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October is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month



(Sudbury, ON) – The Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury's flag was raised on October 10, 2023, at James Jerome Sports Complex. Mayor Paul Lefebvre was on hand to officially mark October is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month in City of Greater Sudbury. Following the flag raising event 2080 small blue flags were planted along Paris Street. These flags represent the total number of students identified with a learning disability within our school system.

Logan Stutz, Head Coach and General Manager of the Sudbury 5 is this year's honorary chair. "It is great to give back to the community and to offer my support to this awareness campaign," said Logan.

In the evening of October 10th, LDAS hosted a mix and mingle at Dynamic Earth. The Big Nickel was lit with blue lights to raise awareness and was the highlight of the evening. Community partners who joined in our *Light The Night Sky Blue* were Cambrian College, our Event Sponsor, The Sudbury 5, Vale South Mine, Greater Sudbury Utilities (GSU) and Algonquin Equipment. Photos from the event can be found on your Facebook page at LDA Sudbury.

We launched our *Where Are They Now Series* of videos. These videos were created by students for students, highlighting the stories of former clients who have found success and where they are today.

As a school psychologist for the CSC Nouvelon, I witness firsthand the challenges that students with learning disabilities may encounter. It is a role that has deepened my understanding and intensified my commitment to the cause we are championing. Every child, regardless of their learning differences, deserves the right to learn as they have the power to achieve it, says Alex Andrée Madore, newly appointed member to the LDAS Board of Directors.

The fun continued with a Sudbury 5 Saturday game day. Children of all ages came out to play with Sudbury 5 players. Cambrian College hosted the free event, and Logan Stutz, Head Coach, and Sudbury 5 players were on hand to lead children in an afternoon of skill building activities.

To round up the month, LDAS families and friends attended the Friday, October 27th Sudbury Wolves hockey game. LDAS offered discounted tickets for families to come and howl for the Wolves dressed in their favourite Halloween costume.

A special thanks goes out to Cambrian College for their support throughout the month as our Event Sponsor for October is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month, and to everyone who took part in our month long celebration.

About Us:

The Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury is a registered charity dedicated to improving the lives of children and youth with learning disabilities. Our mission is to support individuals with learning disabilities in reaching their full potential in a community that values their unique contributions and abilities. The Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury receives no government funding for their work and relies on the generous support of donors and funders. Please check us out at www.ldasudbury.ca