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BULLETIN

*Information for consumer/survivors of the mental health system,
those who serve us, and those who care about us.*

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C/S INFO CENTRE DROP-IN HOURS: 1-4 Monday-Friday. PHONE HOURS: 9-5 Monday-Friday
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The Consumer/Survivor Information Resource Centre of Toronto

Cordially Invites You to Our

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, September 28th, 2006
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)
33 Russell Street, Meeting Room 2029
5:30 - 7:00 pm

Guest speakers from Voices from the Street will share their experiences.

Refreshments by Out of This World Café and
The Raging Spoon

All members and friends are welcome to attend the AGM and enjoy the
guest speakers and refreshments. People who became members or
renewed their membership before September 26th at 5:00 pm are eligible
to vote at the meeting.

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General Members Application Consumer/Survivor Information Resource Centre of Toronto

If you have a membership, you must renew your membership before the end of every two years for your membership to be in good standing.

The Goals of the Consumer/Survivor Information Resource Centre are:

1. To provide assistance and information to consumer/survivors of the psychiatric health care system.
2. To provide a physical facility where consumer/survivors can go to obtain information from their peers (other consumer/survivors) in a format accessible and appropriate to the consumer/survivor community.
3. To provide information outreach services to consumer/survivors in the community.
4. To assist consumer/survivors in utilizing other resources, such as mental health services and information services.
5. To identify gaps in the information resources available to consumer/survivors and to develop, or promote the development of new information resources to fill those gaps.
6. To support the use of advanced information-sharing techniques amongst consumer/survivors and among groups providing information to consumer/survivors.

I agree with and support the goals of C/S Info Centre. I would like to become a member of the Resource Centre. It serves the Greater Toronto Area and there is no charge.

- Regular Member from the Greater Toronto Area only (consumer/survivor)
 Associate Member (Non-voting). This category is for anyone who is not a consumer/survivor.

Signature _____

Date _____

Name (please print) _____

Organization (optional, if applicable) _____

Address _____

City/Prov. _____ Postal Code _____

Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

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YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE C/S INFO CENTRE AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN ORDER FOR YOU TO BE ABLE TO VOTE.

Here are some resources for Mental Health Information:

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) offers a wide range of information on addiction and mental health. The CAMH Virtual Library offers many resources including information guides, organizational and research publications, electronic journals on illnesses and treatments and research in mental health on-line. www.camh.net. CAMH publishes many pamphlets and publications some are free, to purchase or to download. To check out the CAMH Publication Catalogue go to, www.camh.net/publications. For more information on CAMH publications contact: 416 595-6059 or e-mail, marketing@camh.net.

Consumer Health Information Service (CHIS) offers a wide range of information on mental health. You can use the CHIS reference library, located at the Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St. Inquire by phone at 416 393-7056. Use the virtual library, www.vrl.torontopubliclibrary.ca. You may need a library card in order to access some of this service. For more information contact the Toronto Public Library at 416 393-7131 or www.torontopubliclibrary.ca.

Internet Mental Health is a mental health information website developed by and privately funded by Dr. Phillip Long, a Canadian psychiatrist. The site contains information on common mental disorders description, treatment, information for therapists, research information, booklets, magazine articles, newsletters and more. There is a section on common psychiatric medications. www.mentalhealth.com

National Empowerment Center is a US based website featuring news, articles on peer support, self help and alternative approaches in mental health. www.power2u.org

Going Back to School?

The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) has an extensive website dedicated to exploring and supporting post secondary education for people with mental health histories. There's a long list of topics. Some samples are: Is college or university for you? Disclosure; Challenges for mature students; Your first few weeks; Funding your education; Other websites; Bibliography and Considering graduate studies. It can be found at www.cmha.ca/youreducation/

The CMHA also puts out the following publications for students with psychiatric disabilities:

1. Mental Health and High School is a guide for students that includes tips on recognizing signs and symptoms, learning how to cope, and knowing when and where to get help. Helps students living with a mental illness adjust to the transition to post-secondary education. Price: \$2.00.
2. Your Education - Your Future is a guide assisting the transition to college or university for students with psychiatric disabilities. Price: \$5.00. Check out, www.cmha.ca/youreducation.
3. Higher Education for People with Mental Illness: Best Practice Accommodation Strategies reports on some of the exciting advances students with psychiatric disabilities are achieving in higher education today, and the steps that must be taken to continue increasing access. Price: \$12.00

You can purchase or download some of these publications. For more information go to the CMHA National On-line Store at www.marketingisland.com/cmha. For more information about CMHA publications contact: Andrea Lockhart 416 484-7750 ext. 230, e-mail, alockhart@cmha.ca.

