

inform yourself about what's happening at the CPMB-Cerebral Palsy Association of Manitoba!

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# From the Executive Director's Desk...

This season is a traditional time to give thanks. As Executive Director, I find myself grateful for many things. It is true that 'all of us are stronger than one of us'.

So first, I wanted to thank **Sarah Yates-Howorth** for her 7 years as Bike Race Coordinator, and over 28 years of friendship and dedication to the Association. Sarah is moving on to write and publish a few more books and other projects. We presented Sarah with a set of custom crafted bowls by artist Valerie Metcalf. Thank you, Sarah, for all the hard work and a job well done.

Second, our long-time member and friend, **Rita Denedchezhe**, is going through a serious health issue.
Rita was admitted to HSC for surgery to fight cancer.
On October 14th Rita made a public appeal to support CPMB before she went into the hospital. **DONATE here:** <a href="https://buff.ly/2YTrnV8">https://buff.ly/2YTrnV8</a>
Please send your thoughts for Rita and her partner Ray.

In the fall of 2020, the CP Association entered an agreement with MB Possible to support recreation and leisure activities across Manitoba, in Winnipeg, Brandon and in the Pembina Valley. You can see the invites in this issue of Inform on **PAGE 14**. Please tell them that "Dave" sent you. Enjoy!

In this year of delays and lockdowns, I wanted to thank Margy, Shelley and the team that put on the CPMB CoHabit Golf Tournament. We netted approx. \$64,000 to help get CoHabit off the ground. Thank you to all the Sponsors, Donors, Volunteers and Golfers for making the day a great success. **SEE PAGES 6/7.** Stay tuned for details.

- Human Rights Complaint about the gaps in Service for adults with disabilities. The IAS Pilot Project is just starting. Stay tuned for updates as they become available.
- Bill 72 EIA (The Disability Support Act) was passed on October 14th. Myself, along with other groups and individuals (members) all spoke to make the Bill more person-centered and robust for our members. Please keep an eye out for public consultations and information.
- Education I am a member of the Minister of Education's Council on Inclusion. If you have any great examples of where inclusion has failed or succeeded, please let me know, so I can add the examples into the official report.

At our upcoming **Annual General Meeting (AGM) on December 2, 2021**, the terms of three Board Members will be coming to a conclusion. I wanted to thank **Kelly Hunter** (Past President), for his insight and dedication to the Association over the years. I want to thank **Samantha Mitchell** for her time on the Board, and finally **Tim Beyette**, who wrote the best minutes, (even if I had to chase him a bit to get them)! Thank you all for your dedication to the Association.

I would be remiss in not thanking the members of the Board that are returning to us for another year, and I want to thank all the volunteers and supporters of the Association.

We will have a slate of new members to join the Board at our AGM in December. Again, all of us make the Association CP Strong! Thank you. **—David Kron** ⊛











# THANKYOU

to all our Sponsors & Supporters!

On Saturday, May 8th, while Staying Safe in Our Own Spaces, TOGETHER WE RAISED OVER \$50,008 to help enrich the lives of Manitobans living with CP!





Monies raised support activities and events in the Westman Region.



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# THANK YOU SPONSORS!

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# Together we raised over \$50K! 2021 Westman Total Pledges

RANK	TEAM NAME	<b>TOTAL PLEDGES</b>
1	Tyler's Team	7,905.00
2	Tia's Troop	7,140.00
3	TiAiden's Turtles	6,857.00
4	Bakers' Dozen	6,815.00
5	Redneck Ryder's	6,657.00
6	Wheelin' Mouseketeers	3,667.00
7	Lucy's Belles	3,065.00
8	Zach's Pack	2,782.00
9	Bryce's Crushers	2,215.00
10	Melissa Marvel's	1,525.00
11	Bud's Buddies	1,380.00
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View our "30 Minutes for CP" PHOTO gallery here:



# **Upcoming Events...**



Saturday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup> • 1–3 pm Uptown Alley



Join us for Pizza & Prizes 1st come, 1st served\* Proof of vaccinated required

RSVP to David 204.982.4842 by November 23

\*Gift certificates will be provided if event capacity is exceeded.



