

Building Bridges

Government and Community Support to build Bridges

As a result of a series of successful meetings between Vancouver MDC staff, Bridges youth, and government leaders, the BC Minister of Children and Family Development has provided a grant of \$56,000 to the Bridges to the Future Program to support youth with physical disabilities to successfully transition into adulthood.

A festive group of BC Human Resource Management Association members gathered at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver rooftop ballroom to bid on valuable items, mingle, and donate. The event raised \$10,000 for MDC!



New "Bridges to the Future" Coordinators

Alberta

Terri Tumack is an energetic mother of three with a passion for supporting the independence of youth, families, and adults with disabilities. As a parent and social worker, she has advocated at the school and government level to increase



awareness about disabilities and influence positive change. Terri is a trained peer supporter with MDC and a volunteer at Glenrose Hospital's pediatric neuromuscular clinic. She has also been a group facilitator and program planner for the Red Deer Family Resource Centre. Terri currently moderates an Internet based bulletin board focusing on health issues. Did I mention that she has a lot of energy?



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Jennifer Crawford is a sports enthusiast with a range of experiences in the not-for-profit and corporate sector. Jennifer has worked in a supervisory role for a school program for children with special needs at the Ottawa Children's Treatment Centre. Her strong coordination, facilitation, and exceptional client-centred skills have been utilized at the Queen Alexander Treatment Centre in Victoria and with Royal Caribbean International. Currently Jennifer is a personal care attendant and trainer for a Paralympic Athlete.

