

Aug 2012

FASS Newsletter

Special Interest Items:

- www.faslink.org "I wish I had an ordinary brain"
- Our ongoing Need is to raise money for Neuropsychological assessments and Diagnoses, help with housing, food, education and daily needs of our Special People

FASS refers and consults with the Diagnostic and Canadian FASD Training Centre Edmonton, Alberta, AB www.fasdcanada. com

FASS is Parent driven Support Group that meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month, at NOON at our office, Room 103, Building A at The Community Village. We can assist you with referrals and accessing AISH

TO SAVE A CHILD
IS TO SAVE
A COMMUNITY

FASS - Fetal Alcohol Support Society /Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder(FASD)

Email: fass@telus.net / Website: www.fassalberta.ca

Building "A" #103 Community Village 10113 103 Avenue GP

Living with FASD

"I wish I had an ordinary brain" 14 year-old Aaron tell his adopted mother. Though he looks like an average teenager who enjoys swimming, soccer, and playing PlayStation, Aaron has Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and functions at the level of an 8 year-old. Lisa adopted Aaron when he was 18 months, describes fetal alcohol spectrum disorder as an "invisible disability" with sufferers having their needs neglected. As a result, they are

misunderstood and often headed down a path of crime and violence.

It is probable that 10% to 15% of children are significantly enough affected by prenatal alcohol exposure to require special education. As they become adults, FASD does not disappear but the issues of youth translate into ongoing problems in family relationships, employment, mental health and

justice conflicts. The cost to the individuals affected, their families and society are enormous and as a society, we cannot afford to ignore their resolution

Premier Redford stated in 2010" If you just continue to recycle people through the justice system and you don't deal with whatever their underlying problems are, it's not good for them, it's not good for the community, it's not good for the justice or health systems"

Projects for the future:

Recycle Plus Fundraiser

Drop your recyclables off throughout the year at either Recycle Depot Clearly mark your bag or box with **FASS** assigned ID # **1537-7624** Report donations to the cashier

"Help save a child"

Penny Donation Drive

It is **August** and we are still accepting pennies,we want your **pennies**.

Phone **FASS** office at 780 – 532 - 4156 prior to drop-offs (we are part-time) or email: Carmen at <u>fass@telus.net</u> for pick-up of your pennies

FUNDRAISER REPORT
Aguatera \$6,204.45

Thank you AQUATERA

UPCOMING EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL FASD DAY on Sept 9th

Prepare to post your proclamation

Nov 2012

Coin boxes at all co-op locations including gas bars throughout the region

Jan 2013

Co-op FASS BELLS

FASS Mission Statement

To advocate on behalf of persons with FASD and their families throughout their lifespan

Most of our income is from fundraising and donations made from the generosity of your hearts.

To find out how you can further support us, please check our website www.fassalberta.ca or e-mail us at fass@telus.net