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Sherry is the Autism Society of Newfoundland and Labrador (ASNL) representative for Autism Society Canada. Residing in North Harbour, St. Mary's Bay, approximately ninety minutes outside the capital city of St. John's, she is a Registered Nurse and part time university student pursuing a BA degree with a minor in psychology and major in political science. She presently works part time for a private fishing enterprise.

Sherry is a mother of two children ages 12 and 14 years. Her 12 year old son has autism and she is an active member of the Autism Society of Newfoundland and Labrador (ASNL), serving as Chair of the Education Awareness Committee and as 2nd Vice President.

Over the past twelve years Sherry has served as a volunteer with a number of organizations and committees. She has been a Girl Guide leader for five years, a member of the Rural Development Association for four years and President of the local for the last two years. In 2006 she was a member of the NL Southern Avalon Health Needs Advisory Committee and from 2002 to 2007 an active member of the St. Catherine's Academy School Council. At present Sherry is the Human Resources Rep for the Regional Economic Development Board, Avalon Gateway and on that board she serves on the Strategic Planning Committee and Festival of The Sea Board of Directors.

Over the years she has worked in palliative, geriatric and neonatal nursing. She has also worked for Statistics Canada and has attended numerous in-services and conferences pertaining to autism. Sherry had to leave nursing approximately nine years ago to become her son's home therapist. As her children enter their teen years she sees herself using her volunteer, past life and work experiences to enable her to pursue a career in her passion – politics and social policy.