

## What a wonderful world it would be ...

What a wonderful world it would be, if we as individuals, businesses, and organizations could contribute financial resources to worthwhile community initiatives according to our ability to pay and could take from them according to our needs.

Schools and youth focused agencies/organizations are severely restricted in the amount of financial resources they are able to contribute to community initiatives that address the needs of the youth.

On behalf of the youth we serve, we ask that you personally and/or the business/organization you represent consider making a financial contribution to support the work of the Community Career Centre.

## Our Youth Need Our Help

Like most people, you are probably aware that our young people are having difficulty making good career decisions and effective transitions to employment and/or educational opportunities.

Statistics Canada reports that this province's youth (15-24 years) unemployment rate for the past 20 years averages to be 28%. Yet, we have present and predicted skill shortages resulting in persistent job vacancies in some sectors of the economy.

Our student (k-12) drop out rate has been estimated to be as high as high as 25%. One in four of our youth live in poverty. Insufficient career development resources in the k-12 system to help students formulate their career plans and significantly high numbers of young people at the post-secondary level who do not complete their educational/training programs are also strong indicators that more needs to be done to help our youth.

How well we support our youth, both in our schools and in our community, will significantly impact not only their personal growth but the growth and prosperity of our entire community.

## Community Career Centre

What started as a concept with the Capital Coast Development Alliance and embraced by the Avalon East School District has grown into a dynamic youth initiative supported by a variety of community partners.

The Community Career Centre is a collaborative effort by businesses, labour, schools and community organizations to help our youth make effective career decisions.

Our goal is to support youth on their career development journeys and to ensure successful transitions to educational and employment opportunities.

In addition to our career planning web site for schools and community organizations, the Community Career Centre facilitates the delivery of these and other initiatives:

## Speakers' Bureau

The Speakers' Bureau is a valuable resource of interested individuals in our community who are willing to talk about their experiences and share their insights with groups of young people.

## Job Shadowing Program

The Job Shadowing Program provides participants with an opportunity to spend a half or full day observing different roles and responsibilities in the workplace.

## Ask a Person with Experience E-mail Program

This program uses e-mail to connect our youth, and the people who work with them, to interested individuals in the workplace who are prepared to answer questions about their area of expertise. This program is not meant to be a long term advising relationship but a quick, and effective way to share valuable information.

## CD Network – Newfoundland and Labrador

This electronic Career Development (CD) Network consists of career practitioners throughout our province. Members work together to support initiatives that help youth make effective career decisions.

## Consider the benefits of contributing ...

- You will be listed as a contributor on a variety of Community Career Centre's program materials, manuals, flyers, and posters that are widely used in our schools and in our community.
- You receive recognition on the Community Career Centre web site plus have a link to your organization's web site.
- Your organization's signage will be prominently displayed at public events as well as verbal recognition.
- You will receive a recognition plaque for your workplace.
- You will receive a tax deductible receipt.
- You will become an important part of an innovative community effort to help our young people make good career decisions that maximize their full potential.
- You will help realize the future well being of our youth and of our communities.

## Interested?

Please take some time to view our web site and/or contact our Program Facilitator to learn more about the Community Career Centre. If you like what you see and hear, please consider making a contribution.

Your contribution will enable us to maintain quality programs and enhance our career services to reach a greater number of our youth.

If you and/or your organization would like to explore the possibility of contributing to the work of the Community Career Centre, please contact:

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and Employment  
  
Capital Coast Development Alliance  
  
Avalon East School District

### Silver (\$10,000+)

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**On behalf of the youth we serve  
our sincere thanks.**

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\*Our network of community partners is growing daily.  
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