



"My friends, love is better than anger. Hope is better than fear. Optimism is better than despair. So let us be loving, hopeful and optimistic. And we'll change the world."

Jack Layton  
1950 - 2011



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## JAMES SKINNER BENEFIT CONCERT

You are invited to the  
**JAMES SKINNER BENEFIT CONCERT**



**Saturday, August 27, 2011 - 8pm**  
**St. John's Parish Hall**  
(341 Main St., Wolfville, NS)

**Tickets: Donation at the Door**

Music provided by: Andy & Ariana, Mike Aube, Jenny MacDonald, Daniel Heikalo, Kimberly Matheson, Jesse Potter, and more!!

- \* **Bake Sale** - organized by the ROLLED OAT CAFE
- \* **Art Sale** - Art work by Ernest Cadogan, Ron Hayes, Steven Kennard, Terry Drabos, & Colleen Dagnall, to name just a few.
- \* **Raffle Draw** - buy \$1 tickets for chances to win passes to: Deep Roots, Evergreen Theatre, Wolfville's Ghost Walk, CentreStage Theatre, etc.

**Emcees: Mike Butler & Donna Holmes** (of Open Mike & Donna fame)

Contact Donna at [iwakichick@hotmail.com](mailto:iwakichick@hotmail.com) or 542-3796 for more info.

**ALL WELCOME!**

Special thanks to Kelly Murphy, Just Us Coffee, Wendy Elliott, K-Rock's Darrin Harvey, The Grapevine, Terry Harris Drabos, Wolfville Save Easy, St. John's Anglican Church for the use of the hall, and many others!!

**JAMES R. SKINNER** grew up in the Annapolis Valley. He did his undergraduate at Acadia University in the Jodrey School of Computer Science and upon graduation in 1994 he moved to Ottawa to work as a software designer at Bell Northern Research. After becoming extremely ill James moved home to Weston, near Aylesford.

James has been an active member and promoter of the Arts in the Valley since moving back 4 years ago. Being involved with the community has helped him cope with his sleep-disordered breathing. Even through his worst bouts of illness, James has actively volunteered with many groups that support art in the Valley including the Al Whittle Theatre, Evergreen Theatre, Alliance of Kings Artists and others. He also created a free website that advertises local arts and culture events in the Valley – the popular ValleyEvents.ca!

In March of this year, James went for a consultation with a Nova Scotian ENT specialist to explore his options. Unfortunately, and without James' agreement, an unplanned surgery was performed and went terribly wrong leaving him with a debilitating condition known as Empty Nose Syndrome ([www.emptynosesyndrome.org](http://www.emptynosesyndrome.org)).

On August 8th, James went to see the most respected Empty Nose specialist in Cleveland,

Ohio. The doctor has told James he will need to return March, 2012 to receive turbinate implants. As you may expect, these trips cost a great deal and the procedure will be around 10,000 USD.

We thank our beautiful community for holding this benefit (Aug 27, 8pm, St. John's Parish Hall) to help James cover the costs. Your love and support has been an incentive for James to have hope. With your help, he is starting a new difficult journey towards health. THANK YOU!



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