



Village News

A Newsletter from the Village to Our Members

Firefighters Christmas Party



On Saturday, December 10 the Toronto Professional Firefighters Association held their annual Christmas Party at Variety Village and presented Variety with a very generous donation of \$20,000 on behalf of their members. We are grateful to the TPFPA for their long-standing and continued support of Variety. We would not be able to provide programs and services for people with disabilities without the support of our incredible donors.

Facility Access Notices

January 1-Variety Village closed for New Years Day

January 8-Fieldhouse in use from 10am-5pm for Track Meet. Cardio room will remain open.

January 20-Court 3 in use from 5pm-10pm for set up for Canadian Junior Weightlifting Nationals

January 21-All courts in use all day for Canadian Junior Weightlifting Nationals. Track and cardio room will remain open.

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World's Greatest Christmas Party Earns the Name



Lots of festive fun was had by over 1,000 people who attended the 14th Annual World's Greatest Christmas Party on Sunday, December 11.

Santa and Mrs. Claus were kept very busy making note of children's Christmas wishes, while moms and dads shopped for gifts in the vendors' market. Bouncy inflatables kept everyone hopping and treats and games rounded off a perfect day. Best of all, Variety Village raised over \$31,000 for programs and services to support people with disabilities. Happy Holidays everyone!



Variety Village to Host 2012 Canadian Junior Weightlifting Championships

Variety Village is proud to be the host of this years Canadian Junior Weightlifting CHAMPIONSHIPS Championships. This competition will TORONTO, ONTARIO feature some of the greatest young athletes in the country. Variety Village's own Weightlifting Team will be represented by several of our athletes.

Variety Village at the Santa Shuffle

On Saturday Dec 3rd Variety Village entered 20 participants in the annual Salvation Army's Santa Shuffle. The weather was perfect for running or walking and everyone had a great time. As a result of the Village's participation, \$400 went towards feeding families in need at Christmas.

Wrestling at Variety Village

Saturday January 28 2012
SCT - Squared Circle Wrestling
GOLDEN HEARTS

Variety Village
Doors open at 6:30pm - Bell time at 7:00pm
Tickets are only \$20!!

100% of the proceeds will be donated to Variety Village

For more info:

<http://ontariowrestlingsindyelite.com/art/aaevents.htm>



The Sports Page

Variety Village Weightlifters Compete in Ontario Junior Weightlifting Championships

The Variety Village Weightlifting team brought their "A" game to the Ontario Junior Weightlifting Championships in Toronto. Here are some of the athletes' great results...

- Khalil Sabayle**-Top Ontario Junior Male with a 236kg total
- Taylor Findlay**-Top Ontario Junior Female with a 118kg total
- Luke Buchanan**-First Place in 46kg class with a 92kg total
- Daniel Cheung**-Third Place in 62kg class with a 110kg total
- Aaron Rose**-First Place in 69kg class with a 213kg total
- Stan Silantev**-Fourth Place in 77kg class with a 183kg total
- David Tshibungu**-Fifth Place in 77kg class with a 180kg total

Variety Village Tae Kwon Do Welcomes New Black Belts

The Variety Village Tae Kwon Do program recently held its testing to see if their athletes had what it takes to wear the highly prestigious black belt. The athletes did not disappoint. Some, who already possessed their black belts were given the opportunity to move up to the next level (Dan) of black belt. Here are the testing results...

- Samika Prupas - 1st segment of 2nd Dan
- Wyatt Simms - 1st segment of 2nd Dan
- Emily Proctor - 1st segment of 3rd Dan

- Charlotte McAfee-Brunner - Black Belt
- Kelly Morrison - Black Belt
- Garry Morrison - Black Belt
- Al Belevski - Black Belt
- Marko Belevski - Black Belt
- Alex Linley-Cairns - Black Belt
- Raesean Gilkes-Basketette - Black Belt

"Junkyard Dog" Visits the Village



On Monday November 28, 2011 Toronto Raptor Alumni Jerome 'JunkYard Dog' Williams visited Variety Village and hung out with one of the Birchmount Park CI BEAP classes. The class was put to the test on their basketball skills. He also visited with some of our LINKS participants before leaving. A big thanks goes out to Glen Duncan and his BEAP class for their participation.

Cassidy Sheng Qualifies for Provincials

Congratulations to Cassidy Sheng from the Flames team who qualified for Provincials on December 4th at the KBM Meet in Kingston. Cassidy swam 100 backstroke (4 lengths) in 1 minute 56.48 seconds. She beat out the Ontario Provincial standard by 2 seconds. Cassidy will be joining 3 of her teammates in Etobicoke for the Provincial competition in February. Way to go Cassidy, this is a HUGE accomplishment!

Toronto Open-More Results!



Well the results just keep pouring in. In addition to last issue's results we have been informed that another of our VVAC athletes, Ruairi O'Connor Clarke, placed 1st in sparring at the recent Toronto Open.

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Vision
Opportunities for people with disabilities.

Mission
Variety Village promotes appreciation, interaction, empowerment and inclusion. We facilitate the achievement of life goals for people with disabilities through sports, fitness, wellness; awareness; education; training and skills development.