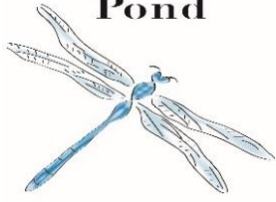


**Dragonfly  
Pond**



FAMILY SOCIETY

# The Pond

Fall 2019

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## Family Story

Joining Dragonfly Pond Society has been such a rewarding experience for my son and me. I am a single mother raising a son with Autism. This group has provided us with wonderful opportunities to meet and connect with other families in an environment that is welcoming and inclusive. My son has formed wonderful new friendships, and I have the chance to talk with other parents of children with special needs who truly understand my situation.



Their summer programming provided my son with numerous fun activities such as art classes, indoor rock climbing and gym time all in a group where he felt safe, included, and comfortable to try new activities. As a single parent on a limited income it's truly a blessing to be a part of a group like DFP as it provides my son with fun activities that otherwise I may not be able to afford.

Joining DFP has truly made us feel like we have a sense of belonging, and a much-needed support network. We look forward to the many fun activities they plan throughout the year! I would strongly recommend any family who has children with special needs join DFP. It's truly made a wonderful impact on our lives.

## Donor Spotlight

The United Way of the Central and South Okanagan Similkameen supports our Dragonflies and Minnows Spring and Summer Program. Thanks to their Grant, we were able to enjoy 6 fabulous Art in the Park days, 3 Mornings at Excel School Penticton, a picnic in the park, biking at Safety Village, climbing at Hoodoo Adventures, Bowling at Roll N Stones Fun Centre, 6 days at the Community Center gym with swimming, and a summer ending celebration at Locolanding Adventure Park.



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## What's New...

[The Uniquely Fashionable Fashion Show](#): This amazing event is coming up on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Our registration is closed now, and the event planning is progressing nicely. If you have not heard about this event or would like more information about it, please contact Tricia at [dragonfly@vip.net](mailto:dragonfly@vip.net). We look forward to seeing all the children shining that night!!

[Family Get Together](#): The Family Get Together is held once a month at various locations in the community. The next Family Get Together is being held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10-12 at Safety Village. You are invited to bring your own bike and helmet, but if you do not have any, we can supply them. Please bring a water bottle too! Please email [dragonfly@vip.net](mailto:dragonfly@vip.net) or phone 250-490-3305 if you would like to attend.

[Family Stories](#): If you have a story that you would like to share in the newsletter on how Dragonfly Pond has made a difference in your family, please email Tricia at [dragonfly@vip.net](mailto:dragonfly@vip.net).

[The Family Christmas Party](#): The Christmas Party planning is in progress! Please watch your email for our registration form to arrive in order to sign up for a gift for your child. The Christmas Party is an annual celebration that is filled with fun and crafts with Sarah, plus a visit from the North Pole!

[Respitivity South Okanagan](#). Respitivity season has begun. Parents and Caregivers are going to be enjoying their date nights and anticipating hotel stays. Thank you to the Community Foundations SOS, The Fest of Ale Society, Penticton Lakeside Resort, The Sandman Penticton, The Ramada Inn and Suites, The Pasta Factory, Landmark Cinema 7, Roll n Stones Fun Centre, The South Okanagan Events Center, The Penticton Speedway, The Dream Café, Many Hats Theater and Elephant Island Winery. If you have not yet registered or would like more information, please contact me!

### **DRAGONFLY POND FAMILY SOCIETY PROGRAMS ARE ALSO SUPPORTED BY...**

*United Way of the South Okanagan, Community Foundation South Okanagan Similkameen, Ministry of Child and Family Development, Lakeside Resort, Ramada Penticton Hotel & Suites, Sandman Hotel, The Pasta Factory, Safeway, Walmart, Rexall, Community Centre & Pool Staff, Okanagan Fest of Ale Society, Global Spectrum and the South Okanagan Events Centre, Sherwood Trophies, The Bay, Peach City Cruise, The Barley Mill Brew Pub and Sports Bistro, Penticton Herald, The Boys and Girls club, OSNS, BCSPCA, The Shatford Centre, Penticton Western, Elephant Island Winery, Steff Perry from Gardenpetal face art, Tim Horton's, Sun-Rype, private consultants, community members, family members, foundations, community agencies & service providers*

# Volunteer Opportunities & Events

## The Uniquely Fashionable Fashion Show

This wonderful community event is designed to inspire and celebrate the children of Dragonfly Pond. We have various volunteer opportunities on the night of the event including escorting, supervising, selling raffle tickets and more! Please contact Tricia at [dragonfly@vip.net](mailto:dragonfly@vip.net) or Traci at [diesle1@telus.net](mailto:diesle1@telus.net) for more details or to sign up.

## The Family Get Together

Volunteers would assist parents with their children during the event. Email Tricia for the next Family Get Together at [dragonfly@vip.net](mailto:dragonfly@vip.net) or call 250-490-3305.

## Family Christmas Party

The Family Christmas party will take place on **SUNDAY December 15, 2019**. Volunteers are needed to help with the craft tables (instruction & support with simple crafts) as well as picking up gifts for the children from Toys for Tots and Teens. Refreshments and snacks included.

**If you would like to volunteer with a program or fundraiser, please contact program coordinator Tricia for more details @ 250-490-3305 or by emailing [dragonfly@vip.net](mailto:dragonfly@vip.net)**

## QuickLink: (each issue, this section will provide a link to a resource for our families!)

The At Home Program is designed to support children and teens with a severe disability or complex health care needs. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/healthy-women-children/child-behaviour-development/special-needs/complex-health-needs/at-home-program>

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