Mad Students Society (MSS) is an organization run by and for students, providing peer support, advocacy and self empowerment for students experiencing mental health issues in post secondary institutions. The next MSS monthly meeting will be on **Saturday, September 9, 2006 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm**. The topic will be: Getting (Mad about) Accommodations. What are Academic Accommodations? What are the best ways to get what you need in school? Facilitated by Charlene Corcoran. For more information e-mail, madstudents@groundwork.ca or check out their website, www.madstudents.groundwork.ca.

Free & Low Cost Events



Friday, September 1st

Osgoode Hall Tour. Free. Walking tour of Osgoode Hall, explores the history and architecture of this building dedicated to law in Ontario. Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen St. W. Info: 416 947-3315. 1:15 pm.

Global Grooves Concert. Free. Performance by Dr. Draw. Yonge-Dundas Square, Yonge St. and Dundas St. E. Info: 416 979-9960 or www.ydsquare.ca. 6:00 pm.

The CNE. \$12.00 (adult admission). The Canadian National Exhibition has many events for everyone including: IAMS Super Dog Show, CNE Horse Show, Action Sports Showcase, Yuk Yuks Comedy Fest, Toronto Urban Musical Festival, many displays, performances, rides and activities. Admission includes Ontario Place general admission. Continues to Sept. 4th. Exhibition Place, Main entrance gates, Lakeshore Blvd. and Strachan Ave. Info: 416 393-6300 or www.theex.com. Open daily, 10:00 am – 12:00 midnight.

Ashkenaz: A Festival of New Yiddish Culture. Free. Merging all cultures of Jewish Diaspora into a diverse festival. Performances include Klezmer and Middle Eastern inspired music, theatre and comedy. Continues to Sept 4th. Harbourfront Centre, 235 Queens Quay W. Info: www.harbourfrontcentre.com or 416 979-9901. Sat., 12:00 noon – 12:00 midnight. Sun., 11:00 am – 12:00 midnight. Mon. 10:00 am – 10:00 pm.

Saturday, September 2nd

Yoga in the Park. Free. Morning outdoor yoga class all levels. Bring a mat or towel. Riverdale Park, (1 block south of Danforth on the east side of Broadview Ave.). Meet at the west side of the tennis courts/south end of the swimming pool. Info: 416 466-8152. 10:30 – 11:30 am.

Comedy of Errors Play. PWYC. The CanStage TD Dream in High Park production of Shakespeare's The Comedy of Errors, a farce about long-lost twin brothers and their twin servants who unknowingly end up in the same place at the same time. Play continues to Sept. 3rd. High Park Ampitheatre, 1875 Bloor St. W. Info: 416 367-8243 or www.canstage.com. Gates open 6:00 pm. Performance, 8:00 pm.

Sunday, September 3rd

Walk/Run Group. Free. PhACS Walk/Run Group for Consumer/Survivors, 3-5 km circuit for all levels. Meet at The Riverdale Perk, 633 Logan Ave (at Withrow). Info: www.accentonability.org/phacs or 416 604-6973. 10:00 am.

Mount Pleasant Cemetery Walk – Part I. Free. ROM walk explores St. Andrews's Society Monument, Massey Mausoleum and the Empress of Ireland monument. Meet at Yonge St. Cemetery entrance, north of St. Clair Ave. Info: 416 586-5513 or www.orm.on.ca. 2:00 pm.

Sound Travels: Festival of Sound Art. \$6.00 Island Ferry, Free, some PWYC. Outdoor sound sculptures, sound installations and sound walks on Toronto Island. St. Andrew-by-the-Lake Church, Toronto Island. Info: 416 910-7231 or www.soundtravels.ca. Outdoor installations open to Oct 1st 24/7. Indoor installations, 2:00 – 6:00 pm. SOUNDwalk series tour, 1:30 and 5:00 pm.

