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TeleMiracle 35 on March 5th and 6th

Please watch for Cosmo representatives, Todd Phillips and Anna McCallum on Sunday March 16th on TeleMiracle where we will proudly present a cheque of approximately \$2,000. Cosmo has been fundraising all year with 50/50 draws, basket raffles, hockey pool, a cake auction, penny drive and selling helping hands.

As well, we do not know who is coming, but we do know that representatives from TeleMiracle will tour Cosmo on Wednesday, March 2nd.

Thank you to all of the TeleMiracle representatives from each division who have worked hard selling tickets and getting involved in fundraising. We had the best turnout yet at our Cake Auction in February. Nineteen cakes were entered compared to fourteen in 2010 and twelve in 2009. We raised over \$500 which is up over \$200 from previous years.

A big Thank You to everyone who has supported our fundraisers over the past year. Your generosity is truly amazing!

- Bev Brassard and Anna McCallum, TeleMiracle Committee Co- chairs.

New Shredding Area in Waste Reduction

Staff and participants in Waste Reduction Division are anxiously awaiting the completion of the new shredding area, which is entering the final stages of construction. We would like to extend our gratitude to BHP Billiton whose generous donation made this possible. We would also like to thank everyone from Miner's Construction, Nickel Plumbing and Heating, Bridge City Electric and Conveyor and Machine for all the hard work.

-Curtis Thibault
Manager of Waste Reduction Division

Tommy Douglas Welcomes Us!

Thank You to the student volunteers from Tommy Douglas Collegiate who planned activities and hosted a group of about 10 participants on three different occasions in January.

Students, who are part of the Tommy Douglas Softball Academy, have created a partnership with Cosmo and great new friendships have formed.

We want to thank Tommy Douglas for warmly welcoming us to the school, taking time to plan activities and treating us with kindness and respect. It was great way to start the new year!

Top of the Rock- Night Out at the Monster Trucks

In mid-February Michael Edworthy, Cory Henderson, Les Large, Steven Large, Lorraine Mills, Rodney Ortynsky, Daniel Sare, Lorne Shynkaruk, Brett Sperling, Darrell Thompson, Blake Mooney, Cal Carter, Dave and Donna Hassall began our outing with a great meal of burgers and fries at Fuddruckers. The food was accompanied by good conversation and followed by the greatest dessert: ice cream.

After a great meal we headed out to Credit Union Centre to watch the monster truck extravaganza. From high flying motor bikes to screaming monster trucks crushing, smashing and tearing cars apart. The trucks may have been loud but we were louder, whooping as the jumps from the bikes got harder and more dangerous. The trucks doing wheelies or jumping cars to nearly crashing nose first into the ground. We couldn't ask for a greater evening with great company, food and entertainment. Thanks to Top of the Rock for a memorable evening.

Winter Carnival 2011

"Mardi Gras at the Cosmo"

Friday March 11, 2011

Lasagna, Garlic Toast, Donuts and Pop
Lunch provided for **Participants and Staff**

Parade, Dancing, Music, Movies, Beads, Masks
and so much fun!

Remember to wear the Mardi Gras colours:
Green, Purple & Gold

Skipping Stones



By Brian Stones, Contracts Area Participant

Happy Valentines Day Cosmo Industries!

Here I am again, hope you had a great Valentines Day. As you have guessed, I am back, and well this is going to a big one. O.k. I am going to tell ya about Sadie Hawkins Day. Awh, yes, meanwhile did I tell ya that TeleMiracle 35 is coming to Saskatoon. Where was I? O.k. Well, Sadie Hawkins Day is neat because back in the day it was the only time a girl could ask out a boy. Sadie Hawkins Day is an American folk event. It made its debut in Al Capp's Li'l Abner strip November 15, 1937. Sadie Hawkins was "the homeliest gal in the hills" who was tired of waiting for the fellows to ask her out. Her father was even more worried, so he announced the first annual Sadie Hawkins Day, where unmarried gals pursued the town's bachelors. Now there are Sadie Hawkins Day dances! Just a little something I found on the internet.

Well that's just about does it for me. I am outta here and gone for lunch. That's all for this edition of the Cosmo Communicator Newsroom. Adios Amigos.

The Waste Reduction Baking Fair

In December, six participants from Waste Reduction had the opportunity to prepare a few treats to share with their coworkers.

With the help of a few volunteers they made a few different desserts, including trays of delicious cookies. They also made brown rice pudding and a dish with a tasty combination of butternut squash, cranberries and wild rice. Some of the items were diabetic friendly so that everyone could partake.

It was nice to take a break from work and sample all the goodies. The participants and staff in Waste Reduction would like to thank volunteers Kristen Bueckert, Bernadette Mooney and Marni Griffith for making it an extra special day.

New Participants

Annette Quewezance
Rebecca Lewis

Welcome to Cosmo!

Christmas in Hawaii

Some people have all the luck. While we shivered in Saskatoon, Neil Sukut and his family spent their Christmas in Hawaii.

Neil was every bit the tourist wearing his Hawaiian shirt, dining in fancy restaurants and enjoying the tranquility of the blue ocean waves stretching over white sand beaches. Neil said they rented a car and did a lot of sightseeing. After close to a month in this paradise Neil returned to our frigid city tanned, relaxed and ready to work.

-Sherri Lowe, Pathways Supervisor

New Staff

Owen Christopherson– Community Work Groups

Belinda Harris– term Job Coach

Pam Allen– ONP Belt

Tony Pidskalny– Waste Reduction Division

Nicole Craft– casual

Changes

Stephanie Craft– casual to full time LSTD

Julia Francis– term Pathways to Opportunity to term LSTD

Tracy Martin– term Personal Supports Coordinator

Frany Nieto– Ruiz– LSTD to term Assistant Manager LSTD

Deidre Dennis– Leave of absence

Pathways Annual Garage Sale

Tuesday April 5th

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Popcorn and Punch for \$1.00

We will gladly accept donations of small household items.
Please no clothing or stuffed animals.