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ACCESSORIES**

SCI Access Expo Toronto



The 2026 Toronto SCI Ontario Access Expo will be at the Lyndhurst Hospital August 20th, and it promises to be another special event for people invested in

this industry whether they are buying, selling, working, friends, family, or funding goods and services.

The promotion surrounding the Access Expo is accessibility empowers everyone to live a full life reaching goals and aspirations. There will be daily use and active living equipment abound. These products and services will enable people with disabilities to accomplish both everyday needs and extraordinary feats.

Between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM (and people usually linger around) you will see some of the latest technology, accessibility products, and be able to connect with the community over free food and inspiring ideas. Register at <https://www.sciontario.org/events/toronto-access-expo/>



and we will see you at the Lyndhurst Centre, 520 Sutherland Dr. Toronto, ON. You will be able to take a ride on the new IND Mobility product; A POWER TUBE

designed to change any manual chair into an ECHAIR. These chairs retain all the functionality to be 100% manual with quick release interchangeable wheels and a quick release Power Tube for the ultimate in manual or power performance.

Rehacare 2026

The Rehacare International Trade Fair for Rehabilitation, Prevention, Inclusion, and Care is at Messe Duesseldorf, September 23–26, 2026. We look forward to seeing 650 exhibitors from over 40 countries with their new product!

CFPDP HOF

The 2026 edition and 33rd Annual Canadian Disability Hall of Fame has been announced by The Honorable Vim Kochhar CFPDP volunteer CEO. At 90 years young, he continues his mission to have Canadians change the way they think about people with a disability. It will be held at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel Thursday, October 8, 2026, 11:30 a.m. – Reception 12:00 p.m. – Luncheon / Awards. Presenting Sponsor CIBC. This year, a longtime friend leads off the inductees.



Dr. David Legg (Builder) has over three decades working at every level to help shape adaptive and Paralympic sport in Canada and around the world.



Mac Marcoux (Athlete) is one of Canada's most celebrated alpine skiers and a respected advocate for people with disabilities. A downhill racer winning six Paralympic medals (two gold, one silver, three bronze), multiple world championships and 52 World Cup podium finishes, now shares his experience with the next generation of para-athletes.



Bradley McCannell (Achiever) has devoted more than four decades to creating a more accessible and inclusive world for people with disabilities. From a spinal cord injury in 1980, his learned experience has earned him a title of one of Canada's foremost experts in universal design.

NEW: CFPDP introduces a \$100,000 ANNUAL IMPACT AWARD FOR DISABILITY RESEARCH.

This is a personal prize directly to an outstanding Canadian researcher. If you know a Canadian researcher who's making a real-world impact, go to iadr.cfpdp.com and nominate them by October 16, 2026. Self-nominations are encouraged. www.CFPDP.com

AMSTilt.com

Friends of ours (Scott and Anne Dalglish) own a manufacturing facility in Kingston, Ontario and distribute products throughout Canada. Their mission is to provide dependable, clinically informed positioning and pressure care solutions that enhance comfort, safety, and mobility for people with a disability, while simplifying the work of healthcare professionals.



They offer seating and positioning solutions many of which are out of the box ready. Their offerings are always expanding, and they are open to custom made solutions with a creative team of fabricators in house. Their clinically approved products are widely prescribed and mostly funded in the industry.

Their premium silicone dimensional Gel Pads are used and trusted throughout the health care sector in hospitals, care homes and by organizations including the NHS, Community Stores and Veterans Affairs. Check them for manual or power wheelchair needs, mobility aids, all types of seating, and for power add on users check out their Rib Caps! www.AMSTilt.com

Cruisers TryIt Multi-Sport



Cruisers Sports have announced the return of their annual multi-Sport TryIt session where individuals can try all the different sports offered by their club in one spot! The event is free, no experience is necessary, all ages are welcome, and all equipment will be provided. This event prioritizes support for people with a physical disability, but friends and family members are more than welcome to join and TryIt as well. There will be on-site interpreters available to assist if English is not their primary spoken language. If required, please complete the registration form ASAP and indicate language requirements.

Cruisers Sports Multi-Sport Try It Day

Date: Saturday, August 22nd

Time: 3:30pm - 7:30pm

Location: Mississauga Sports & Entertainment Centre (5500 Rose Cherry Place, Mississauga ON, L4Z 4B6)

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/WB9BarAGWX87sr9L6>

Registration Deadline: August 19th

Contact: Lisa Myers at paraathletics@cruisers-sports.com

Final schedule and event details will be sent to registrants on the Thursday before the event.

Julie Sawchuk



Julie Sawchuk's recent blog for her company "Sawchuk Accessible Solutions" puts a smile on your face and drapes your heart in positivity. She talks in terms of being a "Wheelie-Woman" for 11 years now, leaving a life as your neighborhood science teacher to a champion of accessibility. She recounts that

the 11 years has been full of surprises, opportunities, learning, new friends, setbacks, and a soon-to-be blockbuster. But it is her smile and can-do attitude that brightens the room and leaves it filled with energy and enthusiasm. She gives us "Cheers" to life noting that it's short and reminding us to make the most of it with good coffee. <https://www.juliesawchuk.ca/>

New OSOT Web Site

New Name: Ontario Society of Occupational Therapy (OSOT) Their Former Name was Ontario Society of Occupational Therapists. This shift from "Therapists" to "Therapy" reflects their commitment to representing their broader membership and network, which includes occupational therapists, occupational therapist assistants, affiliates, vendors, government partners, and organizations that support the occupational therapy profession in Ontario. They have also announced that Exhibitor and Sponsor registration for the 2026 Virtual OSOT Conference is now open. They will have partners participate in the October 23rd Conference and we have selected the Innovator Sponsorship opportunity. Confirm yours by October 9th. See more: <https://osot.on.ca/>

Bits and Bytes

- 49 SCI Ontario Access Expo Aug 20, 2026, Toronto, ON;
- 49 Cruisers TryIt Event August 22, 2026, Mississauga, ON;
- 49 IWF World Champs Sep 9-19, 2026, Ottawa, ON;
- 49 SCI Ontario Access Expo Sep 10, 2026, London, ON;
- 49 Abilities September 11-13, 2026, Phoenix, AZ;
- 49 CSMC September 15-16, 2026, Toronto, ON;
- 49 Rehacare September 23-26, 2026, Dusseldorf, DE;
- 49 OSOT.on.ca Virtual Conference October 23, 2026.

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