
*Henry & Marquerite Baier*
*Carol Sullivan*
*Terry & Cheryl Wall*
*Rita Buzzard*
*Suds Car Wash*
*Peter Tyerman*
*Rupert Gaudet*
*Sheila & Leander Wilde*
*Larry & Jeannette Skibicki*
*Bob Evans*
*Grant Edworthy*
*Regina Cosmo Club*

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# ***Thank you for your continuing support!***

# ***Minutes from June 28th, 2023 AGM***

***Item #1: Call Meeting to Order***

*Lorne Wirth introduced himself as the Treasurer on the board of directors and called the 2022-2023 Annual General Meeting to order. Lorne stated that he was asked to chair the AGM as Rick Hack, the board chairman could not be in attendance this evening.*

***Item #2 – Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting Dated June 22nd, 2022***

*Rick Watson made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 22nd, 2022 Annual General Meeting as circulated.*
*Seconded: Dennis Friesen. Carried.*

***Item #3 – Business Arising from the Minutes***

*.No business arising from the meeting minutes.*

***Item #4 – New Business & Resolutions***

*Proposed changes to Bylaws due to changes to the Non-Profit Act. The proposed updates to the Bylaws were distributed to those in attendance with the updates listed in red font. There were proposed updates to Article 3.1, Article 5.1, Article 5.10, Article 11.2, Article 12.1, Article 12.5, and Article 17.2.*

*Perry Kirton made a motion to approve the proposed adjustments to the Bylaws as circulated.*
*Seconded: Karen Shepherd. Carried.*

*Motion made by Perry Kirton to appoint Berger Cavan Group LLP as the auditor for the Cosmopolitan Learning Centre for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.*
*Seconded: Duncan Louttit. Carried.*

***Item #5 – Elections***

*Perry Kirton introduced himself and stated that he was called upon to be the nomination chairman. Perry Kirton presented the members who will stand on the board for the 2023 – 2024 year. All current board members will remain on the board. Perry stated that there are two nominations, John Krysak and Greg Jelinski that have come forward.*

*Perry Kirton asked a total of three times if there are any further nominations for the board of directors. No further nominations were brought forward. Therefore, the board members to serve for the 2023 – 2024 year are as follows:*

*Perry Kirton, Dan Stinnen, Lorne Wirth, Greg Jelinski, Richard Hack, Karen Shepherd, Dennis Friesen, John Krysak Catherine Duczek, Jerry Grywacheski , Duncan Louttit, Rick Watson.*

*Lorne Wirth thanked the board for continuing to serve for another year and welcomed the new board members.*

*Dennis Friesen made a motion to cease the call for nominations and to accept the 2023-2024 list of the members of the board of directors.*
*Seconded: Catherine Duczek. Carried.*

***Item #6 – Chairman's Report***

*In Rick Hack's absence, Lorne Wirth presented the Board Chaiman Report on his behalf. The Chairman stated that the centre was able to increase the space at the 2nd Avenue location by leasing the business space next to the location. This will double the program space to allow us to move forward. The Chairman's report expressed condolences to the family of Joe Kazeil, who passed away and had been a long standing and dedicated board member at the Centre. The Chairman congratulated those listed in the AGM booklet for their years of service with the organization. The Chairman acknowledged the 75th anniversary of the Regina Cosmopolitan Club and stated that the club has been supporting the centre since the organization began. Thank you to the Board of Directors, Employees, and Participants for another great year!*

*Motion made by Catherine Duczek to accept the presented Chairman's Report.*
*Seconded: Perry Kirton. Carried.*

***Item #7 – Auditor's Report***

*Ryan Cavan from Berger Cavan Group LLP was not in attendance; therefore, Lorne Wirth presented the audited financial statements. Lorne Wirth stated that the auditor reported that the results of the Cosmopolitan Learning Centre's audit show a clean audit report. Lorne Wirth stated that this is the first full year of operations at full capacity with no interruptions to service delivery since the pandemic.*

