

Seasons Greetings!

*"May peace be your gift at
Christmas and
your blessing all year through"*
Author Unknown



Holiday Networking: A Gift That Lasts (Article courtesy of CvTips.com)

Holiday parties bring more than just temptation to ruin your diet. These parties and social gatherings can be used as an opportunity to network if one does it smartly, maybe landing themselves a better job in the coming year. You can meet a wider scope of people at a holiday party that may not be possible at a regular gathering. Remember, you never know when people who hold the key to your next job are "present"!

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we approach the end of one year and the beginning of a new year, I have to stop and giggle. When I was in high school I would try to imagine what the world would be like as we approach the year 2000, never mind 2009. Guess what, it really isn't all that different. Some styles have changed, some have returned and hopefully some are dead and buried forever, particularly big shoulder pads. Getting an education is still critical to success and hard work is still the essential ingredient to get there. I have learned that as you get older, french fries go right to the hips and that going to bed at 1 am on a Tuesday night, isn't such a good idea. One of the most important lessons I have learned since my carefree days at high school is that giving is far better receiving. Giving time to your community, your family, your friends, giving money to charity, being courteous to strangers and being generous in thought and deed.

With the Christmas season fast approaching, why not take the time to give. Give time to your friends and family. Shovel a neighbours sidewalk, let someone ahead of you at the grocery store check out or how about picking up some of the litter that seems to be all over the city. If you can, give to one of the many charities in your community who depend on the donations received now to carry out their work for the whole year. For me the best stress reliever at this time of year is to spend time doing what is important; visiting friends, spending time with my kids or giving up an afternoon of shopping to do something that will help make the season brighter for others.

Enjoy the lights, the music the hustle and bustle, I know I will, but truly I would be happier doing it at temperatures above 20 degrees.




On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Staff of 2nd Chance,
Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a Wonderful New Year!

~ Chris

"A single act of kindness throws roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves" Lawrence G. Lovasik

December 2008 ~ 2nd CHANCE EVENTS

Questions? Ask any 2nd Chance staff or call our main office at 519-823-2440

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 Drop In YRC (hang out, play board games, chat on the computers and more!) 3-4:30	3 Video Games @ YRC 4-6	4 YWAP @ YRC at 2 Popcorn and Movie night @ YRC 4-6	5
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15 Check it out! 	16 Drop In YRC (hang out, play board games, chat on the computers and more!) 3-4:30 Ace the Interview Workshop Norfolk 1:30-3:30	17 Video Games @ YRC 4-6 YWAP/ Keys to Workplace Survival Workshops (Norfolk) 1:30-3	18 YWAP @ YRC at 2 Holiday Pizza Party @ YRC 4-6	19
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Workshop Descriptions:

YWAP:

Learn how to avoid accidents at work - and what to do if they happen!

Keys to Workplace Survival:

You can survive and succeed in your job! Learn how!

Ace the Interview:

Wow employers by presenting your skills like an expert!

NOTE: Workshops are also held at schools and other organizations in the community. For more information, check www.2ndchance.ca/jobs/events.shtml or give us a call!

Where is 2nd Chance?

Downtown Guelph
177 Norfolk St.
519-823-2440

Monday to Friday
8:30 am to 4:30

Youth Resource Centre
Stone Road Mall
519-823-2818

Mon/Tues 9:30 to 4:30
Wed/Thurs 9:30 to 7:00
Friday 12:00 to 4:30

Fergus
160 St. David St.
519-843-5513

Monday to Friday
8:30 am to 4:30

(Please call for more information re: Christmas hours)