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THE TETRA SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA: CUSTOM ASSISTIVE DEVICES

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NATION**

## Celebrating our TetraNation 2022 Winners

Our annual online video campaign, TetraNation, recognizes the work of Tetra Society's nearly 300 volunteers across Canada. It showcases and celebrates the devices (and the volunteers who make them) impacting hundreds of Canadians' lives each year. This year's TetraNation competition was our fifth and biggest yet!

# TetraNation Contest Winners



## ATLANTIC REGION - ST. JOHN'S GUITAR STRUMMER

**Client's Wife:** Megan

"Our experience with the Tetra Society was fabulous! The attention to detail to ensure Dan's needs were explicitly met was amazing."

[\(read more\)](#)



## CENTRAL REGION - GUELPH ATV Wheelchair Modification

**Client:** Robert McMullen

"I have been dreaming about this for many years now, and you guys made it come to reality! For that, I can't thank you enough."

[\(read more\)](#)



## PRAIRIE REGION - LETHBRIDGE SWIM DEVICE

**Client's Mother:** Vicki

"It was fabulous, and while Faith was a little nervous at first, it didn't take her long to start using her legs to walk around in the water and swim when it got deeper." [\(read more\)](#)



## BC REGION - VANCOUVER MODIFIED CRIB

**Client:** Marco Pasqua

"Working with the Tetra Society to create an accessible crib for me to interact with my daughter has been absolutely life-changing." [\(read more\)](#)

# SPOTLIGHTS

## NEW CHAPTER COORDINATOR CASSANDRA BEAUMONT

Metro-Toronto, ON.

"I previously worked with Glenn Barnes for the Peel Chapter, assisting in administration, event planning, coordination of meetings, travel, fundraising and donations. The highlight of my experience was my involvement with an accessible crib project. Our Chapter gratefully

received a new donated crib from Toys R Us. I visited the volunteer during the progress of the modifications and had the privilege to help deliver the final product to the expectant mother. Personally and professionally, Tetra's mission aligns with my goals."



Crystal Chalmers (right) and husband (left.)

## NEW CHAPTER COORDINATOR CRYSTAL CHALMERS

Edmonton, Alberta

"Throughout my life, I have been involved with many non-profits, advocating strongly for mobile home housing laws. I enjoy crafting and mothering my two children when I'm not dedicating my time to helping others. Alberta has been home my entire life, and I plan to continue doing what I can to benefit my community."

## RETIRING VOLUNTEER GERRY WURTAK

Regina, Saskatchewan.

Gerry has been volunteering for the Tetra Regina Chapter since 2005, retiring in April 2022.

"One major project that Gerry was initially involved in was for a pull behind carrier for a bike for a little girl with no muscular strength. The project went to another team member for welding, but Gerry was instrumental in developing the gizmo. I can't say enough good about him and his actions!"



Gerry Wurtak



Glenn Barnes

## CHAPTER COORDINATOR GLENN BARNES

York and Thunder Bay (NEW), Ontario

"Glenn has supported and been a part of Tetra Ontario for over 20 years and looks forward to working with clients and volunteers in York Region and Thunder Bay."

## NEW CHAPTER COORDINATOR STEVE TRUSSONI

Halifax, Nova Scotia

"My professional experience working as an educator of pupils with physical and/or intellectual disabilities challenged me to consider adaptations. The Tetra Society allows me to work on designing and creating solutions when none are available."



Steve Trussoni

# INDEPENDENCE, FREEDOM & ACCESS

*Tetra is a registered charity that enables people with disabilities to overcome barriers in the physical landscape. We recruit technically skilled and compassionate volunteers who work one-on-one with individuals requiring custom engineering solutions. The completed gizmos empower people with disabilities to live independent and active lives.*

## TETRA Thanks!

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- Brash Inc
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- Community Foundation of the North Okanagan
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*Dedicated to assisting people with disabilities to achieve an independent and fulfilling life, one assistive device at a time*

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