*Rick Watson made a motion to approve the auditor's report.*

*Seconded: Perry Kirton. Carried.*

***Item #8 – Admissions & Transition Committee Report***

*As per report book.*

***Item #9 – Program Report***

*As per report book.*

***Item #10 – Sarcan Report***

*As per report book.*

***Item #11 – Human Resource Report***

*As per report book.*

***Item #12 – Executive Director's Report***

*Connie Lang presented the Executive Director's report as per booklet. Connie stated that the centre is in the process of hiring two individuals from the SCI (Supported Career Initiatives) group to take on the Cosmo cleaning contract. Connie said that in lieu of building a new building at this time that instead we have been able to lease additional space at the 2nd Avenue location which has doubled the current space. It will allow us to expand our services to individuals awaiting services. The organization welcomed 9 new individuals within the last year to receive services. In celebration of the many accomplishments of the individuals, Connie congratulated Aisha Chalchal for graduating from the University of Regina with a Certificate in Inclusive Post-Secondary Education. Well done, Aisha! It takes courage and drive to attend university and handle the challenges that come with being a student. The centre has been excited about getting the new greenhouse at the house next to the Edgar Street location up and running! It will be full of plants and flowers as well as our vegetable gardens. Connie stated that this year marks the 10th anniversary of our therapy pools and exercise area! It has been a wonderful addition and the individuals love getting in the pools. This year brought a substantial donation to the centre from Sarcan member agency to use at their discretion to show appreciation for the support that was needed during the pandemic. Connie congratulated Leadership team member Verna Howie as she celebrates 40 years of service with the organization! Connie gave a special thank you to the Board of Directors for their ongoing support this past year and gave welcome to the two new members to the Board (John Krysak and Greg Jelinski). Connie thanked the employees for their dedicated work and thanked the individuals who attend for services as it is a privilege to be able to support them every day!*

*Perry Kirton made a motion to approve the AGM reports 8 through 12, as per AGM report booklet.*

*Seconded: Duncan Louttit. Carried.*

*Lorne Wirth made a motion to adjourn the Annual General Meeting.*

*Seconded: Catherine Duczek. Carried.*

# *Board Chairman Report*

*Thank you for attending this year's Annual General Meeting of the Cosmopolitan Learning Centre.*

*We are pleased and proud to report that in May 2024, we now have our mortgage paid off and are now a debt free organization.*

*The Cosmopolitan Charity Fair and Auction 2023 fundraising event hosted by the Cosmopolitan Clubs was a sold-out event, raising $50,000.00 for the Centre. The support from the Cosmopolitan Clubs has been tremendous, and we thank the Clubs for their dedication in support of the organization.*

*The Basic Standards Review was held with Community Living and Service Delivery in March 2024. This review is held with the Ministry of Social Services every two years for review of the organization's standards and practices. We are pleased to report that the organization is meeting service standards as set forth by the Ministry.*

*Congratulations to those listed in the AGM program booklet for their dedicated service with the Organization. Your commitment contributes to the success of the Individuals.*

*I do want to extend a big thank you to the staff for the job they do. I really enjoying walking into the Centre and experiencing all the smiling faces of participants and staff. Making this happen every day is certainly no small accomplishment. It takes dedication from management and staff to ensure the well being and personal development of the participants happens each and every day.*

*Thank you to all of the Board of Directors, Employees and Participants for another great year!*

*Rick Hack ~ Board President*

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# *Board Members 2023 ~ 2024*

*Rick Hack ~ President*
*Dennis Friesen ~ Director*
*Lorne Wirth ~ Treasurer*
*Connie Lang ~ Secretary*
*Greg Jelinski ~ Director*
*Karen Shepherd ~ Director*
*Catherine Duczek ~ Director*
*Duncan Louttit ~ Director*
*Perry Kirton ~ Director*
*Jerry Grywacheski ~ Director*
*Rick Watson ~ Director*
*Dan Stinnen ~ Director*
*John Krysak ~ Director*

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# *Board Members Resigning*

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# *New Business & Resolutions*

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# *Nominations*

# ***Program Report***

*Another year has flown by. The Centre continues to thrive in this wonderful time of growth. The individuals we support set the pace and lead our staff and Program Coordinators in developing new programs and fine tuning the tried and true. This person centered approach continues to serve our community well.*

