

# Rotary Employment Partnership E-Blast

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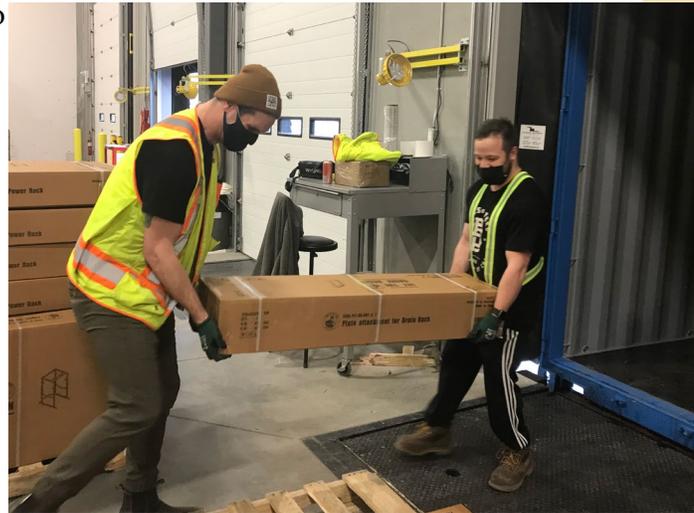
 Inclusion Alberta

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## New Job Developed

### Bells of Steel

David recently obtained part-time employment in Calgary as a warehouse picker/packer with Bells of Steel, a fitness equipment retailer. David picks inventory for orders, packs orders and prepares them for shipment. He is responsible for receiving and accurately counting inventory on incoming containers. As a competitive power-lifter David is already familiar with Bells of Steel's products. He is thrilled to be able to share this passion for health and fitness with his colleagues who also enjoy lifting weights and setting new personal records. At work or at the gym David and his colleagues enjoy lifting heavy stuff, working together to accomplish goals, and they have fun while doing it!



*Right: David and his colleague Dan unloading a delivery truck*

## Call to Action

Do you know of a business that is struggling to find staff?

Many industries are currently experiencing staffing shortages for reliable and passionate employees- If you are connected to a business that is struggling to find or retain staff, please introduce them to the Rotary Employment Partnership.

Many of these roles could be filled by someone with a developmental disability! There is a huge untapped labour market of individuals just waiting for the opportunity to share their skills and talents.



*If you are interested in knowing how your workplace or Rotary Club can become involved, please contact:*

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# 2021 Year in Review

Despite the constant fluctuating of restrictions and push-back of return to office dates, the Rotary Employment Partnership did not skip a beat for job development again this year. The pandemic has thrown many curve balls our way in the last 2 years, but what has remained consistent throughout all of those curve balls, is the relationships we have built and continue to build. It is because of those strong relationships that many individuals had the opportunity to return to work after many months of lay-off. It is also the reason why businesses choose to hire through the Rotary Employment Partnership.

Building relationships and goodwill is what we do best!

This year, the Rotary Employment Partnership developed a total of **62 jobs** across the province! The following Rotary individuals and clubs are recognized for their role in developing employment opportunities this year:

Rotary Club of Calgary Downtown: Al McMillan, Ryan Tizzard, Catherine Brownlee

Rotary Club of Red Deer: Rick Johnson

Rotary Club of Grande Prairie: Steve Madden

Rotary Club of Grande Prairie After Five: Lionel Frey

Rotary Club of Grande Prairie Swan City: Pamela Nordin

Rotary Club of Edmonton Sunrise: Wendy McDonald

Rotary Club of Edmonton Mayfield: Jeanette Bancarz, Derek Jay

Rotary Club of St. Albert: Robert Gallant, Andre Charrois

Rotary Club of Lloydminster: Tara Ferguson

A special thanks to our Steering Committee's for their continued investment into the Rotary Employment Partnership!

Calgary Steering Committee, Edmonton Steering Committee, Lloydminster Steering Committee, Vermilion Steering Committee, Red Deer Steering Committee, & Grande Prairie Steering Committee



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