## Hiring People with Disabilities

# **INNOVATIVE LABOUR SOLUTIONS AWARDS**

Recognizing Inclusive Business Leaders in Surrey - Delta - White Rock

### Celebrate with us on Thursday, October 1, 2015

The City of Surrey, the Rotary Club of Surrey, Rotary at Work BC, Milieu Family Services, Community Living BC, and WorkBC are recognizing employers and businesses in your community that have gone above and beyond to create a welcoming workplace where everyone feels valued and respected, promotes inclusive hiring and provides meaningful employment opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities. This Awards event features:

- A proclamation by the City of Surrey recognizing October as Community Living Month
- Networking with Inclusive Employer nominees to learn their hiring process and their business benefits.
- Recognition by Rotary Club of Surrey and Rotary @ Work BC proclaiming October as Vocational Month.
- Keynote Speaker: Gordon Ross, Director of Employment Initiatives (Inclusion BC). <u>Topic</u>: Ready, Willing and Able <a href="http://readywillingable.ca">http://readywillingable.ca</a>)

"With management background in Health Human Resources and Communications, Gordon transformed Employment Services for Persons with Disabilities in the Northwest Territories by focusing on meeting Employer's workforce requirements, leading to a 50% increase in positive employment outcomes."



"Ready, Willing and Able is a national and provincial initiative to assist Employers with meeting their labour force requirements by tapping into the skills and abilities of persons with developmental disabilities and/or autism. Funded through the Government of Canada and the Vancouver Foundation, participating Employers are beginning to reap the benefits of enhanced inclusivity within their workforce while improving their bottom line."

"It's more than the right thing to do; it is the smart thing to do."

"I think people don't realize that it's not just good for the soul, it's good for business."

(Employer partners benefiting from hiring inclusively: Costco, Home Depot, Coast Hotels, Goodbye Graffiti, Urban Digs Farm)

You can recognize and nominate an Inclusive Employer! Complete the application form:

Online at: <a href="http://www.communitylivingbc.ca/innovativelaboursolutionsnominationform/">http://www.communitylivingbc.ca/innovativelaboursolutionsnominationform/</a>. Print this form, or call 604-501-8310 for a paper copy.

Submit paper forms by Fax: 604-501-8309 - or – mail to: Community Living British Columbia, #110 – 7525 King George Boulevard, Surrey, BC V3W 5A8 (after August 31 new address: 2017 – 7495 132<sup>nd</sup> Street, Surrey BC V3W 1J8)

NOMINATION APPLICATION FORMS DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2015



### **INCLUSIVE EMPLOYER**

Recognized by:

Rotary Club of Surrey Community Living BC City of Surrey-Measuring Up Milieu Family Services WorkBC Employment Services Centre



#### **EVENT INFO:**

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2015

Where: Eaglequest Golf Course - 7778-152 Street, Surrey BC 5:30-6:30pm Program and Dinner: 6:30-8:30pm Event Fees: \$20 (Early Bird - reserve before September 10)

\$25 (after September 10 - late reservations/drop-ins at door)

\$10 self-advocates

Register online at: <a href="http://awards.surreyrotary.ca">http://awards.surreyrotary.ca</a>
Registration/Cancellation deadline: September 24, 2015, 5:00 pm
If you require any accommodations or additional supports to attend the event, please

contact 604-502-6353.









