



■ Jo-Anne Crawford and Jonah Wiebe donate clothes to the Shuswap Association for Community Living bins near Uptown Askew's.

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## New way to help SACL

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It's all about the bin.

Shuswap Association for Community Living (SACL) is launching a new logo and a new fundraising venture.

The association is partnering with Inclusion BC (formerly BC Association for Community Living) and Value Village in a new provincewide donation bin program.

Eleven B.C. communities are participating in this new initiative.

SACL will have three bins placed throughout Salmon Arm, which will display logos for the three partnering organizations – in the parking lots of both Askew's Foods stores and Outlaws Saloon.

"We are grateful to all our community partners in this new fundraising venture," says SACL executive director Jo-Anne Crawford, noting individuals who unload the donation bins will be paid the minimum wage and will be supported by SACL staff to empty and transport the donations initially to a storage site donated by AAA Mini Storage.

Donations accepted include clothing, including bathing suits, books, CDs, DVDs, records, books, shoes, glassware, pots and pans, sleeping bags, small appliances, sporting gear, stationery supplies and table linens.

Once a month the donations will be transported to Value Village in Vernon using courte-

sy vans donated by two local real estate companies.

"Our new logo is made up of two individuals shaking hands, and in the background is a house with a window to the community," says Crawford.

SACL supports persons with intellectual disabilities through several programs, including Community Employment Services,

a health, wellness and life skills program, individualized support for clients within the home and community and supported living services to people who are living on their own and semi independently.

As well, the Personalized Support Initiative supports people who have been diagnosed with fetal alcohol/autism spectrum

disorder in developing and maintaining independence.

"As with all government funded non-profits, we are being asked to do more and more with less and less," says Crawford of the extensive services SACL provides to clients.

"The funds made through this partnership will be used to assist us in the provision of the services we provide."

