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# RESICARE NEWS

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter!

Have a look and see what we have coming up.

If you have anything you want to share in our newsletter, please let me know!

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## Client Birthdays with Resicare!

- April 4 - Ross Mair
- April 12 - Lynndsay Smeltzer
- April 18 - Matt Malone
- April 19 - David Stewart
- May 4 - Stephen Rothfelder
- May 23 - Dave Barras
- June 16 - Rosemarie Smeltzer
- June 18 - Terri-Lynn Smeltzer



We would like to welcome 8 new employees to Resicare!

- Ali S
- Karim H
- Lovepreet S
- Anuradha P
- Debbie H
- Kambale K
- Blessing I
- Julius A

Jenine and Neil's Wedding day! On May 18, 2024 Melissa had the honour of officiating their wedding. May your life together be filled with lots of love and happiness. All the best to you both!



## Resident and Family Council Act

Resicare Society of Calgary, in compliance with the Resident and Family Council Act, invites all residents and their families to form a council should they so desire. This council is welcome to meet on a regular basis to discuss concerns, suggestions, or ideas for the homes. Resicare supports all opportunities for individuals and their families to voice concerns and create a better way to solve problems and come up with ideas for improvement.

## Canada Alberta Job Grant

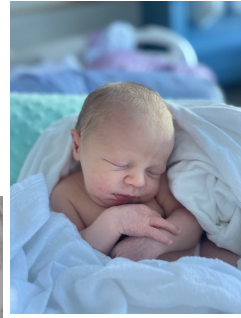
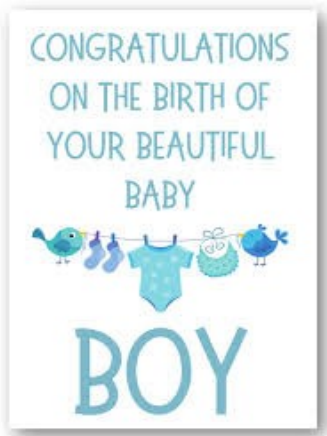
Throughout the past year, Resicare Society of Calgary, has continued to access the Canada Alberta Job Grant to fund employee training. This is an employer-driven program open to all those working in the private and not-for-profit sector. Through this program employees are able to access training from a number of providers for one-third the normal price. The other two-thirds are covered through the Grant, which is funded by the government of Canada.

Please contact Dianne Jackson if you are interested in any training.

djackson@resicare.org 403-286-3709 x 102



June 3, 2024 at 10:31pm, Melissa and Thomas welcomed their New Baby Boy Owen into their family. Weighing in at 6lbs 7oz. Wishing you all the best!! Congratulations!!



Alberta's Budget 2024 has been introduced. The budget was as expected based on recent messaging from the Premier. Primarily a status quo budget for PDD and Disability Services with a slight increase that will be directed to ongoing service needs to meet critical and urgent.

If you would like to learn more about the budget: <https://www.alberta.ca/budget>



Resicare is thankful to the Canada Alberta Job Grant once again this year. This grant offers a training program where Resicare applies on behalf of our present employees for eligible training costs. Once approved the government contributes two-thirds of the cost, with Resicare paying the remaining one-third. This year, with this grant, we were able to send all three program coordinators to Leadership Training offered by Anthony and Holmes Consulting.

### Community Paramedics

Community paramedics are specifically trained to provide healthcare in communities and patient homes. Physicians, continuing care site staff and care teams can request in-home care from community paramedics for their patients.

**Community paramedics can provide the following in-home treatments and assessments:**

- \* Wound Care, including putting in stitches
- \* Blood collection
- \* Medication, including intravenous administration
- \* Electrocardiograms (ECGs)
- \* Start and Managing intravenous sites
- \* Monitoring of oxygen levels, blood pressure, blood sugar, heart rate, etc.

Patients can be treated, assessed and diagnosed by a community paramedic in the comfort of their own homes.

Visits are free and can help avoid an ambulance ride or hospital visit.