# Save the Date

**NOVEMBER 12** 

CoHabit Lacoste Orders DUE

**NOVEMBER 27** 

Holiday Bowling Party

**DECEMBER 2** 

AGM via Zoom

**FEBRUARY 2022** 

Day of Wellness

**MAY 2022** 

Winnipeg Stationary Bike Race

**JUNE 21, 2022** 

CoHabit Golf Fundraiser Scan QR Code for more EVENT INFO





AGM

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Again this year, we'll have our AGM online to be safe.

**DATE** Thursday, December 2, 2021

**TIME** 6:45 – 8:00 PM **PLACE** Via Zoom

**PROGRAM** - times are approximate

6:45 PM REGISTRATION - Log in

7:00 PM President's Welcome & Remarks

7:15 PM Presentations

8:05 PM Board of Directors meeting

- Election of Executive

You must be a current paid up member to vote at the Annual Meeting.

You must RSVP in order to attend.

The zoom link and Board material will be sent out via email.

There is no cost to attend the AGM but please

PHONE/EMAIL YOUR ATTENDANCE BY NOVEMBER 29, 2021

204-982-4842 • 1-800-416-6166 office@cerebralpalsy.mb.ca

Join us for a day OF WELLNESS!



**FEB 2022** 

Stay tuned for details

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# Your Donations Make an Impact...

# **CPMB supports "yAAC in a Box"**

Although there was no Camp yAAC this year, campers were offered a creative stay@home solution: fun communication activities —"yAAC in a Box"—thanks to a grant from CPMB which covered all project costs. Campers and families alike were most appreciative of CPMB's generosity.



# **Garrett attends Sun & Fun Camp**

This summer, Garrett attended the RCC's Sun and Fun Camp thanks to a grant from the CPMB. Sure looks like fun in the sun was enjoyed by all!





# 2021 '4 Guys Ride' Raises \$9100!

Thank you Guys for a great ride on September 14th! Details of the bike presentation to follow.



# Thank you all for Supporting CPMB

- Cerebral Palsy Association Members
- CoHabit Project Sponsors, Golfers, Volunteers and Donors
- Government of Manitoba All Charities Campaign
- City of Winnipeg Charitable Fund (Funded by Employees & Retirees)
- Dr. Alfred E Deacon Medical Research Foundation
- Reston & District United Appeal
- The Prairie Dawn Foundation
- Tracy Taylor Andrew Malo Memorial Scholarship
- Pembina Valley United Way
- Donations in Honour of Catherine Lambeth
- Donations in Honour of Rita Denedchezhe
- Sean and Kara Nelson
- · In Memoriam Carol Garvin
- In Memoriam Richard Geer
- In Memoriam –Jean Gall
- · In Memoriam Margaret Nelson
- Red River Co-op Wellness Program
- Westman Group Inc.

# WANT TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS?

Are you between the ages of 9 and 17 and want to address an accessibility need that would make your day-to-day life better with the help of technology? Feel like being part of a tv series that showcases inclusion and diversity?

Wookey Films is casting for a series that plans to follow a small tech team as they meet and work with young persons with disabilities in Canada to develop and build products and devices to improve quality of life.

If you or someone you know fits the profile, please email Catherine@ardoiseandco.com

# **CoHabit Golf Fundraiser**

On September 14,
we enjoyed
an amazing day at
Glendale Golf and
Country Club
in support of



# CoHabit

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Thank you to our Golfers, Sponsors and Volunteers!

TOGETHER WE RAISED \$64,000!















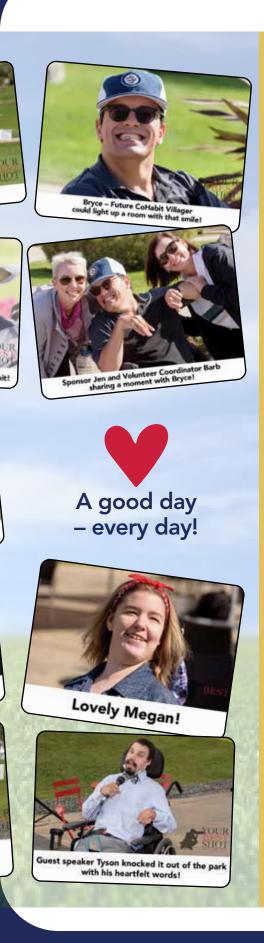






Even our CoHabit Sponsors' signs were socially distanced!