*The Edgar Location is home to several program areas – Lifeskills, Community, Supported Career Initiatives, and Connections. We have seen the Centre-wide groups grow in popularity. Individuals have shown us that getting together with people who have similar interests is important to them. Laughter yoga continues to be a hit every week, sparkle club keeps our ladies in fine style, science club is always interesting and new, outdoor club has us enjoying our neighborhood, art club allows us to explore our creativity, peer group gives us a chance to use our strengths to help others, seniors club is a mystery – what happens in seniors stays in seniors, and entertainment club holds events such as carnivals, murder mysteries, karaoke and Cosmosaic to name a few. They also ensure that every holiday and milestone receives the recognition it deserves – Individuals attending Cosmo can always find a reason to throw a party! Music therapy has expanded to 9 sessions, which gives everyone who is interested a chance to take part and benefit from this experience. The atrium is overflowing with the introduction of drumming every week. Cosmo individuals also enjoy wonderful guest speakers and amazing entertainers throughout the year - Rider Pep band, Bright eyes dog rescue, Comedians, Musicians and choirs, and magic shows are just a few examples.*

*Beyond the Centre wide activities, each area focuses on the wants and needs of the individuals they support. The therapy pools and sensory room are always popular. Community inclusion, meaningful work, volunteering, sensory development, recreation, education, and personal choice remain the focus, and our enthusiastic and creative staff are always on the lookout for new and improved ways to engage with individuals and assist them in achieving their goals.*

*Along with all the above mentioned programs, Community Connections Edgar has been busy with gardening, cooking classes, community volunteer work, and boat rides at Wascana lake to name a few - the opportunities are endless! We kicked off spring with our annual Plant and Bake sale which was a huge success. Thank you to everyone for all the donations – your support is greatly appreciated!*

*Connections 2nd Avenue continues to be on the go all over the city. Working and volunteering, tending a community garden, touring the airport and fire stations, and taking full advantage of everything our City has to offer, is our top priority. In addition to the activities they join at the main Centre, baking for the weekly cookie sale and their Friday lunch program are a couple of things that keep them busy. This year the talented individuals in the Performing Arts group put on a performance which received rave reviews! Thank you to each of you for your hard work and dedication.*

*It has been another exciting year at Cosmopolitan Supported Career Initiatives in the world of supportive employment! We are proud to report at present; Cosmopolitan Supported Career Initiatives provides service to 45 business partnerships. Our individuals continue to achieve feelings of self-worth and a sense of pride for a job well done! Each individual takes pride in their everyday work, and it shows by the exceptional feedback we receive from their contract employers. Thank you to each of you for your hard work and dedication.*

*In closing we want to express our sincere gratitude to all the staff, business partners, community partners, parents and caregivers for their ongoing support.*

*We would like to welcome all the new team members who have joined us this year. We look forward to new and exciting opportunities in the coming year! To all participants, we thank you for choosing our agency as your service provider. It is an honor and a privilege.*

# ***Special Days at Cosmo***




***Happy Valentine's Day***



***Carnival Fun***



***Sing Along***




***Halloween Beauties***



***Orange Shire Day***



***A Visit from Santa and Elves***

# ***Sarcan Report***

*Things are busy as usual around here. We are holding steady at just over 30 million containers being recycled annually, which I believe keeps us at the second busiest depot in the entire province. Drop N Go is increasing daily and bulk orders are arriving now that summer is coming. Sometimes it feels as if we are bursting at the seams! We hope that soon we will have a bigger, better depot!*

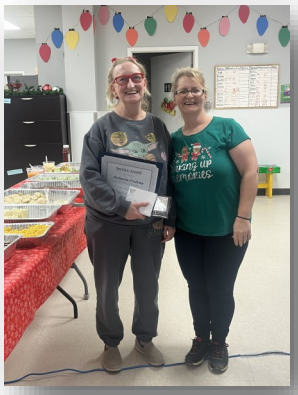
*New Year means new staff. We want to welcome Zubaer Ahmed, MD Atifur Khan, Neelkumar Patel, Sadia Islam, and Faruk Chowdhury. We also got two new cashier allocations; those positions were filled with current employees, Joelle Simon and Moriam Rashid. Welcome and congratulations. That now brings the total to 40 employees! Hard to believe that 15 years ago when I started, we had 12 employees. Times sure have changed!*

*Quite a few of the staff are celebrating some major milestones with Sarcan this year. Donovan Dixon, Moriam Rashid and Pavel Mahmood are receiving their 5-year recognition. Joelle Simon is receiving her 10 years. Wanita Carswell (me), Kiara James and Bethany Armstrong-Dacey are receiving our 15 year and last but not least Corey Jackson is receiving his 25 year. We all get to go to Saskatoon to celebrate, can't wait!*