Monday, September 4th

Annual Labour Day Parade 2006. Free. Annual parade celebrates workers. Parade begins at University Ave. proceeding along Queen St. W., south along Dufferin Ave. through the Dufferin Gates ending at the CNE. Info: 416 393-6300 or www.theex.com. 9:00 – 11:00 am.

16th Annual Beachfest. Free. MIX 99.9. presents this annual event with live Canadian bands, children's play area, arts & crafts and more. Sunnyside Park, 1755 Lakeshore Blvd. West. Info: 416 922-9999 or www.mix999.com. 10:00 am – 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, September 6th

Summer Serenade Concert. Free. Performance by Nicole Stoffman's Jazz Boheme. Yonge Dundas Square, Yonge St. and Dundas St. E. Info: 416 979-9960 or www.ydsquare.ca. 12:30 – 1:30 pm.



Jarvis St. Walk. Free. ROM walk. Meet at Bloor St. E and Church St. Info: 416 586-5513 or www.rom.on.ca. 6:00 pm.

Walk/Run Group. Free. PhACS Walk/Run Group for Consumer/Survivors follows a 3-5 km circuit for all levels. Meet at Tim Horton's, 481 Danforth Ave. (at Logan Ave). Info: 416 604-6973 or www.accentonability.org/phacs. 7:00 pm.

Cabbage Town Short Film and Video Festival. Free. This 15th Annual Festival features works from Canada, the United States, Europe, South America, Australia, Hong Kong and Japan. Winchester Street Theatre, 80 Winchester St. Info: 416 924-3514 or www.cabbagetownshortfilmmandvideofestival.com. 8:00 pm.



Thursday, September 7th

Taste of Toronto Festival. Free. Enjoy live music, entertainment, displays, artisan's market and food samplings at this outdoor festival. Continues to Sept. 10th. Metro Square, King St. W., 2 Blocks West of University Ave., west of Roy Thomson Hall. Thurs.–Sat. 11:00 am – 11:00 pm. Sun., 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm.

Public Astronomy Tour. Free. University of Toronto, Public Astronomy Tour of the night skies with speaker Kaitlin Kratter. Room MP 134, McLennan Physical Laboratories, University of Toronto, 60 St. George St. (use north doors). Info: www.astro.utoronto.ca/StGeorge_tours or 416 946-5832. 9:00 pm.

Friday, September 8th

Arts and Crafts in Riverdale Park. Free. 180 vendors display works in a juried show, displaying all the best in ceramics, jewelry, and painting. Riverdale Park, Sumach St. and Winchester St. Info: 416 921-0857 or www.oldcabbagetown.com. 3:00 – 7:00 pm.

Sunset Yoga. Free. Downward Dog Yoga presents an outdoor yoga class. Bring a mat, blanket and windproof candle. Kew Gardens Park, pavillion at Lee Ave. (south of Queen St. W., east of Woodbine Ave.) Info: 416 703-8805 or www.downwarddog.org. 7:00 pm.

1001 Nights of Storytelling. PWYC donation. Listen and tell stories in the oral tradition. Innis College Café, 2 Sussex St. Info: 416 656-2445 or www.storytellingtoronto.org. 8:00 – 10:30 pm.

Comedy on the Danforth. PWYC. Comedy on the Danforth resumes with the improv of The Wrecking Crew. Timothy's NewsWorld Café, 320 Danforth Ave. Info: www.fastanddirty.ca. 9:00 pm.

Saturday, September 9th

Cabbagetown Street Festival. Free. The 30th annual festival kicks off with the Grande Parade, beginning with the 'Cutting of the Cabbage' ceremony, city dignitaries, marching bands, parade floats, classic cars, and more. Festival includes: food, vendors, art and music. Four stages will be set up featuring a wide variety of cultural performances, local musicians, children's activities and more. Festival continues to Sept. 10th. Parliament St. from Wellesley to Gerrard St. Info: 416 921-0857 or www.oldcabbagetown.com. 10:00 am – 7:00 pm.

