



CONNECTIONS



**Children's
Aid Society**
THUNDER BAY DISTRICT
Newsletter for
Resource Parents

February is Black History Month

During Black History Month, people in Canada celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make our country culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous.

The most important thing we can do as caregivers is support an anti-racist, anti-discriminatory community. We need to put in the effort, and the first step is educating ourselves, on the history, on the issues, and on the cause. Click [here](#) to learn more about Black History Month in Canada.



Can You Help?

We are in immediate need of caregivers to provide emergency placements for teens. Do you know someone who would be a good fit? Encourage them to contact our resource department by emailing ACinquiries@thunderbaycas.ca.

"You were born with the ability to change someones life don't ever waste it."

Family Day is Around the Corner

On Family Day, many people plan to take part in activities aimed at the whole family. As the weather is usually very cold in February, we hope you will find some time to get outside and enjoy the crisp winter season. Click [here](#) to see to browse the FREE winter programming being offered by the City of Thunder Bay.



CAS Staffing Updates

RETIREMENT NOTICES

A Message from **Christine Galati**, Resource Worker:

I wanted to take a moment and take the opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to all the caregivers that I have had the pleasure to meet in my 30 years at the agency. Words cannot express the level of respect that I have for caregivers. Caregivers who open their hearts and their homes to the children and youth who are in need. Being a caregiver takes dedication and changes many things in your lives and for your family members.

To provide a comfortable and safe place to live for children/youth in need. Sometimes the need is only for a day or two, for months and sometimes for years. The children and youth who need a place to be until they can return to their homes and be with their family. The children and youth who need a more permanent place to live and still have relationships with their loved ones. Sometimes caregivers start out as resource parents and become adoptive parents or become part of the child's family.

It has been my privilege to be able to be a small part of this journey. My journey will the agency ends in the spring as I start my retirement. Goodbye and keep doing what you do, it is appreciated.

Stacy Trojan retired in December after over 30 years with the agency, the majority of her career was spent in the resource unit. Stepping into her shoes is Penny Linkewich.

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING

Penny Linkewich may be familiar to some of you. She is joining team with over 20 years of experience in child welfare. Ms. Linkewich is very excited to be working with the Resource Team.

Local Foster Family Association



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Youth Symposium: 2022 PowerUp!



The *One Vision One Voice* team is pleased to announce that registration for PowerUp! 2022: (Our) STORY youth symposium is now open!

The event will take place virtually on Zoom on February 24 from 1 to 4 PM. PowerUp! is the first Canadian event specifically designed for African-Canadian/Black children and youth in care to provide connections to community, to empower them, and to inspire unity and togetherness for Black youth across Ontario in the child welfare system. If a youth in your home is interested in attending, please contact their worker to register.

We Want to Hear From You!



If you have a story to share with our readers, please email it to:
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