*Last summer the entire staff enjoyed a beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon at Evraz Park. We had a BBQ with lots of delicious food, swimming, and some fun games. We have made this a yearly tradition. For our Christmas staff party we celebrated at the Centre, Bernardo Caneda was our in-house DJ, and we had a blast! We had the traditional turkey supper from Rybchuk Catering and we also had Spices of Punjabi cater for traditional Indian food. It was amazing! So much food was left over!*

*Back in September Bobbie Poitras, James Poitras and myself were awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal for outstanding service and dedication to our province. It was an amazing honor and surprise to be nominated. Also, the very next day our depot won the 2023 Customer Service Award! It was a great couple of days in Saskatoon!*

*From all of us here at Victoria Ave East Sarcan, have a safe and happy summer!*



***25 Years***



***Summer Fun***



***Xmas Fun***



***Sarcan Crew***




***Cooking for the Fun Day***

# ***Human Resource Report***

*The Organization takes pride in the variety of professional development opportunities provided to its Employees and actively promotes and invests in the skills and knowledge development of every employee to ensure services of the highest quality. The staffing team has continued to actively participate in their professional development this past year by taking courses remotely, and online. Thank you to Employees who are committed to their learning, so that the Program Individuals receive professional, person-centered support.*

*We have shifted from the Mandt System to PART (Professional Assault Response Training), which is a well-known crisis prevention and intervention training that supports employees' knowledge in building positive, trusting relationships with the people we support, how to enhance our communication with individuals and supporting people in managing stress. PART and Mandt continue to be taught in the sector across the province. The PART training is a cost-effective training, and meets the Organization's needs in providing respectful, person-centered supports.*

*Supporting individuals' physical care needs, and safe lifting techniques are offered through Transfers, Lifts and Repositioning Training (TLR). Thank you to the trainers for their work with team members.*

*Congratulations to the two team members who have completed a course offered through the Ministry of Social Services called Advanced Principles of Program Design, an extensive course offering information about comprehensive support strategies from a wholistic support perspective.*

*Engagement and connection with educational institutions this past year have included welcoming Nursing students from Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Continuing Care Aid (CCA) students, Dental students, and Disability Support Worker students for practicum placements. In addition, paramedic students have also been spending time with individuals supported as part of their training. Thank you to the students and educational faculties for their connection with Cosmo this past year. We look forward to future partnerships.*

*The week of May 13, 2024, to May 17, 2024, was declared as a celebration of the Disability Service Professionals across our province. The Centre planned some activities to celebrate. Also, thank you to the Sarcan team for your support of recycling in the community.*

***Cosmopolitan Learning Centre Service Awards 2023***

*We would like to extend congratulations to the following:*

***5 Years of Service:***

*Leah Allen, Alishba Ayaz, Caitlin Baily, Michael Fiore, Victoria Sarty, Rachael Good, Eric Milner, Joe Statkewich, Brynn Weighill, Shadow Dakota Runns, Katrina Aitcheson, Candace Brunton, Elizabeth Fillo, Taralyn Fleuter, Ashton Gardner, Eric Laroque, Trinity Todd, Lynsi Dixon, Efstratios Perentes, Harry Redwood, Tianna Hicks, Anna Giese*

***10 Years of Service:***

*Adam Bitternose, Kayla Gibson, Alex Jones, Sandra Nahnepowisk, Angelina Patterson, Kayla Sayer, Ashley Hamel, Shauna Moreau, Carol Sullivan*

***15 Years of Service:***

*Gerald Kolla, Jason Mercer, Jennifer O'Connor, Wade Roberts, Jason Urbano, Debbie Mazerolle, Murelle Davis, Kaleena Hinks*

***20 Years of Service:***
*Grant Calibaba, Meldon Candlish, Colin Felgate, Robert Watson, Jade Jones-Bender*

***25 Years of Service:***
*Roberta Poitras*

***35 Years of Service:***
*Gerald Chartrand, Michael Green, Judy Heppner, Sean McGowan, Shannon Zimmerman*

***40 Years of Service:***
*Verna Howie*

***50 Years of Service:***
*Jerry Baytaluke*



*5 Years*



*10 Years*



*15 Years*



*20 Years*



*35 Years*



*40 Years*



*50 Years*

# ***Executive Director Report***

*This past year we created many new connections in the community and celebrated so many accomplishments of the people we support. You are the heart and soul of this organization and what motivates us each and every day.*