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# ▼ THANK YOU to our Supporters

# **TITLE SPONSOR**

Richardson Wealth

### **PAVING STONES SPONSOR**

Maple Leaf Construction Ltd. • Registration Desk Sponsor Maxim Truck & Trailer • Golf Cart Sponsor The Keg Winnipeg • Tee-gift Sponsor

# **NEIGHBOURHOOD SPONSOR**

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### **NUTS AND BOLTS SPONSOR**

BB Girls • Boston Pizza • BrainCore Neurofeedback Cerebral Palsy Association of Manitoba • City Press Dueck Builders • Eagle Industrial • Freedom Concepts Inc. Jennifer Smith Realty • Royal LePage Dynamic ONE Insurance • Vidir Solutions • Your Best Shot

### **PRIZE DONORS**

Brazen Hall **Bridges Golf Course** Capital K Distillery Donna McLennan (dmcreationswpg) Elite Communications **Empire Spice Mills** 

Fort Rouge Glass Frankie's Italian Kitchen & Bar South Winnipeg Eye Centre Glendale Golf & Country Club Laurie Fischer Lemon Hart Rum Maplewood Golf Club

Peller Estates St-Léon Gardens Sorrento's TC Energy The Nob Wilson

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Lake of the Woods Brewing Company Luxe Furniture Company Sigurdson Financial Group Velvet Glove Winnipeg Jets

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**FRIENDS** 

**Alcom Electronics Brad Benoit** 

Wendy Dacquisto Bob Friesen Randy Hiebert

Brenda Hryshchuk Eldon Krebs Larry & Donna Lagace

Jim Phillips Susan Stobart

# **CPMB Bike Race hits Home Run at Shaw Park!**

It's tough to contribute to an event as well run and successful as our Stationary Bike Race. When I was hired seven years ago,



founder Elwood Haas's advised me, "Don't change too much. It works." And he was right.

But with a new venue, a few new sponsors and the recent COVID

pandemic, his advice was not top of mind this year. We cancelled the race and postponed it three times but finally hosted the CPMB Stationary Bike Race at Shaw Park on Saturday, September 25. It was my last race and I couldn't have asked for a



better day: thank you to everyone who helped make it great. As well, the sun shone sufficiently to give us a brisk autumn day, ideal for cycling.

Working up to the Race was so different this year with every meeting held virtually. One meaningful exception: our final volunteers' prep meeting was held inside our garage, garlanded with potted mums and coloured lights. Over the years, my work with our volunteers has morphed from our original testiness with each other to true teamwork. Initially, the ladies knew what to do and I bossed everyone to get things right! After ordering a van load of cream cheese at that first race, I admitted defeat! But why bring up old mistakes?

On this Race, all of us were new to the task. Without our refreshment room to which most volunteers felt great loyalty and after our delicious McDonalds coffee and muffins, we utilized Shaw Park's barbecue carts. It smelled delicious and I heard no complaints about its taste.

The majority of our volunteers worked on the







four welcome tables; many like Reena and Vincent Gomes, Pat Locken and Tracy Taylor worked all day, taking breaks only when the incomers' queues lessened. Thank you, for your support in working out the glitches. Additional friends and family pitched in with grace!

On setup night, the extended family Pit Crew worked hard as usual to bring up and set

up dozens of bikes along the mezzanine. I enjoyed putting up the members' art show posters



with Curtis Turczak despite masking tape without stick and accumulated dust on the shuttered stalls, which served





as poster exhibit walls, Mindy's inventive idea backed by Susana's technical support contributed to the show. Throughout the day, the pit crew tuned up and switched out bikes without missing a beat. Most of the posters stayed up! Thanks, all of you.

