# ATLANTIC COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FALL 2020



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### **HSC RESOURCE CENTRES**

## Family Services Program available at HSC Resource Centres includes:

- Information on HD and strategies for care
- Connecting families with community services/resources through referral and advocacy
- Educational sessions to community groups and healthcare professionals

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## **ATLANTIC NEWS**

#### **Province-Wide Events**

**RaceHD** is our national running group which runs, walks or rolls in races across the country to raise money for Huntington disease (HD). If you would like more information about the races and how to register, visit <u>p2p.onecause.com/racehd</u>. If you have found a race near you that is not listed, contact us at events@huntingtonsociety.ca.

**Community Education Forums** are taking place on November 14 and February 27 and will cover topics such as HD research and genetic testing. Go to <a href="https://www.huntingtonsociety.ca/cef">www.huntingtonsociety.ca/cef</a> to register.

## **Prince Edward Island Chapter**

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

The PEI chapter held its first Virtual Walk this year to replace the Indy. It was a lot of fun with families getting together, walking in their own communities and raising funds fo HSC. Thank you to all who participated!

#### **MEETINGS**

If you are interested or would like to be involved in the PEI Chapter in a leadership or volunteer capacity, please contact <a href="mailto:events@huntingtonsociety.ca">events@huntingtonsociety.ca</a>.

## **Nova Scotia Chapter**

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Contact <u>halifaxhsc@gmail.com</u> if you are interested in helping with upcoming activities or events in our area.

#### **MEETINGS**

Please visit our website at <u>www.hdhalifax.ca</u> or visit our Facebook page for upcoming chapter meeting information. All are welcome to attend.

### **Newfoundland Area**

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

The Annual Barker's Battle Run in Coachman's Cove, NL was a success raising over \$4,000 for HSC! We are seeking volunteers interested in planning a fundraising events across Newfoundland. If you are interested, please contact <a href="mailto:events@huntingtonsociety.ca">events@huntingtonsociety.ca</a>, or contact Elaine Smith at 709-745-1155.

#### **MEETINGS**

Please contact the Resource Centre Director, Elaine Smith at 709-745-1155 for more information.

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## **HD RESOURCES**

#### **Clinical Trials**

New clinical trials and observational studies are being offered regularly. Should you or a family member be interested in participating please visit:

www.huntingtonsociety.ca/clinical-trial-locations

#### HDBuzz.net

HD research news. In plain language. Written by scientists for the global HD community.

Stay up to date with the latest research news about HD from around the world! Visit <a href="https://www.en.hdbuzz.net">www.en.hdbuzz.net</a> for more information.

#### **HD Fact Sheets**

Fact sheets on a variety of topics relating to HD including communication, clinical trials and behaviour are available on our website at <a href="https://www.hdfactsheets.ca">www.hdfactsheets.ca</a>.

## **GET INVOLVED**

#### **TeamHD**

Join the team of people involved in planning and participating in HSC events across the country.

Follow us on Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/hschappenings">www.facebook.com/hschappenings</a>

For more information on how to get involved in events, go to <a href="https://www.teamHD.ca">www.teamHD.ca</a> or contact the HSC Events Team at 1-800-998-7398, ext. 138 or <a href="https://www.teamHD.ca">events@huntingtonsociety.ca</a>.

#### Volunteer

Our strongest asset is our dedicated volunteers. To learn more about how you can get involved and to fill out an application, visit <a href="https://www.huntingtonsociety.ca/volunteer">www.huntingtonsociety.ca/volunteer</a>.

## **ATLANTIC NEWS**

#### **New Brunswick Area**

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Thank you Karen and Jeff Barrett for organizing New Brunswick's first silent auction on Facebook. All of the money raised went to the Huntington Society of Canada (HSC). Thank you everyone for supporting this event. This was a successful collaboration, over 80 items were donated and the event raised almost \$2,000 for HD!

Tentative plans to sell amaryllis kits at the Fredericton Market this fall. Please let Marthe know if you are able to volunteer your time.

If you are interested or would like to be involved in the NB chapter in a leadership or volunteer capacity, please contact <a href="mailto:events@huntingtonsociety.ca">events@huntingtonsociety.ca</a>.

#### **MEETINGS**

Monthly virtual support group from September to June 2021. Contact Marthe as you must register for these sessions. The time and day of the week is based from the results of a survey/questionnaire answered by you.

## Young People Affected by HD (YPAHD) Chapter

YPAHD helps youth think about and discuss issues such as genetic testing, family life, and dating with HD, and supports them in their struggles of being affected by the disease. This group gives young people someone with whom they can relate, talk to, and lean on. This support system can be incredibly important during this stage in life and beyond.

#### **MEETINGS**

YPAHD is a virtual chapter that meets monthly via telephone. YPAHD conference calls are typically scheduled during the evening of the second Sunday of each month but this schedule is subject to change.

For upcoming events and more information on how to get involved with YPAHD, visit <a href="https://www.ypahd.ca">www.ypahd.ca</a>.