

KJC Respite program annual Christmas lunch

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The Ken Jones Centre (KJC) respite program welcomed some 50 invited guests from the community to their 11th Annual Christmas Party and Dinner on Thursday, Dec. 12 at the Youth Centre in Mansonville.

The Ken Jones Respite program provides a safe and stimulating environment for special needs persons while giving caregivers respite.

The group meets every

Thursday at the centre from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Weekly activities include: crafts, games, mild exercises, movies, music and lots and lots of fun! 10 to 12 participants take part in the weekly activities.

Program animators, Sheila Samborsky and Eszter Csiszer as well as members of the Ken Jones Respite committee prepared the meal, welcomed guests and the clients were even treated to a visit from Santa; complete with gifts!

Respite program volunteer, Anna Tamara led the group in

Christmas carolling to entertain those gathered.

This wonderful event always brings those in attendance the reminder that Christmas is a time for friends, family and gathering to celebrate those who enrich our lives each day. For the Ken Jones Respite program participants it is very clear that this event is a highlight each year.

If you would like more information about the Ken Jones Respite program call 450-292-4886 or visit the CAB website at www.cabmn.org



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Santa and Mikala Riker at the KJC Christmas Lunch.