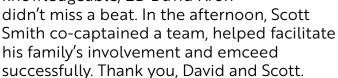
Working the floor on Race Day, my phone and I clocked more than 12,000 steps. The large screen focused on teams cycling, families fanning and everyone buzzing with activity throughout the day. Parastorm had cycled outside throughout the month of May; Susana added their video to the large-screen mix, a successful inclusion of this

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faithful team. The collaboration between the Goldeyes' technical support, Jason and Susana, goaded us onward with images, chatter and music. Thank you, Susana and Jason for making sense of it all.

It brought us closer.

Neither our favourite television personality and longtime emcee, Janet Stewart nor our lively morning emcee Brenda Gorlick were in attendance. I missed them both. However, our two emcees rose to the task with considerable aplomb. In the morning, loquacious and knowledgeable, ED David Kron



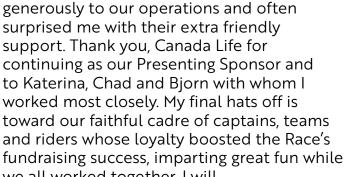
I've worked with David Kron for seven years now, constantly aggravating him to make the changes I thought were necessary. For the most part, he accepted them with graciousness and when he didn't, he fought hard, weighed my expectations with the reality of a budget and we compromised. He kept me in check! Near the end of Race Day, David surprised me hugely with a slide presentation on the large screen about our work together, which made me cry. What a glorious surprise. I was awed by the large



ceramic serving platter with its four smaller bowls, commissioned from Winnipeg ceramicist, Valerie Metcalf. Thank you,

David; thank you, Susana and thank you to all of the board who made my work for the CPMB Stationary Bike Race a pleasure.

No mistake, I'm glad to return to my writing. But I will miss many of the wonderful people with whom I worked. I will miss our wonderful sponsors who contributed



we all worked together. I will see all of you at next year's Bike Race, I hope. In the meantime, please support Susana Schanel who is taking over the Coordinator's job. No doubt, you will love her as I do. Thank you everyone.







# Are you an adaptive bike user?

We need YOUR help to validate an adaptive bike assessment!



You may be eligible to participate if:

- You live with Cerebral Palsy (GMFCS Level 2, 3, or 4), Down Syndrome or Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- You are between the ages of 5-21.
- · You are currently attending elementary, middle or high school.
- · You have experience using an adaptive bike.
- You are in stable health (no known cardiac/unstable health conditions).
- · You live in Winnipeg or the surrounding areas.

The study will require 2 hours of the participant's time. The participant and their parent/guardian will meet with the research team at the testing area, Freedom Concepts Inc. (2087 Plessis Road in Winnipeg, 204-654-1074), where a member of the research team will fit the participant with an adaptive bike for the assessment. Once fitted, the participant will be asked to complete 30 meters of selfpaced cycling at a comfortable speed for 3 trials. Performance data will be collected while the participant cycles. A small honorarium will be provided to each participant.

# If interested, please contact:

Aashka Desai desaia@myumanitoba.ca Graduate Student College of Rehabilitation Sciences University of Manitoba



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# CoHabit 2021 Winter Fundraiser

**CoHabit** is the creation of an "assisted-living style" communal space. Adults living with Cerebral Palsy and other physical challenges, can live together in an environment that is supportive of all of one's needs: social, emotional and physical. Like all projects, funds are required to proceed with this project.

See the Order Form (on reverse) for information on how you can participate in getting us one step closer to building this "home" to call our own – **CoHabit - Live independently, With care!** 



ORDERS DUE: Friday, November 12, 2021

PICKUP DATE: Saturday, November 27, 2021

PICKUP TIME: 9–11 am

PICKUP LOCATION: Lacoste, 2787 St Mary's Rd

\*Please consider sharing this information with family and friends; the arms-length approach is the optimal goal! The greater the number of sellers, the greater the reward!

\$50 LACOSTE GIFT CARD TO TOP SELLER—BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME!













\$20/\$50 GIFT CARDS

**Lacoste Garden Centre** is partnering with the CPMB in order to assist in raising funds. Included is an Order Form with pricing and images of each item for sale, along with a chart to keep track of your sales.

Sending a poinsettia, swag, wreath, planter or gift card is a wonderful gift for family, friends and workmates.

