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Former Premier, and current Chair of the Canada-Newfoundland & Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board, Roger Grimes, has assumed his role as Honorary Patron for Murphy Centre Inc. **Inspiring Lives.** Roger is very familiar with the work of Murphy Centre Inc from his time in Government, particularly during his tenure as Minister of Education. Work has already commenced to broaden the awareness of the work of the Centre in the corporate community. We look forward to working with Mr. Grimes in this effort.

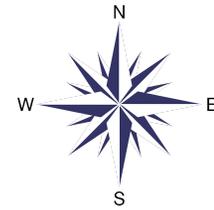


**TechPrep aims to Grow Provincial Tech Workforce**  
Murphy Centre Inc. is launching a new Tech Career Program designed to help unemployed and underemployed persons explore a career in the local Tech Sector. The first cohort of

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**Spring, a Time of Renewal**

Since the dawn of this planet, the four seasons have enlivened many specific thoughts and feelings in us humans. In the northern regions, spring this year officially began on Monday, March 20th. This season of hope and new life is often delayed in beautiful NL and requires a little more hope tinged with effort and patience! Inevitably, our patience and efforts lead us to actualizing our hopes for new life and growth. So it is with all things great and small. Here at the Murphy Centre Development Office, we continue to cultivate seedlings in the soil of philanthropic potential. At times there are elements that seem to mitigate against the pace of growth. Whether it is the havoc of a pandemic or the strains of an economy under duress, The Murphy Centre goes about its mission of giving people a second chance at achieving their academic and career goals. We are well into spring and, while we face the ups and downs of fundraising, we live and work in the hope that our efforts will bear fruit for the common good. The goal of the 2022-2023 **Inspiring Lives Annual Appeal** was to raise \$30,000 to enable the Centre to respond efficiently and effectively to unforeseen program and



April, 2023

**Murphy Centre Inc. Literacy Initiatives casting a Provincial footprint.**

With funding from the Department of Education, Murphy Centre Inc. started its first Literacy Program for Guests of the Gathering Place in St. John's in February 2021. In November 2022, Literacy Programs started in Gander and Corner Brook as part of a provincial expansion. A Literacy Program is currently being prepared for Happy Valley- Goose Bay. These Programs create learning opportunities for foundational literacy, numeracy, digital literacy, and life skills development for under-represented populations of the province. As part of Government's Adult Literacy Plan, the Provincial Literacy Programs support people as they acquire the literacy skills needed to improve the quality of their lives.

In addition to the Provincial in-person Literacy Programs, Murphy Centre Inc. started a Remote Literacy Program in December 2022 with funding from the Northpine Foundation. We have also partnered with the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries to deliver online foundational literacy, numeracy, digital literacy, and life skills programming to adults across Newfoundland and Labrador. Sessions are planned monthly but

8 participants starts on April 24, 2023, with a new cohort starting every month and running for 10 weeks. Participants will learn about potential career paths, available post- secondary programs and receive entry level technology training in Web Development, HTML & CSS, JavaScript, Python, SQL, Project Management, Cloud Computing and, Cybersecurity. Following instruction participants will have the option to take part in a 5 week, paid job shadowing experience with a local tech company. For more information visit <https://linktr.ee/techprep>

TechPrep has established a community based Advisory Board to assist in achieving the mandate. Members include: Lisa Rostenberg from W.R.D.C., Terry Greening from Employment & Social Development Canada, Elyse Summers from ClearRisk, Maggie Courish from the Genesis Centre, Ron Parrott from Enaimco and, Jennifer Vinnedge from Verafin.

#### **In Focus**

**Going forward we hope to feature a participant of Murphy Centre Inc. who has exhibited perseverance in achieving success in their program of study. The participant will be introduced here in Dev@MC and depending on the amount of content we have, the participant could be the feature of a separate mailout. We hope you enjoy meeting our participants**

participant needs. The reality is that we have raised \$19,000 to date.

Murphy Centre Inc. is in the **prevention** business and the issues we strive to address may not have the immediate heart appeal of other worthwhile charities. We assist participants to achieve an educational and job standing which will enable them to to avoid dependence upon social supports. Perhaps you had intended to support our Annual Appeal when it was launched back in November 2022 but life happened and you did not get around to it. It is not too late to help! Go to [www.murphycentre.ca](http://www.murphycentre.ca) , hit the **DONATE** button and select **Annual Appeal** as your fund of choice.

#### **In Focus: Meet Florina...**



Florina Stroia is a recent GED graduate at Murphy Centre Inc. She comes to us from Romania. Over the next while you will learn more about Florina's current studies, post secondary plans and her dream job. Stay Tuned!!

can be scheduled individually. All of these sessions are free and are delivered at home through an internet-connected personal device or at select libraries across the province.

For more information about the Provincial Literacy Program initiatives, contact Claire Hutchings, the Provincial Literacy Program Coordinator, at [clairehutchings@murphycentre.ca](mailto:clairehutchings@murphycentre.ca) or 709-730-1900.

#### ***Broadened Development Mandate..***

The Development Office has assumed new challenges by assisting with the funding of M.C. Academic Programs as well as Literacy Programs. The economic realities of the day are such that a program area which traditionally and solely relied on Government funding, now requires assistance from personal, Corporate and Philanthropic donors. To maintain our programs at the level required, means that an infusion of new funding is necessary. While our efforts will be targeted, assistance is requested from all parts of our donor base. **Please contact Derrick or Tony if you can assist.**

**Development will continue to seek second generational funding for the *Readiness Program, S.O.A.R. and, TechPrep***

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**Readiness Program receives Support**

We gratefully acknowledge a gift of \$15,000 from **United Way NL** toward this foundational program. **Readiness** requires \$80,000 to operate annually and we continue to seek new funders to support this incredible program

### **Quick Links**

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On Thursday, June 08, 2023 we are celebrating **Achievement Night** for participants in our Academic Programs.  
Congratulations to all and best wishes for the future!