



Fall 2018 Newsletter

Addition and Renovation Completed

The participants, staff, and board of directors of PLUS Industries are pleased to announce that the addition and renovations to their day program are nearly complete. During a full year of construction, our participants were able to continue their programs at the Ag Society and Wildlife Federation buildings. Our participants will remain at the latter location until the project is complete. We appreciate being able to lease those locations to keep our programs underway during these major renovations.

The addition and renovations were undertaken to provide additional space for the day program, and also dedicated space for education and training programs to prepare participants for employment in the community.

Once renovations are totally complete, we plan to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony with appropriate dignitaries in attendance. Tours for the public will also be provided following the ceremony. Please watch for future announcements!

Did you know that PLUS Industries:

Supports 65 adults who experience an intellectual disability.

Employs 35 staff to coordinate and supervise its programs.

Provides community-based employment for 30 participants.

Has an annual budget of \$2.6M which is spent in the community.

DON'T FORGET PLUS STUFF JUNCTION WHEN SHOPPING FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THAT HARD-TO-BUY-FOR PERSON!

Recycling Update

It's Business As Usual

As indicated in our spring newsletter, we are continuing our involvement with multi-stream recycling in Melfort, in order to provide meaningful employment for our participants as well as an ongoing service to assist in protecting the environment. We appreciate those of you who continue to bring your recycling (cardboard, paper, glass, tin and car batteries) to us, and those of you who have become aware of our service and have now joined us in this initiative. Thank you!

Cardboard and paper may be dropped off at several depots located throughout the city: Melfort Mall parking lot, Independent Foods parking lot, Broadway Avenue South, Park Avenue, and at our main depot at 609 Hamilton Avenue

Glass and tin containers that are not deposit containers, and car batteries must be dropped off in the marked containers at our main depot at 609 Hamilton Avenue.

We are also pleased to announce that in August, we began recycling collections at Melfort schools.

For the first 6 months of 2018, PLUS Industries has recycled:

2,645,147 deposit containers through the Melfort SARCAN Depot	360,862 pounds (163.69 metric tons) of cardboard and paper
10,369 pounds of glass	6,767 pounds of tin cans

Confidential Shredding

PLUS Industries offers a confidential shredding service for individuals and businesses wanting to dispose of out-dated records and documents in a secure and confidential manner. A pickup service is available. On request, we are also able to provide customers with a *Certificate of Destruction*. Contact our Day Program Staff at 306.752.6503 for further information about our confidential shredding service.

For information on all of our services, and our people, programs and places, visit us online at: www.plusindustries.ca

Residential Services

Greentree Home

Did you know that Greentree has been in operation for more than 5 years? Many of you will remember the significant fundraising effort we undertook in order to build it; and we are very proud of this aspect of our services.

Greentree Home is a twelve-space residence that was opened in 2012 and is owned and operated by PLUS Industries. The home is located on McKendry Avenue, in a quiet residential neighbourhood just one block from the Melfort Mall.



The living spaces at Greentree Home are organized at three levels of care: a four space group home for residents requiring twenty-four hour care and supervision, a four space supported living home for residents requiring some care and supervision, and four self-

contained independent suites for those who are able to live with minimal care and supervision.

The supervisors at Greentree Home work closely with the residents to provide quality care, encourage personal growth, foster meaningful relationships, and encourage social and recreational activities.

OTHER RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

PLUS Industries also supports individuals who live independently in rental units throughout our community. Supports from our staff can include assistance with meal planning, banking, shopping, laundry, healthy living and wellness, medication management, attending medical appointments, job seeking and transportation when required. With these supports our participants achieve independence by learning new skills, becoming more confident, and participating in their community. Participants also enjoy educational, social, and recreational activities planned and supervised by our staff.

Focus on our People

Kierra Danku: Supervisor, Greentree Home

Kierra began working for PLUS Industries in 2012 as a staff member at our Day Program. In November of 2012, when staff members were being selected for Greentree Home, Kierra was hired as one of the original staff members. In 2016, she was selected to be the supervisor of the home. Kierra and her staff support and mentor the eight residents who live at Greentree Home. She understands the importance of having a caring and supportive environment for the residents and enjoys the rewards and the challenges of working at Greentree Home. The most enjoyable part of her work is when she can see the pride and joy in the residents as they finally achieve a goal they have been working toward for a long time. The most challenging part of Kierra's work is to provide the residents with individualized supports that meet each person's diverse and complex needs. *"My work at Greentree Home is very rewarding! I get to work with caring people and make a difference in the lives of our residents."*



Miles Head: Setting Goals and Achieving Independence

Miles was one of the original residents of Greentree Home after it opened in the fall of 2012. He first lived with a group of three other residents who received regular support and supervision from the staff of Greentree Home. But, Miles was very goal oriented and told the staff that he wanted to live independently in one of our basement suites and be mentored by the staff of our Independent Living Program. In December 2014, Miles took this big step and began to live independently. At the same time, with help from the staff in our Supportive Employment Program, Miles was hired to work in the produce department at Prairie North Co-Op. We are proud that Miles has achieved these goals and has continued to live independently and be successfully employed in the community. Miles is also very active in his church and spends hours there volunteering and participating in programs. He recently achieved another goal by getting his driver's license and is now saving money for his first car. We wish Miles much success as he continues to set goals for his future and to be a contributing member of our organization and the community.