**QUESTIONS?** Email/Text Margy 204.795.6434 or Shelley 204.291.0921

Payment by credit card or e-Transfer.

Scan and email completed order form (on reverse) to margy@cerebralpalsy.mb.ca or shelley@cerebralpalsy.mb.ca

## Orders can be paid by:

a) Credit Card: Email/Text Margy 204.795.6434 or Shelley 204.291.0921 margy@cerebralpalsy.mb.ca or shelley@cerebralpalsy.mb.ca

### b) e-Transfer:

- 1) Log into your online or mobile banking app and select the account.
- 2) Add <a href="mailto:davidk@cerebralpalsy.mb.ca">davidk@cerebralpalsy.mb.ca</a> as your recipient's email.
- 3) Enter the amount, and a security question. Also provide name of donor and specify "CoHabit". Safely share the security answer with <a href="mailto:davidk@cerebralpalsy.mb.ca">davidk@cerebralpalsy.mb.ca</a>. Make sure your security answer isn't obvious and don't share it in the e-Transfer email notification message.









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# Did you live in Manitoba Developmental Centre or know someone who did?

A Lawsuit May Affect You. Please Read this Carefully

You could be affected by a class action lawsuit involving the Manitoba Developmental Centre ("MDC") in Portage la Prairie. The Manitoba Queen's Bench has decided that a class action lawsuit will go forward on behalf of a "Class," of people, which could include you. This notice summarizes your rights and options. You can choose whether to stay in the Class or not. There is no money available now and no guarantee that there will be.

### WHAT IS THE CASE ABOUT?

This lawsuit says that the Province of Manitoba failed to properly protect the people who lived at MDC from the harm they suffered. The lawsuit says that MDC residents were physically, sexually and mentally harmed by staff and other residents. The Government of Manitoba denies these claims. The Court has not decided which side is right. The lawyers for the Class will have to prove their claims in Court.

### AM I INCLUDED?

You are affected by this lawsuit if:

- You lived at MDC between July 1, 1951 and May 29, 2020; OR
- You are an estate trustee of someone who lived at MDC between July 1, 1951 and May 29, 2019, and who died *after* October 31, 2016.

### WHO REPRESENTS THE CLASS?

The Court has appointed Koskie Minsky LLP to represent the Class as "Class Counsel". You do <u>not</u> have to pay Class Counsel, or anyone else, to participate. Instead, if Class Counsel gets money or benefits for the Class, they may ask for lawyers' fees and costs, which would be deducted from any money obtained, or be paid separately by the Government of Manitoba.

You may hire your own lawyer but if you do, you may have to pay that lawyer.

### WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

<u>Stay in the Class:</u> To stay in the Class, you do not have to do anything. If money or benefits are obtained, you will be notified about how to ask for a share. You will be legally bound by all orders and judgments, and you will not be able to sue the Government of Manitoba about the legal claims in this case.

Staying in this Class will <u>not</u> impact MDC residence or any supports received by class members from agencies which are funded by the Government of Manitoba.

Get out of the Class: If you want to keep your rights to sue the Government of Manitoba individually over the claims in this case, then you need to remove yourself from the Class, by "opting out". If you remove yourself, you cannot get money or benefits from this lawsuit if any are awarded. To ask to be removed, send a letter to the address below, postmarked no later than January 12, 2022, that says you want to be removed from Weremy v. The Government of Manitoba. Include your name, address, telephone number, and signature.

You can also get an Opt Out Form at www.MDCclassaction.ca.

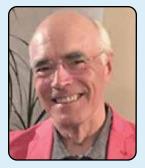
You must mail your removal request or Opt Out Form postmarked by **January 12, 2022,** to: Epiq Class Action Services Canada Inc., Attention: Manitoba Developmental Centre Class Action, 134 – 1364 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg, MB R2X 2M4, or send it by email at: info@mdcclassaction.ca.

### **HOW TO GET MORE INFORMATION**

Go to <a href="https://kmlaw.ca/cases/manitoba-development-centre-class-action/">https://kmlaw.ca/cases/manitoba-development-centre-class-action/</a>, call toll-free 1-800-286-2266, or by email at: <a href="mailto:mdcclassaction@kmlaw.ca">mdcclassaction@kmlaw.ca</a>.

