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Muscular Dystrophy News Weekly Digest

<u>Deflazacort Preserves Muscular Function Longer in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Patients than</u>
Other Treatments



Friedreich's Ataxia News Weekly Digest

<u>Pfizer Seeks Patent Covering a Friedreich's Ataxia Therapy That Resverlogix Has Already Developed</u> Stem Cell-secreted Molecules Restore Function to Human Friedreich's Ataxia Cells





We are excited to be hosting our 4th Family Retreat and pleased to recognize <u>Lawtons Home Health Care</u> as our presenting sponsor!

Families and individuals impacted by neuromuscular disorders are invited to a weekend of high-seas adventure (on an inland lake). Join us for a bounty of networking, learning, and fun September 22-24, 2017.

Camp Brigadoon is a fully accessible facility where families will come together in outdoor activities and education sessions. It's an opportunity to bond with your loved ones, meet like minds, and relax in an idyllic setting 'away from it all'. Meals will be prepared by Camp Brigadoon's renowned chefs. Families will have private bedrooms in open and spacious lodges. The private bathrooms are accessible and there will be Hoyer lifts on site.

Registration is now open!

Retreat Fees: \$25.00 +HST per person. (Fees Include: Food, Activities, Entertainment and Lodging)

Questions? Please reply to this email or give us a call 1-888-647-6322.

Register here: https://brigadoon.campbrainregistration.com/

Visit Muscular Dystrophy Canada to find out more.



Acute Care for Caregivers

This webinar will help you think about a possible visit to the Emergency Department and/or an admission into Acute Care. It will explore some of the difficulties commonly experienced and how they might be addressed. **The webinar will be on June 8, 2017 from 12:00-1:00 pm (PST).** Register here.

Caregiving: Benefits and Pitfalls

This engaging webinar will focus on sharing caregiving experiences from those who understand it best—caregivers! **The webinar will take place on June 20, 2017 from 7:00-8:30 pm (EST).** Register here.

Community/Chapter

Life Rolls On - Martinique Beach, NS

This award-winning event established by Life Rolls On, empowers people with mobility disabilities to experience freedom and mobility by riding a wave with the assistance of adaptive equipment and volunteers.

For more information contact Paula Green: (902) 494-7594 or email lromartinique@gmail.com Visit http://www.liferollson.org or Facebook.

This event will take place Saturday August 19 and registration opens at 9:00 am Wednesday July 5th

This event fills to capacity QUICKLY – for both adaptive athletes and volunteers. Mark your calendar and don't forget to register!

Fire Fighters Supporting Muscular Dystrophy Canada



Fredericton Fire Truck Pull

The Fredericton Fire Department will be teaming up with Rib Fest to host their first annual **Fire Truck Pull Challenge**, in support of Muscular Dystrophy Canada! This event will be held at the Capital Exhibition Grounds on **Saturday**, **June 10th**, **2017 from 4-7pm**.

Fredericton - Ladder Sit

The Fredericton Fire Fighters will be hosting their annual Ladder Sit in support of Muscular Dystrophy Canada on **June 15, 2017 @ 12:00 PM – June 17, 2017 @ 9:00 PM** at the Home Depot on Regent St.

Oromocto - Ladder Sit

On June 16, 2017 @ 12:00 PM – June 17, 2017 @ 10:00 PM at the Sobey's on Miramichi Rd, the Oromocto Professional Fire Fighters will be hosting their annual Ladder Sit in support of Muscular Dystrophy Canada. One Fire Fighter will sit in a chair 80 feet in the air for apx. 35 hours.

Dartmouth - Ladder Sit

The Westphal Cole Harbour Fire Fighters will be hosting their annual Ladder-a-thon in support of Muscular Dystrophy Canada on June 23, 2017 @ 12:00 PM – June 25, 2017 @ 2:00 PM at the Sobey's - Forest Hills Pkwy. One Fire Fighter will sit in a bucket 80 feet in the air for 50 hours.



Fundraising





Who will you walk for?

Join us for the Walk for Muscular Dystrophy and help raise spirits and funds in support of those affected by neuromuscular disorders. The Walk for Muscular Dystrophy is a fully accessible community event that is fun for your family, friends and colleagues.

Your contribution will help support individuals and families affected by neuromuscular disorders through initiatives including education, information, advocacy and funding for research and assistive devices.

Join our community of hope and help make a difference. www.walk4md.com



Sell WestJet Walk 4 MD raffle tickets towards your walk total.

Tickets are \$5 each and money raised can be added to your fundraising total (by Regional Office). The prize is one pair of return tickets anywhere West Jet flies (per province.)

Contact Rebecca.bourbonnais@muscle.ca to get your tickets.

Draw Dates:

NB - June 24 at the Fredericton Walk

NL - September 9 at the St. John's Walk

NS - June 24 at the Pictou Walk

PE - June 24 at the Charlottetown Walk



Meet the Charlottetown Walk4MD Ambassador Micah Gallant

Within a few days after Micah was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy we became involved in Families of SMA Canada. For a few years we attended International Conferences and camps but all of these events were so far away. We needed to connect on a local level and that is when we got involved in Muscular Dystrophy Canada. We attended a family camp in Nova Scotia in the fall of 2015 which then led us to attend the walk in Charlottetown the following summer.

To read more about Micah visit the Charlottetown Walk4MD

These are the dates and locations of the 2017 Walk for Muscular Dystrophy.

New Brunswick

June 18, Saint John, HMCS Brunswicker June 18, Moncton, Centennial Park June 24, Fredericton, Odell Park

Newfoundland and Labrador

July 29, Goose Bay, HVGB Town Hall August 19, Corner Brook, CB Civic Centre September 9, St John's, Easter Seals House

Nova Scotia

June 10, Halifax, Marriott Harbourfront June 17, Sydney, Joan Harriss Cruise Pavilion June 24, Pictou County, Scotsburn FD

Prince Edward Island

June 24, Charlottetown, Confederation Landing Park

Many thanks to our regional Walk Sponsors