Junction Arts Festival. Free. 14th Festival features art exhibits, local music, performers and activities for children. Festival continues to Sept. 10th. Dundas St. W and Keele St. Info: 416 767-5036 or www.junctionartsfest.com. Sat., 12:00 noon – 10:30 pm. Sun., 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm.

Cabbagetown Walking Tours. Free. Cabbagetown Preservation Association leads this 45 minute historical and architectural walking tour of the neighbourhood. Tours leave from the Stone Gates in Riverdale Park, Winchester and Sumach St. Info: 416 921-0857 or www.oldcabbagetown.com. Every half hour from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

Riverdale Farm Annual Fall Harvest Festival. Admission Free. \$1 /cob. A traditional country celebration in the heart of Toronto with music by Duncan Fremlin. Riverdale Farm, Winchester St. and Sumach St. Info: 416 392-6794. Corn roast, 12:30 to 3:30 pm and 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Barn Dance, 5:00 - 8:00 pm.





Sunday, September 10th

Yoga in the Park Class. Free. Morning outdoor yoga class all levels. Bring a mat or towel. Withrow Park, (1 block south of Danforth between Logan and Carlaw Aves). Meet at the south end of the park under the tree next to the soccer field bleachers. Info: 416 466-8152. 10:30 – 11:30 am.

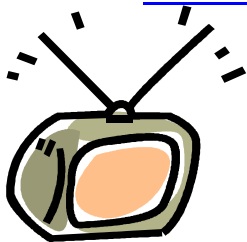
Fray Contemporary Textile Exhibition Bus Tour. Free. Bus Tour with Nadia Myre. Fray, an exhibition showcasing 19 artists exploring the fragility of cloth. The Bus Tour begins at the Textile Museum of Canada, 55 Centre St. and travels to The Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St. Arrive early as seating is limited. The exhibition continues to Jan. 7th at the Textile Museum and Oct. 13th at the Koffler Gallery. Info: 416 599-5321, 416 636-1880, www.textilemuseum.ca or www.bjcc.ca. Textile Museum PWYC, Wed. 4:30 – 8:00 pm. Koffler Gallery, Tues. – Sun. 10:00 – 4:00 pm. Bus Tour begins, 1:00 – 5:00 pm.

Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Free. ROM walk explores the Garden of Remembrance, Noronic Memorial and more. Meet at the eastern entrance off Mount Pleasant Ave., south of Merton St. Info: 416 586-5513 or www.rom.on.ca. 2:00 pm.

Only in the enchanted realm of song...Music Concert. Free. Hear Franz Schuberts' String quartet in A Minor D.804 and Haydn's Quartet in C major, op. 9 no 1. with the Windermere String Quartet. Toronto Music Garden, 475 Queen's Quay W. Info: 416 338-0338 or www.harbourfrontcentre.com. 4:00 pm.

Monday, September 11th

African Odyssey: 50 years of Zimbabwean Stone Sculpture Exhibition. Free. African Millennium Foundation presents this sculpture exhibition of Shona sculpturing movement from its historical origins to present. Continues to Sept. 29th. The Linkway, TD Centre, 66 Wellington Street West. Info: www.african-millennium.com. Open Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm.



Tuesday, September 12th

CBC Museum. Free. The museum chronicles the 70 year old history of the CBC. Currently showing the exhibition: Growing up with the CBC. Daily screenings at the Graham Spry's Theatre for September featuring, The Tommy Hunter Show (1982). CBC Museum, 250 Front Street West. Info: 416 205-5574 or www.cbc.ca/museum. Open, Sat., 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm. Mon. – Fri., 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Wednesday, September 13th

Summer Serenade Concert. Free. Acoustic jazz/guitar sounds of Lori Cullen. Yonge Dundas Square, Yonge Street and Dundas Street East. Info: 416 979-9960 or www.ydsquare.ca. 12:30 – 1:30 pm.

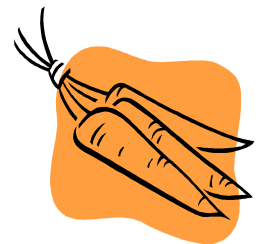
Rosedale Walk. Free. ROM walk explores the James Ramsay House, Mooredale House, Ancroft Place and more. Meet outside Castle Frank Subway Station. Info: 416 586-5513 or www.rom.on.ca. 6:00 pm.