**Getting information to people who need it.** We ask for the help of family members, caregivers and friends of former residents in getting information to former residents who have trouble reading or understanding this notice. More information about this lawsuit is available at the website or by calling the toll-free number. Please show this notice to people who are impacted by this lawsuit or their caregivers.

# In Memoriam PAUL GREGORY SARANCHUK



Born Sep 24, 1950 Died June 8, 2021

Paul passed away peacefully on June 8, 2021 at home, surrounded by family and friends, listening to his favourite music and boys playing in the park. It was exactly as he wanted.

Paul is survived by his immediate family

consisting of his dear wife Marguerite (nee Gagnon), and their daughters, Laura Rivero of Calgary (husband Yahir and grandsons, Emiliano and Tomas), Danielle Saranchuk of Winnipeg and dear Nicole Fontaine (son Lucas).

Paul is also survived by his brother Walter Stephen Saranchuk (Diane), and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and many extended family members and special friends. Paul was predeceased by his mother Olga (nee Bohonos), his father Stephen Saranchuk, his stepmother aunt Mary Saranchuk (nee Bohonos/Cyhanevich), and his stepbrothers, William Bohonos and Joseph Bohonos.

Paul was blessed to have his dear wife Marguerite as his life partner. Being married for over 45 years, she was his companion, dance partner, and constant support. Paul's family was his pride and joy. It was his driving force and motivation for his entire life.

Paul's roots come from north end Winnipeg. Lifelong friendships began from elementary and junior high school to throughout his life. Paul was an A student at Sisler High School. He graduated from University of Manitoba with a BSC in 1971 and obtained his Law Degree in 1975. During these studious times, blue collar summer jobs and summer Grand Beach escapades with "the boys" prevailed and gave Paul life perspective.

Sports was a bonding experience throughout his life and he was a self-confessed golf-a-holic. All who knew him would know that his 'hole in one' on the ninth hole at Pine Ridge was one of his proudest moments.

Paul cherished all of his friendships, whether recent, occasional, or long term. Once you were Paul's friend, you were his friend for life. Paul leaves us because it was his time, with no regrets. Only positive memories should dominate his departure. He wants to be remembered as a 'nice guy' and a faithful friend.

If so inclined, in lieu of flowers, charitable donations in Paul's name can be made to CancerCare Manitoba, Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 1175 Main St., Winnipeg, MB R2W 3S4, DASCH Foundation or the Children's Rehabilitation Foundation.

As published in Winnipeg Free Press on Jun 10, 2021

# **CPMB Community Partnerships — Join us...**









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# Free To Be Me: Accessibility Hacks To Personalize Your Life (thank me later) —Mindy Tucker

"I love myself today, not like yesterday, I'm cool, I'm calm, and I'm gonna be Okay..." I really need to stop putting my karaoke song lyrics anywhere near these newsletter articles. So anyway, we know that accessible products are often hard to come by, and if one does come across them, they, may as well, be in vault 713 at Gringotts.

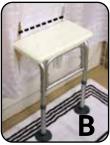
Over the last seven years I have scoured the inter-webs trying to find products which would make life easier, for me and others, while also not breaking the bank in the process.

The following list contains some of my findings. Look at me sounding all scientific-y. Some photos have been taken from Amazon as I cannot take photos of myself. Also, said in my very fast TV voice from the 90s, "I am not an Amazon affiliate. Any purchases you make from this list and the cost you incur are yours and yours alone, I will not be responsible for anybody's accessible shopping binge."

# **Accessible Shower Curtain (\$2)**

If you use a shower bench or chair you may struggle with actually keeping the water in the shower, especially if you need assistance. This was the bane of my existence until I found a shower curtain made to accommodate a bench. After receiving the shower curtain and seeing how it was made I realized all it is was a shower curtain which has a flap in it where the end of the shower bench and the curtain would intersect. (See photo C below) This creates a seal Between the bench and the outside curtain, as there is no extra material falling in front of the bench itself. Which makes this very simple to DIY.