*The Learning Centre continues to support over 220 individuals with a wide range of options for each person. Supporting individuals to maintain their connections with their community is central to providing inclusive supports. New community employment at Shoppers Drug Mart Northgate Mall and The Wholesale Club are just a few new employment options. We enjoy helping in the community and have also started many new volunteer jobs such as Salvation Army, and the Good food box. We have new volunteer partnerships with Broadway Terrace Seniors and Santa Maria.*

*In support of Organizational growth, the renos at our 2nd Ave. location have been completed and we have been able to facilitate expanded day program supports. In addition, the Organization has welcomed twelve new Individuals within the last year (23-24) through the Admissions Review and Transitions Committee process. Welcome to Cosmo, and we wish each of you the very best in your future goals.*

*The house next door to the Edgar location is in full swing, being used as a great quiet space for people at lunch and throughout the day. The new greenhouse is up and running and the garden is in full swing.*

*The Victoria Ave. East Sarcan Recycling Depot continues to be very busy throughout the year and we have added 2 more staff positions to our full time employee group at the depot. This will help with the large volume of recycling we receive.*

*The fundraisers we have done this past year included a plant and bake sale, Christmas craft and bake sale and a gift card sale. In addition, we received generous donations from the Cosmo Clubs through the Trip of the Year and the Charity Fair and Auction. The Charity Fair raised 50,000.00 last year. We thank everyone who works so hard to raise money for the Centre, we appreciate your drive and energy. We were able to purchase a new Van this year with a portion of the fundraised dollars and were able to provide many fun days and great activities.*

*Congratulations to Shirley Bugg on your retirement. We appreciate everything you have done for the Centre. We miss you! The Centre would also like to congratulate Dwayne Dimen and Glen Spicer on your retirement. Congratulations and thank you to our many long term staff and participants for the time you have been with the Centre. We truly appreciate all that you have done.*

*A very special thanks to the Board of Directors for their ongoing support this past year. We would like to thank all Employees for their dedicated work in providing person-centered supports. We would also like to give a very special thanks to the Individuals who we provide supports to. We thank you for your hard work and participation; as always it is a privilege to be able to support you and help you meet your goals.*




***Cheque presentation***

# ***Cosmo at work in the Community!***

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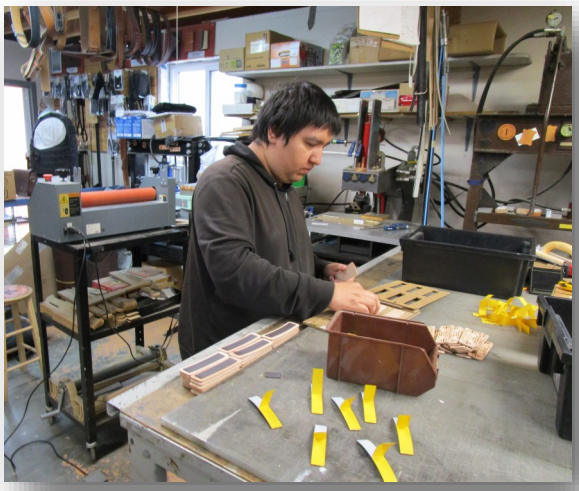


