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The Charleswood Social Club
Summary Report

The Charleswood Social Club is up and running as per usual, and will continue to operate until early June of 2016, after which we will cease for the summer months. We are planning to resume in September of 2016, similarly to what we have done in the past. We will be running the program for 27 weeks this upcoming year, through to June 2016. The Club meets on Friday evenings at Beaverlodge School in Charleswood, from 6:00 until 10:00 p.m.. We have access to both the small and large gymnasiums for the evening. The small gym has an adjacent Kitchenette area, which we also use. On the odd occasion that our Gym Access permit is cancelled for one of our planned evenings (this occurs about 7 times a year), we host an evening activity at an alternate site, for example, bowling at Academy Lanes, a sports event at U of M or possibly a Movie at Cineplex.

We currently have 14 participants signed up with the Club, which is a comfortable number for our staffing ratio. Our members range in age from 15 to 31, and include both male and female participants. We have 3 paid staff members at each evening, and frequently 1 additional volunteer. We have one participant that requires one on one support, and he is accompanied by his own Respite Worker. We have a Parent Volunteer Committee which oversees the function of the Club. We meet periodically, and are composed of 4 parents.

Our staff is a highly cohesive and qualified team. Our team leader is Paige Procter, whose duties include staff coordination, parent liaison, planning and implementation of activity plans on a weekly basis, and planning and overseeing the purchase of a healthy snack. Paige has worked at a variety of special needs positions over the past many years. There are always a minimum of three Staff Members working on any given night, and typically one additional volunteer. Should a staff member have a conflict and become unavailable, we have a list of substitute workers that can be called upon.

‘Club’ continues to run smoothly, both in terms of pragmatics and enjoyment. All our participants and staff are eager and enthusiastic about their Club. We are pleased to be able to provide a great environment to enable friendships to grow, camaraderie to flourish, and enable opportunities for new experiences. Families constantly report back to us that their children look forward to their Friday night outing, and this reflects the huge success that Club continues to be.

We anticipate the operation of our Club financially will remained constant again this year, at about $6,500.00 annually. Of that amount, we rely on the City of Winnipeg's commitment of $1,600.00 and Family Services commitment of $2,400.00. Our registration fee is $250.00 each, and assuming all participants return this year, that income will be $3,500.00.

The support of both the City and Family Services continues to be an integral part of our success, and please be assured, it is much appreciated! We hope this brief report will keep you up to date regarding our activities and success. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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