Thursday, September 14th

RBC Painting Exhibition. Free. Showcases contemporary paintings submitted from across Canada. Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, 952 Queen Street West. Info: 416 395-7490 or www.mocca.toronto.on.ca. 11:00am – 6:00 pm.

Acupuncture Expert; Sleepless Nights in Tokyo Film. Free. Documentary film series focused on aspects of Japanese culture. The Japan Foundation Toronto, 131 Bloor Street West, Suite 213. Info: 416 966-1600, ext. 0 or www.jftor.org. 7:00 pm.

Raw Food Cooking Workshop. Free. Interactive workshop and demonstration on raw food cooking and how to develop a Detox menu. Room 212, Carrot Common, 348 Danforth Ave. (entrance by Book City). Info: www.thebigcarrot.ca/calendar or 416 466-2129. 7:00 pm.



September 14th to 17th Mad Pride. See page 10 for lots of information.

Announcements

O.C.A. (Obsessive Compulsive Anonymous)

'First Toronto Group' celebrated its 1st anniversary in June 2006. OCA is a 12-step, self-help group entirely made up only of people who have come to believe that obsessive compulsive disorder is causing unmanageability in their lives. Individuals get together to share their hope, strength and experience with one another so that they may solve their common problem with obsessive compulsive disorder.

Weekly meetings are held every Tuesday from 6:00 – 7:00 pm at Romero House, 1558 Bloor Street West (at Dundas St. W.)

Please note: due to room availability, the next OCA meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2006. For more information e-mail, ocatoronto@gmail.com.

The Leadership Project presents a **FREE** Conference day for Consumer/Survivors

Recovery PSY-'COZY'-UM 2006

A day to talk about: Our Struggles and Strengths / Our Stories and Environment / Our Health and Human Rights / Our Creativity and Courage / Our Contacts and Connections / Our Involvement with Peers

Making Recovery Happen in our communities. Exploring possibilities and actions in an interactive setting with local facilitators. Our 'Open Space' Sessions will include international guests.

Wednesday, November 15th 2006 from 8:00 am – 7:30 pm

United Steelworkers Hall, 25 Cecil St.

(1 block south of College and Spadina St. – east on Cecil St. – 3 blocks)

Registration is necessary as seating is limited. Refreshments and Entertainment are provided.

For registration forms email: heinz_klein@hotmail.com

For more information contact: 416 482-4103 ext. 510 or e-mail, heinz_klein@hotmail.com and meligstarkman@yahoo.ca.

PSY-'COZY'-UM is a Pre-Conference leading up to the Leadership Project Conference

International Recovery Perspectives: Implications, Innovations, Implementation

Critical and creative explorations of groundbreaking approaches in Mental Health Recovery

Thursday, November 16 and Friday, November 17, 2006

Hart House, 7 Hart House Circle, University of Toronto

Cost for the conference is \$300.00.

There are a limited number of subsidized seats (\$40) for Consumer/Survivors and Families on a limited income. Contact Brian McKinnon at bmckinnon@iprimus.ca or 416 285-7996 ext. 227 for more information and a registration form.

Registration begins for the Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation Fall 2006 Programs

at 7:00 am on the following registration dates by district. Etobicoke York District, Saturday, September 9th. Scarborough District, Monday, September 11th. North York District, Tuesday, September 12th. Toronto and East York District, Thursday, September 14th. You can get a copy of **the Fall/Winter 2006/07 Fun Guide**, listing all the activities and programs offered in your area at community centres, civic centres, libraries and the City Hall or online at www.toronto.ca/parks/torontofun/View. **For more information about programs and registration contact: 416 391-1111 or www.toronto.ca/parks.**

Research

The Bulletin does not endorse or recommend any of these research studies. We are posting them here for your information only. Please make your own choices as to whether to participate in any of the studies we post.

Study Participants Needed. Scientists at The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), in affiliation with the University of Toronto, are conducting a study investigating mood disorders and behaviour. Participants will be compensated for their time.