***Gray Jay Leather***




***No Frills***



***Reach Program***



***Shoppers Drug Mart***

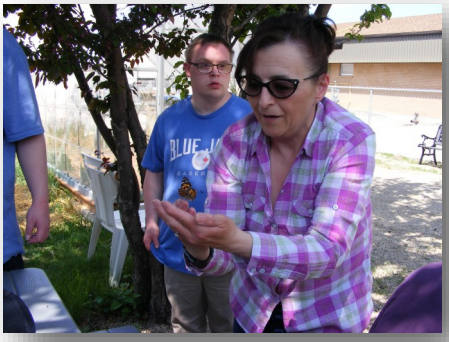


***Western Pizza***

# ***Enjoying our Community Activities***



***A visit to Dutch***



***Yearly Butterfly Release***



***Birthday Celebration***



***A visit to Wascana***



***Flu shot day***



***Doing a little sewing***



***Brothers out for coffee***



***Painting fun***




***A little magic***



***Drummer Group***



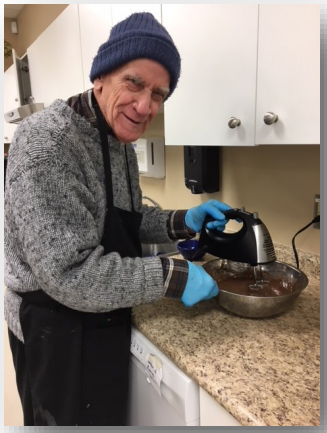
***Enjoying some floor hockey***



*Ring the Bells*



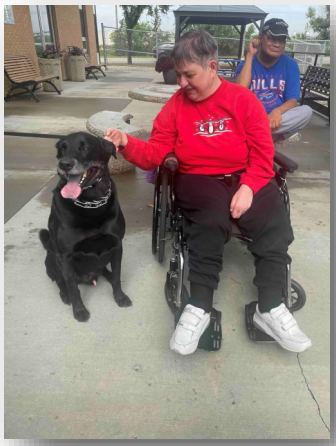
*Checking out the deer*



*The happy baker*



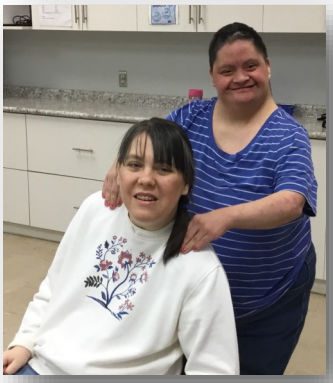
*Grinch isn't stealing our tree!*



*Visit from a furry friend*



*Just a little R&R*



*That is what friends are for*



*Enjoying some craft time*



*Time at Eastview Park*



*Stopping to smell the roses*



*Chilling!*



*Loving the new pool*

# *In Memorium*

## *Norman Peters ~ May 31, 1943 ~ May 24, 2023*

*Norman attended the Cosmo Learning Centre for over 35 years in various programs. He believed in working hard for his money and ensured he made this his everyday goal. Norman enjoyed being social and gained many friendships everywhere he went, he lit up a room with his happy personality.*

*Norman enjoyed being in the Community, going to the park, grabbing a burger, or out for coffee. When he was in the center, he socialized with his peers and the staffing team. We can still hear his voice saying, "you old goat" or "let's go for a cold beer", he was famous for his sense of humor and made us giggle everyday. Norman never complained, he remained positive right till the end. He will be forever missed in the Community Connections program and forever be in the hearts of all who knew him.*
*RIP Norman.*



## *Peter Romashenko ~ October 14, 1952 ~ June 8, 2023*



*Peter attended Cosmo for 30 years. He started in Production doing tabletop contracts like candy bags, labeling and stuffing envelopes. He retired to the Seniors program and then LS3 where he was able to slow down and focus on the things he loved most – holidays, Riders, reading club, music, and treat days. His very favorite was community outings. A trip to the Legislative building or a mall where he could look at mirrors, clocks, watches or cell phones, and then enjoy a Double Double and a McDonalds apple pie, was a perfect day!*

*We will remember Peter as a kind-hearted man with wonderful manners who cared for all his friends. Peter will be forever in our hearts, and we will never hear Van Halen "Jump" without thinking of him!*

# *In Memoriam*

## *David Pinay ~ April 29, 1959 ~ October 26, 2023*

*David's passing left a huge void in our Cosmo world. For 45 years he worked "all day, all night" around here. He was one of the original members of the employment program and he had a work ethic that was unmatched. Staff relied on David to show them how jobs were done - he was amazing at tying knots and taught everyone the skill. When he saw someone struggling, "Move over… Me do it." David gave staff directions when delivering meals on wheels, and he could fix anything from electrical cords to building furniture. During the production years, we'd get a new job, and David would disappear to the garage. He'd return a short time later with a jig he had designed and built to make the job easier for others. The list could go on and on…*

*In David's later years, he refused to retire. Instead, he turned his attention toward fixing things around the Centre, swimming, shredding and working in the garage. Through all his health struggles he managed to maintain a positive outlook on life. He will be remembered as a kindhearted man with a gentle spirit and a wonderful sense of humor. David saw the beauty in everyone he met, and he taught us what unconditional love and acceptance looks like.*

