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**Subject:** FW: Deafblind Awareness Month

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Please note, I am not sure if we did this last year.

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Hello and good afternoon,

I am writing on behalf of the Canadian Deafblind Association- BC Chapter.  
We were wondering if you could join in with our awareness campaign to light up the Archie Browning/ Adventure Water Park in blue.

Members of the deafblind community hope Canadians pause to reflect on deafblindness when they see many familiar landmarks in Canada lit up in blue to celebrate National Deafblind Awareness Month during June. The Senate of Canada issued a proclamation in 2015 to nationally recognize June as Deafblind Awareness Month. With organizations now working together with a single voice, there is greater opportunity to highlight both the abilities and challenges of the estimated 65,000 Canadians who are deafblind. June is also the birth month of Helen Keller, one of the most internationally recognized people who lived with deafblindness. The annual National Deafblind Awareness Month initiative is led by groups and organizations in several provinces that support people who are deafblind. The goal is to share information about the unique disability of deafblindness and the supports available through Intervenor Services with members of the public. This year, we are also participating in an International Yarn Bombing initiative. Throughout the month, community objects across the country will be yarn bombed, a form of street art where yarn that is knit, crochet, or wrapped, adorns an object in a public space. This largescale global tactile arts project symbolizes the coming together of people in the field of deafblindness, with the goal of raising awareness and knowledge about this unique disability. Annual event - Nat'l Deafblind Awareness Month. All events and lightings across Canada will be posted on the National Deafblind Awareness Month Committee website ([www.deafblindnetworkontario.com](http://www.deafblindnetworkontario.com)), as well as the National Canadian Deafblind Association site ([www.cdbanational.com](http://www.cdbanational.com)) and our website ([www.cdbabc.ca](http://www.cdbabc.ca)). Our organization, the Canadian Deafblind Association - BC, and other deafblind organizations in BC will be participating in our yarn bombing initiative throughout BC as well. We hope to post information on social media sites (Facebook, Twitter) as well and in any other media formats. In the past, as well as this year, we have commitments from Vancouver City Hall, Sails at Canada Place, BC Place, Surrey Civic Plaza, Anvil Centre (New Westminster) as well as other landmarks in cities throughout the province and Canada where individuals with deafblindness reside.