Individuals who meet the following criteria are invited to call for a short screening interview:

- You have had an episode of Major Depression, Dysthymia or Bipolar Disorder within the past 10 years
- You have been treated with medication or psychotherapy for Major Depression, Dysthymia or Bipolar Disorder within the past 10 years
- You are not currently manic

If interested call, **416 260-4219**, dial '1' when prompted, and leave a message. Leave your name, phone number, and the best time to call you back, or whether to leave a message. Calls will be returned within three business days.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Gerstein Crisis Centre is seeking volunteers for their Board of Directors. Individuals must be able to commit 3-5 hours/month for a minimum of one one-year term. The Centre is particularly interested in hearing from individuals who represent the cultural diversity of Toronto and from those with personal experience of the mental health system. Board experience, with a focus on finance, fundraising or organizational development would be an asset. To learn more about this volunteer opportunity, attend the **Board Open House on Wednesday, September 13, 2006 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm** at the Gerstein Crisis Centre, 100 Charles Street East. RSVP Pamela or Paul, 416 929-0149 ext. 226 or e-mail, prodgerson@gersteincentre.org.

The Toronto Public Library needs volunteers (Grade 10 and up preferred) for one hour per week to provide individualized help for children (grade 2-6) in reading or study skills at various Toronto Public Library locations throughout the Greater Toronto area. Application forms are available at your local library and at www.torontopubliclibrary.ca. Ongoing to May 2007. For more information call 416 395-5990 (North), 416 394-5012 (West), 416 393-7682 (South), or 416 396-8601 (East).

The Royal Ontario Museum needs volunteer facilitators to work with gallery visitors (including families and school groups) in their Hands-on Biodiversity Gallery and CIBC Discovery Room Gallery. Volunteer requirements include: enthusiasm for museum work and hand-on gallery approach; make a commitment of one four hour shift per week; able to volunteer throughout the year including the summer months; excellent communication and interpersonal skills; able to work well in a busy environment with visitors of all backgrounds including children; able to work well as part of a team; background or interest in museum related subjects; bilingualism (asset). For more information about the Biodiversity Gallery contact, 416 586-5730. For the CIBC Discovery Room contact, 416 586-5800 or e-mail, romall@rom.on.ca. You can also complete a volunteer application form at www.rom.on.ca.

Training Opportunities

Literacy Access Network offers telephone information and referral for adult literacy, upgrading and English as a Second Language (ESL) programs in Toronto and York regions. **Phone 416 961-4013.**

Toronto Business Development Centre (TBDC) will be holding information/orientation sessions for ODSP ES eligible clients interested in exploring the upcoming nine week BIZ Futures Self-Employment Program for Persons with Disabilities on the following dates:

September 6th, 2006 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm for agency staff.

September 18th and 20th, 2006 both sessions from 1:00 – 3:00 pm for clients.

Sessions will be held at the TBDC, 1071 King St. W. (Bathurst and Dufferin). **Pre-registration is required.** To register and for more information contact **Maureen Kelly, 416 345-9437** or mkelly@tbdc.com.

Job Postings

Housing Support Worker, Permanent Full Time, Mental Health Court Support Services, CRCT. Community Resource Connections of Toronto (CRCT) is a community mental health organization that works with people with serious mental health problems by working directly with them and indirectly through our community work. We are currently looking for Housing Support Workers that will provide support to individuals with serious mental health problems and are in conflict with the Criminal Justice System. The housing will be offered in partnership with lead housing agencies through rent supplements. Understanding of anti-racism work and a familiarity with issues affecting ethno racial communities. Applications from people with direct experience with the mental health system, people of colour, Aboriginal people and persons with disabilities encouraged. Personal disclosure will be held in confidence.

Qualifications: a degree/diploma or traditional training in health or social services; must have significant work experience with people with serious mental health problems. Extensive experience working with traditional and non-traditional mental health services, which may provide support to individuals with serious mental health issues; demonstrated ability to communicate respectfully with a range of people in diverse situations (clients, colleagues, partner organizations, institutions); a systemic analysis of the causes of the over representation of people with mental health problems in the Criminal Justice System; extensive knowledge of the Tenant Protection Act; sound knowledge of issues related to mental health and familiarity to a wide variety of resources in Toronto; knowledge of the Criminal Justice System is necessary; excellent and proven interpersonal skills; self directing and able to work in a team; committed to working in a partnership with clients; awareness of fire safety procedures and prevention. **Salary Range:** \$46,697.00 – 51,389.00 plus benefits. **To apply** send resume to: Housing Worker Hiring Committee, Mental Health Court Support Services, Community Resource Connections of Toronto, 366 Adelaide Street East, Suite 230, Toronto ON M5A 3X9. **Deadline:** Tues., Sept. 5th at 5:00 pm. **Info:** www.crct.org.