*Rest in peace Daver – your work here is done…*




## *Gerrit Barnard ~March 30, 1978 ~ November 5, 2023*



*Gerrit loved his family in Lifeskills 2. Even though he refused to leave his comfy chair, Gerrit was often involved with his famous "one liners". He loved his music, getting up dancing, throwing 'them hands up', or lending the room his lovely singing voice. Gerrit hated long weekends and closure dates. If he had it his way, Cosmo would remain open 24/7, 365 days a year. Gerrit's family in Lifeskills 2 miss all the joy he brought to their lives.*

# *In Memoriam*

## *Ryan Mathieson ~ January 10, 1985 ~ March 6, 2024*

*Ryan loved Cosmo with his whole heart. Snowstorms, rain and sickness couldn't keep him from coming to Cosmo. He enjoyed coffee and sweets. After finishing lunch, Ryan would visit the Atrium. He would socialize and watch others. Everyone at Cosmo knew Ryan and many were his close friends. He was a devoted sports fan. His big toothy smile and contagious laugh are missed by his family in Lifeskills 2*



## *Marjorie Reaney ~ February 15, 1945 ~ April 20, 2024*




*Marj loved coming to Cosmo. She enjoyed music and singing. Her love of old time music was second to none. Marj never let anyone forget her birthday. This was the most important day of the year and there needed to be a party. Her favorite day of the week was Treat Day. She would ask 'do ya got any snacks to munch on in that cupboard?' She was a big fan of special lunches, often asking for more. Marj loved her outings with her friends, for coffee or French fries. Her family in Lifeskills 2 miss her strong energy and sense of humor.*

# *In Memorium*

## *Darlene Keen ~ September 8, 1959 ~ April 12, 2024*



*Darlene attended the Cosmo Learning Centre for over 25 years, her Cosmo career began in the Production program, and a few years later she joined the Community Connections program. It has been a pleasure working and getting to know Darlene. She was a one-of-a-kind GEM; she will be remembered for her feisty personality and sense of humor. She was always on a mission for mischief that kept everyone on their toes, but when it was all said and done, our hearts smiled. Darlene was genuine and touched countless lives with warmth and kindness, leaving behind cherished memories that will forever echo in the hearts of everyone who knew her.*
*RIP Darlene.*

## *Randall Moreau ~ September 22, 1983 ~ May 14, 2024*



*Randall began his career at Cosmo more than 15 years ago. He had many gifts and talents to share with his friends and staff he worked with. Randall was known for his giving spirit, he loved buying items such as pop or a coffee for his friends. Randall was a very helpful man, he enjoyed working in the kitchen washing dishes, cleaning, and organizing cupboards. Randall loved his collections of toques, cups, and all kinds of containers. His bags were always full of treasures. Randall enjoyed men's club and hanging out with the guys, he also loved his outings with peers and staff. We will miss Randall's kind, funny and gentle spirit.*
*RIP Randall.*

# *In Memorium*

## *Calvin Donald ~ July 25, 1961 ~ May 29, 2024*

*We remember Calvin Donald, whose spirit departed from us May 30, 2024, at the age of 63. Calvin, a beacon of unwavering friendship and kindness, has left an indelible mark on the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know him. Calvin started at Cosmopolitan Learning Centre in September 1982. He started in the Production room and later he moved over to Cosmo Sarcan where he loved to work. Later Calvin moved over to the Supported Initiative Career Program where he continued to work. His favorite job was working at Shoppers Drug Mart where he bonded with Brent the owner. Calvin has done many different types of jobs from sorting pallets, cleaning in many businesses, and recycling. When it was time for Calvin to retire, which was a very hard decision to make, he moved to Connections 2nd Avenue. Calvin still had the opportunity to work on a volunteer basis and enjoy some of the leisure activities the program provided. Calvin enjoyed it when he could go out and visit in the community which he loved so much. Calvin devoted countless hours working for Cosmopolitan. Calvin's life was a blessing, his memory will be treasured.*



*Although they have passed on,*

*Their memory forever stays,*

*Remember how they smiled*

*And the joy they always gave*

*We'll miss them all the time*

*And think of them every day*

*Their love filled the world*

*A love that will never fade*

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