



Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan Inc.
Lésions Médullaires Saskatchewan



Chair-Leaders WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017

Good Access is Good Business

Chair-Leaders is a provincial fundraising initiative to create greater awareness of the everyday challenges faced by individuals with mobility disabilities.

Chair-Leaders is a partnership that highlights the need for greater inclusion of and access for people with disabilities in the workplace.

We are inviting organizations and businesses to become involved in Chair-Leaders and working together with Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan to create awareness of the challenges persons with varying mobility encounter in the workplace.

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“So many little tasks are made monumentally harder for someone in a wheelchair and it takes a surprising amount of strength and planning to go about your day.”

– Jennifer Gelsinger

We see organization and business participation in Chair-Leaders as a win-win collaboration—organizations gain a strategic initiative to promote employee accessibility. Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan receives funds to continue its work to support programs and services that allow individuals with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities to achieve independence, self-reliance and full community participation.

Chair-Leaders is a good opportunity to link an organization's commitment to diversity with an initiative that may benefit all employees and company growth. Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan's services to businesses include:

- Accessibility Consultations
- Accessible Business Directory
- Lunch and Learn Presentations

Hear from Past Chair-Leaders

Jennifer Gelsinger has participated in Chair-Leaders for the past three years. Her workplace RE/MAX Crown Real Estate North has supported Chair-Leaders wholeheartedly.

As a Chair-Leader, Erin Capp experienced as many work activities as possible including transferring from her car into the wheelchair.

About Us

Established in 1964, Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan (formerly known as Canadian Paraplegic Association of Saskatchewan) provides programs and services to Saskatchewan residents with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities. Our mission is to assist persons with spinal cord injuries and other physical disabilities achieve independence, self-reliance and full community participation.



"Farming is a passion of mine, and having the opportunity to have this lift has definitely given me my independence back. I want my daughter as well as anyone reading this to know that no matter what you put your mind and heart to, you can achieve it. It may not always be easy, but it will be worth it. I would like to thank SCI Sask for its support."

– Brian Fyson

Our Programs

Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan provides a variety of programs and services across the province;

- Peer Support Programs
- Education and Employment Supports
- Accessible Housing Supports
- Aboriginal Programming
- Awareness and Advocacy
- Information Services
- Membership Benefits

Impact

Brian Fyson is a 31-year-old life-long farmer from Perdue, Saskatchewan. In 2004, Brian had a snowmobile accident that resulted in a T12 spinal cord injury.

After his accident, farming was difficult, but with the help of his family and friends, he learned to adapt and was able to continue the work he loves. His only frustration was that he had to rely on others to get in and out of his combine. Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan was able to help Brian build an electric lift for his combine. Brian has regained his independence in his work life.

How Chair-Leaders Works

Register by using the form attached or online at www.scisask.ca



Event Day

"I challenge every business owner and city engineer to spend a morning or a day in a wheelchair and continue on with your day-to-day tasks to become aware of how accessible your environment really is."

– Erin Capp, Chair-Leader

Chair-Leaders is scheduled for one morning – May 24, 2017. All Chair-Leaders will be invited to a continental breakfast followed by a safe-wheeling session before heading into the office. There they will conduct their daily work by swapping their desk chair for a wheelchair.

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| 7:30 - 8:30 am | Kick off breakfast and wheelchair safety instructions. |
| 8:30 am | Participants head to work with their Activity Challenge Checklist. |
| 8:30 -11:30 am | Wheelchair Activity Challenge. Participants will be given a list of about 20 activities or challenges to try while on the job. |
| 11:45 am -12:45 pm | Luncheon, photos and award presentations. |

Did you know?

When Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan helps just one person return to the workforce, the benefits to Canada easily exceed \$350,000 (based on receiving an earned income of \$30,000 per year vs. receiving government disability benefits of \$10,000)

Average cost of a manual wheelchair is \$4,000 to \$5,000

Chair-Leaders can go a long way to including greater numbers of people with disabilities in the workforce.



"The challenges of living with an SCI are difficult for most of us to fully understand. I can tell you that getting into a wheelchair and maneuvering through the doorways and corridors that we typically take on foot every day, has been a real eye opener."

– Erin Capp, Chair-Leader

Register to be a Chair-Leader

Company Name _____

Chair-Leader Name _____

Address _____

Primary Email _____

Phone _____

Change cannot be made without leaders! Leaders like you.

Please send registration forms by email or fax to:

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