Posted: www.workinginmentalhealth.ca.

Community Based Support Worker, Part Time. Nabors is an organization that supports people with disabilities to live on their own and to have control over their lives. Nabors, believes that everyone has a significant contribution to make and can participate fully as citizens when well supported.

Qualifications: ability to think of opportunities outside traditional services; maturity, enthusiasm, adaptability and creativity; creativity to explore new ideas and experiences in the community; tenacity to stay with mundane or difficult situations; eager and willing to go into the community. Training provided.

Salary: \$14.92/hour. **Apply by** sending cover letter with resume outlining interests, experiences with people with disabilities, your knowledge of accessing the community and hobbies to Janelle Connell, Community Facilitator, Nabors, 2 Carlton St., Suite 1001, Toronto ON M5B 1J3.

E-mail, general@nabors.ca. **Fax,** 416 351-1462. **Deadline:** Sun., Oct. 1st. **Info:** www.nabors.ca.

Posted: www.charityvillage.ca.

In celebration and recognition of Psychiatric Survivor Pride

MAD Pride Weekend Events, September 14 - 17, 2006

Thursday, September 14th, 2006. Opening And Awards Ceremony and Rights Forum at Parkdale-Activity Recreation Centre, 1499 Queen Street West. Hosted by PARC and Parkdale Community Legal Services. 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm.

Friday, September 15th. Community Treatment Orders: Imprisoning with Drugs in the 21st Century. Presented by Erick Fabris. The Peace Lounge, 7th floor, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), 252 Bloor St. W. 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

Coalition Against Psychiatric Assault (CAPA) Reception. The Peace Lounge, 7th floor, OISE, 252 Bloor St. W. Presentation as well as an opportunity for question and answer. Refreshments served. 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

The Places We Share, a new play examining the nature of our shared existence on the margins of society by The Friendly Spike Theatre Band. The Alchemy Theatre, 133 Tecumseth St. (one block west of Bathurst, south of Queen St. W.) 8:00 – 9:00 pm.

Saturday, September 16th. Now, Who's Crazy Now? A one woman show chronicles one woman's journey from chaos to a fulfilled life of balance and recovery. Written and presented by Elly Litvak, Puzzle Factory Theatre. Alchemy Theatre, 133 Tecumseth St. 10:00 – 11:00 am.

Scenes from the House on Lippincott. A reading from the House on Lippincott by Bonnie Burstow. The Alchemy Theatre, 133 Tecumseth St. 2:00 – 3:00 pm.

Reception and Open House. Hosted by the Empowerment Council and featuring the work of Psychiatric Survivors Archives Toronto (PSAT). Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), The Empowerment Office, 1001 Queen St. W. 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

The Places We Share, a new play examining the nature of our shared existence on the margins of society by The Friendly Spike Theatre Band. The Alchemy Theatre, 133 Tecumseth St. (one block west of Bathurst, south of Queen St. W.) 8:00 – 9:00 pm.

Sunday, September 17th, 2006. Writer's Open Stage, for anyone whose work uses experiences of psychiatric survivors and or madness. Including: Mel Starkman - Hope for Change, Loretta Clark - 3 Rivers of Blood and Destiny and Caroline Fei-Yeng Kwok - The Tormented Mind and Free to Fly and many more. The Alchemy Theatre, 133 Tecumseth St. 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

Patient Built Wall Tour. Guided by Geoff Reaume. Tour remembers the contributions of the men and women who lived worked and died in the Toronto Insane Asylum. The Grounds of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), 1001 Queen St. W. 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

Closing Reception: Remembering the Patients Past: The Last Hurrah, hosted by Angel Queen. Post Wall Tour, a gathering in the Garden by the Wall, in remembrance of patients past with the hope of growing.

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