### Request a Community Paramedic

**If you're a patient  
Talk to your family doctor or care team**

If you're a physician or care team  
To refer a patient:

**In and north of Red Deer:**

1-833-367-2788

**South of Red Deer, call:**

1-855-491-5868

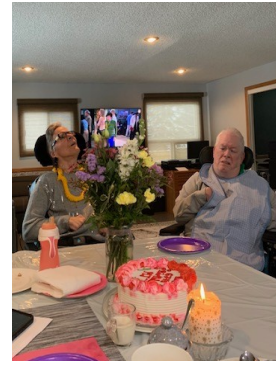
For more information about community paramedics, visit [ahs.ca/communityems](https://ahs.ca/communityems)





# Birthday Celebrations

## MJ



## Brenda



## Randy



## Dave

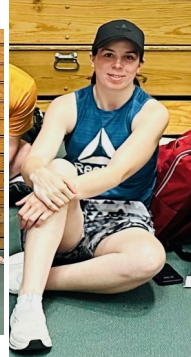


## Stephen's 50th





# Track & Field



Chelsey's hard work and training sure paid off for her participation in the Special Olympics Track & Field. She travelled to Edmonton with her team where she competed regionally with all the other Olympians. She was entered into 100m and 200m sprint, shot put and long jump. She excelled in all events by placing 1st in each. Congratulations Chelsey, we are so proud of you and we know how hard you trained to achieve these awards. Special thanks to all the coaches including our very own Wade Watson. Chelsey is now qualified to go to the Provincial games in Grande Prairie 2025. Keep up the great work!!



Mar. 1, 2024 - On Employee Appreciation Day, we want to take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate your incredible efforts. Your commitment to excellence is not just seen in your results but felt across the entire organization. Thank you for being a shining example of dedication and hard work.

Employees received a Resicare tote bag, Resicare Notebook with pen, Sweat shirt, Tim Horton's gift card, and a message from Mayor Jyoti Gondek.



# Andreas - 2024 Special Olympic Games

Theresa Garagan, Alpine skiing coach with the Special Olympics, describes 54-year-old Andreas Walther as a champion. Garagan, who is with the CPS, has known Andreas for 15 years and trained him for the alpine skiing event. Training consists of hiking, a lot of cardio, and sport-specific activities at the Westwinds Calgary police headquarters. Andreas received a Silver medal in Advanced Slalom.



## Training

**Medication Administration** - The employees who have not started the Med Admin, please do so as soon as possible as vouchers do expire and you will need to be re-registered.

**HR Downloads Training** - Activate HR Downloads and please complete training

**Emergency First Aid/CPR** - Nadia will contact employee to re-certify and will register employee through Titan Health.

**Alberta Food Safety Basics** - Instructions will be emailed to the employees who require this training.

**Update Contact Information**

A friendly reminder to please inform Resicare about any changes to your contact information.

Telephone numbers, email address and mailing address. You can send your changes to Nadia Kunz at nkunz@resicare.org

Thank you!

**Resicare's Insurance**

Resicare's Insurance covers all House contents owned by Resicare.

Clients room contents are the responsibility of their Families / Guardians.

This insurance can be purchased as an add on to your home insurance plan.

**Health and Safety Act**

The Alberta *Occupational Health and Safety* (OHS) Act establishes minimum standards for healthy and safe practices in Alberta workplaces. Changes to the OHS Act improve the OHS system to better protect workers and ensure they have the same rights and protections as other Canadian workers. These rights include:

**Right to Know** – This right guarantees that employees can ask questions about health and safety at work and be informed about hazards – and protections from hazards – that concern them.

**Right to Participate** – To participate in workplace health and safety allows employees to get involved in maintaining and improving health and safety in their own workplace.

**Right to Refuse** – To refuse unsafe work ensures that employees are protected from punishment or threat of punishment if they refuse to do work because of a sincere belief that work threatens their own or anyone else's health or safety.

The *Right to Participate* ensures all workers have a voice by expressing their concerns with a **Joint Work Site Health and Safety Representative**. At Resicare Society of Calgary each Group Living Home has a Health and Safety Representative working in conjunction with the management team.

**Your Joint Worksite**

**Health and Safety Representatives are:**

Sheetal Guleria – House #1 TL

Paulina Ferdyn – House #2 TL

Mary Rawson – House #3 TL

**Additional Unbiased / Neutral Representatives are:**

Debbie Harper - Group Living Coordinator

Jagdeep Dhindsa - Outreach Coordinator

Annamaria Jozsa - Outreach Coordinator

This list can be found posted at all Resicare Society Worksites' Bulletin Boards

More information can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/occupational-health-safety.aspx> or by calling the **OHS Contact Centre toll free throughout Alberta 1-866-415-8690**

Resicare is a registered charity and can issue tax receipts for any donations made to the society. Any support that you are able to give is always greatly appreciated!

**Current Positions Available**

Please contact Nadia Kunz in HR to check current positions available within Resicare.

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