



Karin Cleven Nominated for the YWCA Woman of Distinction Award

Karin Cleven, Director and Chair of the FASD Society for BC and supervisor at SHARE Family and Community Services, was recognized at the YWCA Woman of Distinction Award Ceremonies May 26th, for her outstanding activities and achievements which have contributed to the well being of our communities.

Parents and children affected by FASD have had a profound effect on Karin. Indeed, she has become a champion for them. She was one of the founders of the Tricities Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) – A Community Response Team which addressed FASD issues in Port Moody, Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam. She invited families, community members, organizations, and government to find ways in advocating for the prevention of FASD, and support for individuals affected by FASD. She was also one of the organizers of a large community conference for the Tricities area to bring education and awareness of this cause.



Karin has served as a key volunteer Board member for the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Society for British Columbia since September 2002. After only one year as a director, she was nominated as Chairperson and continues to bring a great deal of enthusiasm, knowledge and leadership to this cause. Karin’s vision for the Society has been one of building capacity to help communities find ways to serve our clientele. Her vision, encouragement and commitment has greatly assisted in helping to make The Asante Centre for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome an agency that has become world renowned for its expertise in diagnosis, assessment, and supporting those affected with FASD.

Karin is passionate about community development. She has participated as a volunteer in many other endeavours including Special Olympics, the Municipal Social Planning Advisory Committee, Study Circles and Community Solutions. Her boundless energy is an inspiration for all and her life is an example of what we envision one person can do.

Congratulations Karin! You are truly a woman of distinction!

GIVE MEANING FOUNDATION www.givemeaning.com
A special birthday woman raises \$760.00 for support.

Thank you to a special woman who, instead of receiving birthday presents, asked her friends and family to help celebrate her special occasion by giving to the FASD Society for B.C. By creating a project fundraising page, individuals and families affected by FASD will be able to have the much needed intervention services that they may not have been able to afford otherwise.

Thank you for your heartfelt donation.

2007 Citizens Report from Maple Ridge

Dr. Kwadwo Asante recognized in the District of Maple Ridge, 2007 Citizen’s report as one of the **Citizens - “Going Above and Beyond”**. Congratulations to our beloved Dr. Asante, Medical Director for the Asante Centre for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

To view a copy of this report visit the website

http://www.mapleridge.ca/EN/topnav/whatsnew/whatsnew/volunteer_week.html

Upcoming Events

Ridge Meadows Opry

October 25th, 2008

Maple Ridge, ACT

The 3rd International Conference on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Integrating Research, Policy, and Promising Practice Around the World: A Catalyst for Change

Victoria Conference Centre
Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

March 11th - 14th, 2009

Parent-to-Parent Support Groups

For dates and times of parent-to-parent support groups and parent education in the Fraser Health region visit Events and News on the Asante Centre website.

Research Opportunities

Your assistance with FASD research can make a difference. We need to learn more about FASD and researchers across North American, including researchers at UBC and UVic, are looking for families and individuals who are willing to participate. Please visit the Asante Centre website research page for further information.

For more information and other events visit the Asante Centre website and click on the Events and News link.



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Howdy . . .

The 6th annual Ridge Meadows Opry is coming soon. Please mark your calendar for October 25, 2008. We will once again be having two shows – a matinee at 2:00pm and an evening show at 8:00pm. Tickets are available at the ACT at 604-476-2787.

The Opry is a celebration of classic country entertainment and our wonderful cast of performers is very diverse – from cancan dancers to cowboy poetry and bluegrass to ballads and the show will not go without plain old cornball antics. Our playbill is fast moving and is aimed at keeping the entire audience entertained as well as bringing a renewed appreciation for old time variety shows.

This year all our proceeds go to support the Asante Centre.

If you have any questions, please contact Andy Clevon at 604 463 1991 or email him at a-clevon@shaw.ca.

New Zealand Team visits the Asante Centre

Those who have been involved with the Asante Centre for some time recall when the staff was invited to tour New Zealand in 2004. Most recently on April 7th and 8th, 2008 the Asante Centre team was joined by a professional group from New Zealand as a follow-up to the 2004 visit to discuss FASD assessment and diagnosis further.



The New Zealand team consisted of Ms. Christine Rogan, clinical coordinator, Dr. Tina Page, adult and forensic psychiatrist and Dr. Craig Immelman, child and adolescent psychiatrist. This team hopes to create the first FASD assessment and diagnostic team in Auckland, New Zealand. Also joining the team was Ms. Shirley Winikerei, the founder of the first FASD non-profit agency in New Zealand to address prevention and intervention for those affected with FASD and their families.

There was much discussion and excitement during the two day observation and visit at the Asante Centre. The team went on to attend the Conference on Adolescents and Adults with FASD in Vancouver, and then to visit members of the FASD diagnostic team in Washington. All involved hope that the Asante Centre will be able to continue to support our trans-Pacific neighbours towards their goal of FASD prevention and intervention and wish them the best in their pursuits.

September 9th, 2009 is FASD Awareness Day!

Every year on September 9th, International FASD Awareness Day is observed. Proclamations are issued in countries, states, provinces, and towns all around the world. Bells are rung at 9:09 a.m. in every time zone from New Zealand to Alaska. People all around the world gather for events to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking during pregnancy and the plight of individuals and families who struggle with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD). The first FASD Day was celebrated on 9/9/99. This day was chosen so that on the ninth day of the ninth month of the year, the world will remember that during the nine months of pregnancy a woman should abstain from alcohol. Anytime is a good time to raise awareness about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD).

If you are planning and FASD Day in your community prevention materials are available on the Asante Centre website.



What does ARND stand for?

In four words: Alcohol Related Neurodevelopmental Disorder. In other words, a condition in which there is brain dysfunction due to alcohol exposure prenatally, but no characteristic facial features or growth delay associated with full FAS. Those with ARND may have cognitive, behavioural and psychosocial problems that cause lifelong disabilities.

What can you do?

Become a member of the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Society for British Columbia!

Name/or Organization: _____

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or become a member on our website

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