Once you know where on the shower curtain and your bench intersect all you need to do is cut off the extra material at the dotted line if your bench does not extend past the edge of the tub. (See photo A and B.) Or, if you have a bench which has a vertical grove within it, measure the length of the slit and cut a flap which you can then place inside the vertical grove to create the seal.(See photo C.)

Because I like to change out my liners I just use regular dollar store shower curtains and then have a decorative one in front. The best part, it actually works. (My bench does not have a groove in it to fit the whole shower curtain) but I found my way still works, since I use it as a liner rather than an all in one. (Pictured in photo A) Final tip: make sure when you're using a shower curtain if it's a liner or one to put the shower curtain inside the shower. Otherwise no seal will be created and you will get water all over the floor. I thought this was general knowledge but some people do not know this.

# In Memoriam LESLIE JAMES PASHE



Born January 6, 2000 Died September 12, 2021 (age 21)

We regret to announce the sudden passing of Leslie Pashe on September 12, 2021 in Winnipeg, MB at the age of 21 years.

Left to cherish his memory are his mother Donna Pashe; father Les Hall; siblings Lance, Bradley, Marcus, Destiny and Ashanti; grandmother Ruth Hall; grandfather Maurice

Goodvoice; foster parents Rebecca and Patrick Bollegraf and brothers Colton and Jesse; along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by his sister Sarina.

Leslie graduated June 2021 from Sisler high school where he attended for 5 years. He was known for his beautiful smile and easy going personality. Leslie enjoyed life's simple pleasures, naps being his absolute favorite. His cat Milo would join him, and could always be found curled up on his lap. Once almost not being noticed as Leslie was boarding the school bus, luckily no one had to pick the cat up from school. Leslie's favorite day was Saturday because he didn't have to get up for program and he got to stay snuggled in his blankets and sleep longer. He enjoyed listening to music and loved having his hair washed and styled. Leslie was a sweet quiet and handsome young man who enjoyed the company of his family and the attention the girls at school gave him. Leslie will be missed by so many and loved forever.

Private services will be held with burial taking place at the Old Sioux Village Cemetery, Dakota Tipi First Nation.

A tree will be planted and cared for by McKenzie's Portage Funeral Chapel.

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# **Colour Changing Shower Head (\$40)**

I don't know about you, but, I have a lot of trouble with temperature, namely, I can't feel it. Ever since I was a kid I would scold myself in the tub all the time. This \$30 shower head from Amazon, which changes colour based on water pressure (no batteries needed), saves me from having that problem ever again. Cold water is green, warm water, blue, hot water is red, and flashing red means very hot. Credit goes to Jenny Kowalson who first showed me this. I have had my shower head for



about two years now and it's about time to replace it. Such a simple yet effective way to manage temperature issues.

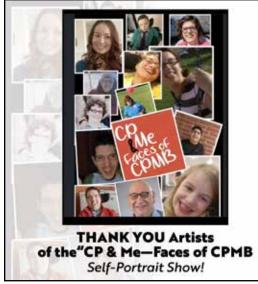
These are just a two of many accessible hacks I am currently using, I love finding new ways to do things so if you have any questions feel free to contact me, or let David know. Share your accessible hacks on Facebook or Instagram.

Look for more Accessible Hacks in the next issue of Inform!

# **CP & Me—Faces of CPMB - THANKS CPMB Members!**

This year's CPMB Stationary Bike Race was different because many of our Members were not able to attend BUT, they were represented through their art! All CPMB members were invited to create a personal poster, showcasing the most important aspects of their life—Disability excluded!

Many created amazing posters that were displayed at Shaw Park in our "CP & Me - Faces of CPMB" Self-Portrait Show. Individual artists were spotlighted on social media for 2 weeks starting October 6th in celebration of World CP Day. #CPProud! Special thanks to Mindy for her inspired inclusionary idea! ®













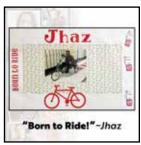


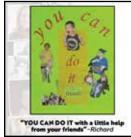




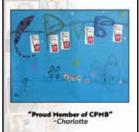


















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